

Marriage to Mary Todd



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Abraham Lincoln married Mary Todd in November of 1842. She came from a slave owning family from Lexington, Kentucky. The couple had four sons, Robert, Todd, Edward, and Willie. Eddie Lincoln died when he was only four years old, the same year that Willie was born. Abraham was president and commanding the U.S. Army during the Civil War in 1862 when both Willie and Thomas became very ill. Sadly, Willie died from the sickness.

What items do you see in the Lincoln family portrait?

Mary Todd's family owned slaves when she grew up. Do you think she agreed or disagreed with Abraham's views on slavery? Why or Why not?

How do you think the death of Eddie Lincoln effected Abraham Lincoln's presidency?