AIDING MR. CLAY: Abraham Lincoln’s 1844 Visit to Indiana

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Abstract:

In a letter dated April 18, 1846, Abraham Lincoln wrote Andrew Johnston of Quincy, Illinois, that two years before, believing he “might aid some to carry the State of Indiana for Mr. [Henry] Clay, I went into the neighborhood in that State in which I was raised, where my mother and only sister were buried, and from which I had been absent about fifteen years. That part of the country is, within itself, as unpoetical as any spot of the earth; but still, seeing it and its objects and inhabitants aroused feelings in me which were certainly poetry; though whether my expression of those feelings is poetry is quite another question.” Lincoln enclosed his poem, “My Childhood Home I See Again” with his letter. The poem appeared in the Quincy Whig on May 6, 1847.

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Mr. Clay's eloquence did not consist, as many fine specimens of eloquence does [do], of types and figures---of antithesis, and elegant arrangement of words and sentences; but rather of that deeply earnest and impassioned tone, and manner, which can proceed only from great sincerity and a thorough conviction, in the speaker of the justice and importance. of his cause. This it is, that truly touches the chords of human sympathy; and those who heard Mr. Clay, never failed to be moved by it, or ever afterwards, forgot the impression. All his efforts were made for practical effect. He never sp This was the home of Abraham Lincoln from 1844 until he departed Springfield in 1861 to be sworn in as the 16th President of the United States. The Springfield neighborhood Lincoln lived in has been preserved as the Lincoln Home National Historic Site. The Photoshop poster edges effect has been lightly applied in the processing of this image. For more photographs of Lincoln Sites, visit my "All About Abe" (Set). # # You… Abraham Lincoln's Springfield Illinois Home. Lincoln Home National Historic Site preserves the Springfield, Illinois home Abraham Lincoln lived in from 1844 to 1861, before becoming the 16th President of the United States. Abraham Lincoln – 16th President of the United States, serving from March 1861 until his assassination in April 1865. Lincoln led the United States through its Civil War—its bloodiest war and its greatest moral, constitutional, and political