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**SOME UNJUST REMARKS ABOUT
THE WIFE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN
AND
THE LINCOLN FAMILY**

MRS. ABRAHAM LINCOLN - NÉE MARY TODD

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"Mary Mary quite contrary how did the fashions go?
Piled up hair and shoulders bare and vertebrae all in a row..
She led Abraham Lincoln a merry dance"

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"The waist of her dress is not much to speak of, being out very low... She has tugged hard at her corset stays.. But still she is a good armful... She is quite willing to be seen... She is dressed to kill and she knows the fatality of her attire."

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"Lamon informs us on the authority of Herndon that Mrs. Edwards stated that Lincoln went crazy as a loon."

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"If there were those present who thought her dress unbecoming she happily was unaware of the fact...She had done her full share toward making Abraham Lincoln president of the United States.... If notable people had been absent she had not known Washington well enough to miss them."

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"Lincoln mournfully replied 'Did you ever see Stewart's wife or did you ever see mine? Whoever marries into the Todd family gets the worst of it.'"

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"Mrs. Lincoln desired to make the most socially of Gen. Grant's visit to Washington... Gen. Grant declined with thanks."

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"Ambition was the main spring of Abraham Lincoln's career. Mary Todd was quite as ambitious. She nagged him unmercifully and made home a place where he could not be assured of comfort."

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"Her social errors were noted...And made the subject of unbecoming mirth. In the White House she displayed much want of tact.. Her dress was extravagant... Her foibles and follies.. all were whispered in ridicule or shouted from the housetops in contempt... Nor did the gossip stop with the ridicule of her social errors... It was charged..she was planning to elope with a Russian count...that she was a confederate spy, and the soldiers around the campfire joined her name in ribald song."

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"Her mind none too well balanced at the best became less and less stable.. It is unfortunately true that her unreasonableness did not begin with her husband's assassination. Long before this she had manifested erratic tendencies...She was capable of outbursts of ungovernable rage."

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"That she was indeed insane would seem past dispute; that she was restored to reason is far less certain...She went abroad. During her exile or at least a part of it her son did not know where she was."

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"References to the hot temper and unreasonableness and capricious will of Mary Todd...do not account for the alternate mirth and melancholy of Abraham Lincoln.....Those elements of the man himself...grew out of his heredity and peculiar psychological development"

Robert Todd LincolnPage 319

"Robert was born August 1, 1843....The Lincoln's were esteemed less desirable boarders....Robert cried and annoyed some of the other boarders.."

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"Robert Lincoln is a very reticent man...declines to speak for publication concerning his father. In the autumn of 1859 he went to Cambridge expecting to enter Harvard..He failed in 15 of the 16 entrance examinations...His father determined to visit Robert..." (This accounts for the Cooper Institute lecture and the other New England visits of Lincoln Barton says)

The Lincoln Family

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"Lind-Colonia" by successive abbreviations became Lincoln
...It goes back to the days of Roman occupation.. Presumably
originated in the county of Lincoln"

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Misspelled 34 times. "If they do such things in the
Green Tree what may be expected in the dry? If Massachusetts
thus misspelled the name...there is little wonder on the
frontier the name was occasionally misspelled"

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"No vestige of proof has been found that Abraham's
marriage in 1770 was not to Bathsheba"

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"Bathsheba.....is recorded as having two sons above
sixteen and under twenty one, who can be no other than Josiah
and Thomas"

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"Mordecai Lincoln...Married Mary Mudd...The ceremony was
performed by..a Roman Catholic priest...A considerable number of
their descendents have been and are of that faith."

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"Abraham Lincoln's first teacher was an Irish Catholic"

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"Thomas Lincoln courted Sarah Bush Johnston wife of Daniel Johnston jailer of Hardin County...(Note) Daniel left her poor. She did better in her second marriage.."

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(From the Diary of John Hay) "Robert Lincoln..a second cousin of the president...drinks hard...chews ravenously...says the family is about run out"

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"They had what they called 'The Lincoln Horrors'. None of them ever went insane, but all of them, the men even more than the women, were subject to violent transitions from one mood to another.

Lincoln's superstitions, his fatalism, his belief in dreams, and signs and potents were more than a family inheritance.."

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"Lincoln's attitude toward marriage was influenced by a large degree of abnormality"

"Lincoln believed himself in danger of going permanently insane."