

“On the Knob Creek farm the child Abraham Lincoln learned to talk, to form the words with the tongue and the roof of the mouth and the force of the breath from lungs and throat.

“Pappy” and “Mammy” the words of his people meaning father and mother, were among the first syllables. He learned what the word “name” meant; his name was Abraham, the same as Abraham in the Bible, the same as his grandfather Abraham. It was “Abe” for short; if his mother called in the dark, “Is that you, Abe?” he answered, “Yes, Mammy, it’s me.” The name of the family he belonged to was “Lincoln” or “Linkun,” though most people called it “Linkern” and it was sometimes spelled “Linkhorn.”

The family lived there on Knob Creek farm, from the time Abe was three or so till he was past seven years of age. Here he was told “Kaintucky” meant the state he was living in; Knob Creek farm, the Rock Spring farm where he was born, Hodgenville, Elizabethtown, Muldraugh’s Hill, these places he knew, the land he walked on, was all part of Kentucky.”

*Abe Lincoln Grows Up from The Sandburg Treasury pg. 398*