

(Note for Volk bust)

A Bust of Lincoln by Volk.

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Photographed from the original, now owned by Col. J. D. Roper,

Springfield, Ill. Soon after Lincoln's nomination for the Presidency Mr. Leonard W. Volk, the sculptor, went to Springfield to construct a statue. Perhaps the first thing he did was to make a small bust-- a plaster model--~~much smaller~~ less than one-half life-size. This he submitted to a number of Lincoln's friends for criticism--among others, Mr. E. L. Baker, at that time editor of the Springfield Journal. Mr. Baker approved it in the most flattering terms, and Mr. Volk, before leaving Springfield, presented it to him. Subsequently Mr. Baker gave it to Col. J. D. Roper, at that time an employe of the Journal. The bust bears the date of June 12, 1860.