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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

FOR FEDERAL PROPERTIES

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

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HISTORIC

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Lincoln City

☒ VICINITY OF☐ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Eighth

STATE

Indiana

CODE

18

COUNTY

Spencer

CODE

147

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☒ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☒ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☒ MUSEUM☒ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 AGENCY**

REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS: (If applicable)

Midwest Regional Office, National Park Service

STREET & NUMBER

1709 Jackson

CITY, TOWN

Omaha

STATE

Nebraska

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

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STREET & NUMBER

1709 Jackson

CITY, TOWN

Omaha

STATE

Nebraska

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

A Survey of Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial and Lincoln City

DATE

August 21, 1970

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☒ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Library, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial

CITY, TOWN

Lincoln City

STATE

Indiana

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☒ DETERIORATED
☒ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial contains two primary groups of ~~historic~~ ^{commemorative} structures, the Lincoln Living Farm and the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial Center and Cemetery, both of which are connected by two trails. Heavily wooded, the Park contains three roads, a service road, and two railroad lines.

The memorial complex focuses on the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial Building, which terminates an axis running along an allee which has a large flagpole as the other terminus. Behind the flagpole, to the north, is the cemetery in which Nancy Hanks Lincoln is interred. Fronting the Memorial Building, and forming a cross axis to the allee, is a lozenge-shaped parking lot serviced by an access road from State Highway 345. Future plans call for the removal of this parking area and the development of a larger lot to the west, reached via State Highway 162.

Commemorative

~~/Historic~~ structures within the memorial are:

HS-1 Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial Building. This one-story limestone ashlar building consists of two matching memorial hall wings, one dedicated to the memory of Nancy Hanks Lincoln and the other a chapel, connected by a semi-circular gallery which has been enclosed with visitors facilities and an auditorium developed to the south of the gallery. Between and flanking the four doorways opening from the gallery into the courtyard are five large limestone bas-relief murals carved by E. H. Daniels representing the progressive steps in the life of Abraham Lincoln with appropriate inscriptions above. The interior is finished in St. Meinrad limestone and various hardwoods. It is in excellent condition.

HS-34 Powerhouse. A one-story limestone building, this boiler house is solidly constructed with a tall, square limestone chimney. Sited west of HS-1, it is next to the proposed site of the new parking lot. Presently abandoned, it has been buried, except for the smokestack, beneath new dirt. Needless to say, it is in ruins.

HS-30 Stone walls. Enclosing the parking lot in front of HS-1 are walls forming a lozenge-shaped space. Centered on each of the long sides are 40' and 60' openings flanked by stone wall piers. At the northeast and northwest corners are 7' wide openings. The wall is 4'-0" high x 1'-8" thick x 775' combined length. It is in fair condition.

HS-29 Plaque. A 3'x4' bronze plaque on a 2'-8" high wedge-shaped sandstone block 5'x4' at the base and 5'x1' on top. It is centered at the south end of the allee and the north end of the parking lot. Erected by the Indiana Lincoln Union, it describes the site. It is in excellent condition.

HS-28 Allee. A 370'x60' grass mall leading from the parking lot north toward the cemetery, it is flanked by a pair of 7' wide gravel walks which rise at the north by steps, and meet to form a single walk to HS-27. On either side and the north end of the allee are dense woods. It is in excellent condition.

HS-27 Flagpole. A 100' high steel flagpole painted silver stands centered on a rise at the north end of the allee. 1'-7" in diameter at its base, the pole stands on a molded bronze base 4'-0" maximum diameter and 2'-1" high. This in turn stands atop a 1'-0" high molded hexagonal limestone base 3'-6" maximum on a side. The condition is excellent.

HS-26 Cemetery. A small community cemetery enclosed by a 101'-9"x78' black iron fence. Besides the grave and marker of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, the cemetery contains seven other headstones and 14 plain grave markers. It is in good condition.

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TITLE: List of Classified Structures

DATE: August 1975

FEDERAL SURVEY

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Midwest Regional Office, National
Park Service

CITY: Omaha

STATE: Nebraska

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HS-33 Cemetery Gates. A pair of black iron gates, 13'-7" wide x 7'-4" maximum high which lead from State Highway 345 to a presently overgrown road leading to HS-26. They are in good condition.

HS-31 Benches and Walks. Located primarily around the Memorial Building complex are a number of dirt and gravel trails, 10 log benches, and 22 limestone benches. Overall, their condition is good.

At the north end of the Park is the Linclon Living Historical Farm. Designed to recreate the environment in which young Lincoln grew up, the Farm is focused upon the site of the original cabin, which was revealed by archeological excavation. Besides the reconstructed historical structures, there are numerous fields in which are grown crops typical of those grown in the area at the historic period. The ~~historical~~ ^{commemorative} structures are as follows:

HS-2 Cabin Site Memorial. A bronze casting of the original sill logs and stone hearth of the original 20'x17' cabin revealed by excavation. The original hearth-stones are presently located in the Memorial Visitors Center (HS-1). The bronze casting is about 3' below grade and is surrounded and set off by a 42'x42' limestone wall, 1'-6" thick x 4'-6" high. The Memorial is in excellent condition.

HS-3 Log Cabin. A one-and-a-half story, one-room cabin of square hewn logs. It has a stone fireplace with a stick and clay chimney. Reconstructed in 1968, it measures 16'x21'-9". It is in excellent condition.

HS-4 Stable. A one-and-a-half story, three-room stable of square hewn logs. Measuring 20'-9"x20'-10" it has a 10'-6"x20'-6" addition to the west and a 9'-6"x20'-6" open porch on the front (south) side. Reconstructed in 1968, it is in excellent condition.

HS-5 Corn Crib. An 8'x8' one-room, one-story storage shed of square hewn logs. Reconstructed in 1968, it is in fair condition.

HS-6 Chicken House. A 14'-9"x18'-3" one-story, one-room poultry shed of square hewn logs. Reconstructed in 1968, it is in fair condition.

HS-7 Smoke House. An 8'-10"x11'-11" one-story, one-room building of square hewn logs. Reconstructed in 1968, it is in excellent condition.

HS-8 Workshop. An 18'-3"x14'-9" one-story, one-room building of square hewn logs. It has a 2'-8" deep open porch on the front (south) side. Reconstructed in 1968, it is in excellent condition.

HS-9 Privy. An 8'-10"x8'-10" one-story, one-hole privy of vertical boards. Reconstructed in 1968, it is in deteriorated condition.

HS-10 Yard Structures. A 4'-0"x4'-6" hay feeder, a whet wheel, a log hay stack, and ash hopper, and a kettle rack. Reconstructed in 1968, they are in good condition.

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HS-11 Fences and Gates at the Farm Complex. Reconstructed in 1968, they are in good condition.

HS-32 Lincoln Spring. Located near the railroad is a round masonry wellhead which has been capped. It is in excellent condition.

Connecting the Lincoln Memorial Visitor Center and the Lincoln Living Historical Farm are two foot trails through the woods. The eastern trail, known as the Trail of Twelve Stones, contains several historic structures. They are, from north to south, as follows:

HS-12 Spencer County Memorial. A 4'-6"x2'-6"x8'-0" high gray granite memorial with bronze plaque. Erected in 1917 by Spencer County, it is in excellent condition.

HS-12a-HS-12k Eleven Stones. Small stones set in concrete bases with bronze plaques. Placed by the Indiana Lincoln Union, the stones, in order, are as follow: 12a-Stone from Lincoln's Birthplace; 12b-Stone from Jones Store at Jonesboro, Indiana; 12c-Stone from the "Western Sun and Advertiser," Vincennes, Indiana; 12d-Stone from the Berry-Lincoln Store, New Salem, Illinois; 12e-Lexington, Kentucky Bricks; 12f-First Inaugural Address Marker; 12g-Old Capitol Stone, Springfield, Illinois; 12h-Gettysburg Rock; 12i-White House Stone; 12j-Stone from Anderson Cottage Soldiers Home, Washington, D.C.; and 12k-Stone from the Petersen House where Lincoln died in Washington, D.C. Their conditions are one excellent, three good, five fair, and two deteriorated.

HS-25 Nancy Hanks Lincoln Stone. A 4'-0"x2'-3" gray granite stone on a 4'-6"x6'-0" gray granite base, 5' overall height. It is in excellent condition and is located slightly east of the flagpole (HS-27).

Non-historic structures within the Park include several houses, farm complexes, and a church, all at the north end of the Park in what was formerly part of Lincoln City.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial derives its significance from two sources. The first is the fact that Abraham Lincoln grew into manhood here. Moving in 1816, when Lincoln was seven years old, Thomas Lincoln established a pioneer farm which he held until 1830, when his son was twenty-one. The second area of significance stems from the death of Nancy Hanks Lincoln and her subsequent interment in the community cemetery near the farm.

Following the assassination of Abraham Lincoln this vital site in his famous career was virtually ignored. However, in 1879 the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln was located and a headstone was placed by Peter E. Studebaker. Little else was accomplished until well into the twentieth century despite valiant efforts by local citizens' groups. In 1917 the cabin site was located and marked on April 28 of that year. During the 1920's the effort to memorialize Nancy Hanks Lincoln snowballed and in 1926 the Indiana Lincoln Union was created. A successful fund-raising campaign netted almost \$230,000 by 1930. Work on the Memorial then commenced. The allee leading to the grave, designed under the direction of Frederick Law Olmstead, was completed in 1930. The flagpole was dedicated July 12, 1931. In 1933 a trail with twelve stones from buildings associated with significant events in the life of Lincoln, was completed to the Lincoln cabin site. By 1937 land acquisition for both the State Memorial and the State Park was completed. Work on the Memorial Building began in 1941. Designed by Richard E. Bishop, it featured large limestone panels carved in bas-relief by E. H. Daniels under the direction of Lee Lawrie. Despite wartime contingencies, the Memorial was completed by 1944 with such a scale and quality as to make it one of the most notable memorials to an American woman.

In 1962 the Indiana Legislature donated 114 acres of land and Public Law 87-407 provided for the establishment of Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. Following acquisition it was determined that as an interpretive device the reconstruction of a farm similar to that known by young Lincoln would be desirable. Following meticulous research the present Living Historical Farm was constructed in 1968.

Thus, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial represents an appropriate architecturally and artistically significant monument to Nancy Hanks Lincoln and a recreation of the environment in which one of the greatest presidents of the United States grew up.

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National Park Service, 1967

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National Memorial, Lincoln City, National Park Service, 1967

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 200.00

UTM REFERENCES

A 16 500100 4219000

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

C 16 500500 4219600

E 16 500400 4218000

F 16 499800 4218200

B 16 500100 4219600

ZONE EASTING NORTHING

D 16 500600 4218200

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION Beginning at the intersection of the Southern Railroad right-of-way and State Highway 345 in Lincoln City the Park boundary follows State Highway 345 north about 2020 feet, where it turns and runs due east about 1480 feet, then turns and follows Harrison Street due south about 2530 feet, then runs southeast about 200 feet, then runs due south about 1400 feet, then due east about 300 feet to its intersection with State Highway 162, which it follows in a curve west about 3400 feet to its intersection with the Southern Railroad, which it follows north-northeast about 1520 feet to the point of beginning.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

David Arbogast, Historical Architect

ORGANIZATION

National Park Service

STREET & NUMBER

1709 Jackson Street

CITY OR TOWN

Omaha

DATE

March 24, 1976

TELEPHONE

402-221-3423

STATE

Nebraska

12 CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

YES

NO

NONE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

In compliance with Executive Order 11593, I hereby nominate this property to the National Register, certifying that the State Historic Preservation Officer has been allowed 90 days in which to present the nomination to the State Review Board and to evaluate its significance. The evaluated level of significance is ☒ National ☐ State ☐ Local.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

Deputy Assistant Secretary

DATE MAY 3 1976

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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The sandstone hearthstones from the Thomas Lincoln 1816-1830 cabin site in the Memorial's collection were located and excavated by archeological methodology. They derive their historical significance through their association with Abraham Lincoln.