

## December 13, 1818

### Mary Todd Lincoln is Born

Mary Todd Lincoln was born in Lexington, Kentucky, on December 13, 1818. At the age of 21, she moved to Springfield, Illinois, to live with a married sister. While living there, she met and married Abraham Lincoln, who was a young lawyer at the time.

Mary Lincoln was very happy that her husband had been elected president, but the time spent at the White House was not the happy time she had hoped for. Since her family was from the South, many people thought she was disloyal to the cause of the North in the Civil War. Her manner in dealing with people made her unpopular with the wives of other government officials in Washington. She lost one son, William, who died in 1862. Then, her husband was assassinated in 1865. This had a deep impact on her both mentally and physically.

Mrs. Lincoln's health was not yet restored when another son, Thomas, died in 1871. She spent some time in a sanitarium in 1875, being released less than a year after entering. She was at the home of her sister in Springfield, Illinois, when she died on July 16, 1882.

Lexington, Kentucky, would have been a beautiful place to live as a child. Lexington has a long history that starts with the beginning of the nation. While camped on the outskirts of the present-day city at a place now known as McConnell Springs, the pioneers heard of the beginning of the Revolutionary War at Lexington, Massachusetts. They named the town "Lexington" in honor of the beginning of the fight for independence.

The town grew and eventually became a city. In the early 1800s, it was said to rival the appearance of a city such as Philadelphia. This was quite a compliment for a town that had begun on the frontier only about thirty years earlier. The country around Lexington was said to be as beautiful as anything anyone could imagine.

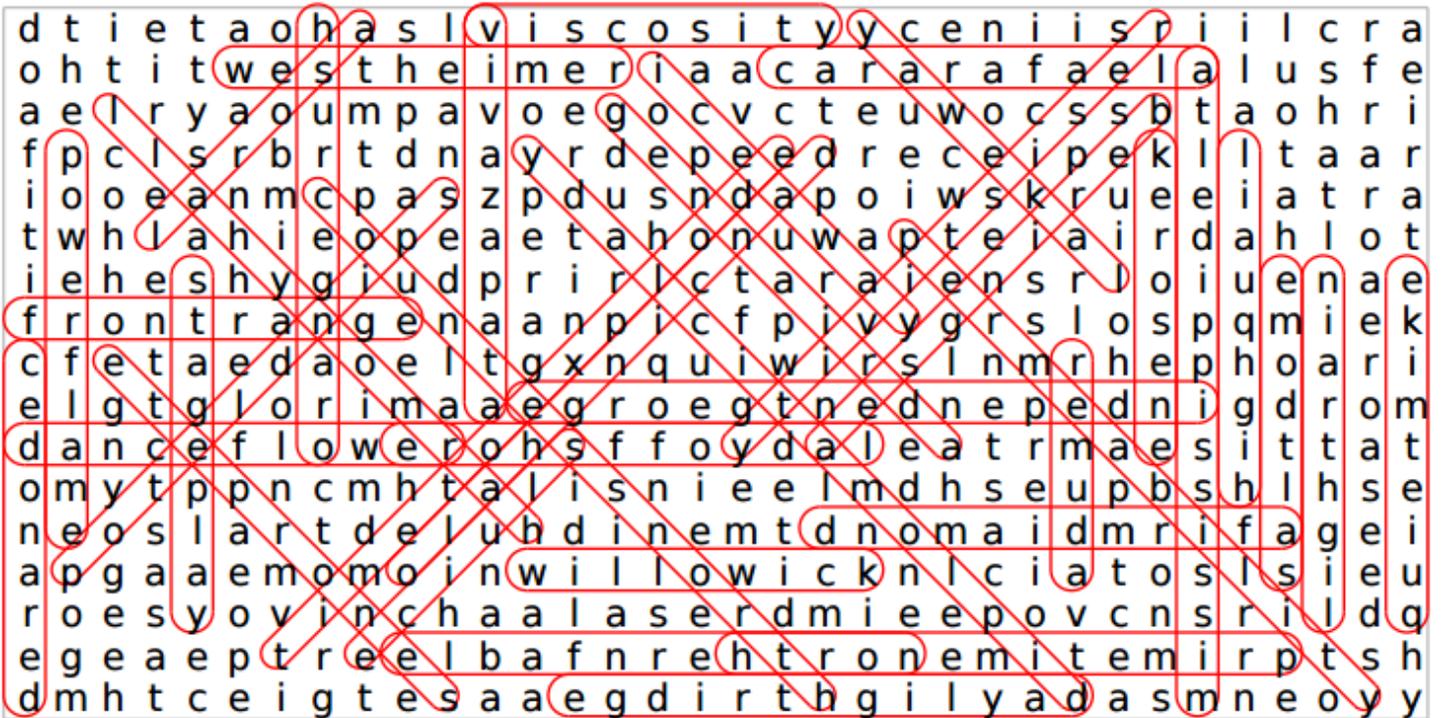
Lexington became a center of learning, with the first college west of the Alleghenies moving there in 1789. The first library in Kentucky was established in Lexington in 1795, and many of the oldest churches of the west began there. Lexington became a center of trade and manufacturing during the early 19th century also. The city of Lexington continues to grow and expand.

Lexington is also known for being a center of horse breeding. Try the word search on the next page to find the names of just some of the horses either owned or bred by Lexington horse farms.

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Stageplay	Lady Offshore	Lakeway	Remuda	A Firm Diamond
Adrienne G	Time To Explode	Daylight Ridge	Viva Zapata	Quiet Mike
Countess North	Salt Dome	Independent George	Harmony Hall	Kerosene
Northern Fable	Westheimer	La Rosa	Willowick	Light Rain
Viscosity	Senor Pete	Orange Crush	Spindletop	

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