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Little Known Lincoln Facts

- ★ At 6 foot, 4 inches, Abraham Lincoln was the tallest president.
- ★ Lincoln was the first president to be born outside the original 13 colonies.
- ★ Lincoln was the first president to be photographed at his inauguration. John Wilkes Booth (his assassin) can be seen standing close to Lincoln in the picture.
- ★ The contents of Lincoln's pockets on the night of his assassination weren't revealed until February 12, 1976. They contained: 2 pairs of spectacles; a chamois lens cleaner; an ivory and silver pocketknife; a large white Irish linen handkerchief, slightly used, with "A. Lincoln" embroidered in red; a gold quartz watch fob without a watch; a new silk-lined, leather wallet containing a pencil, a Confederate five-dollar bill, and news clippings of unrest in the Confederate Army, emancipation in Missouri, the Union party platform of 1864, and an article on the presidency by John Bright.
- ★ There are no direct descendants of Abraham Lincoln, even though he had 4 sons.
- ★ Lincoln was the only president to receive a patent, for a device for lifting boats over shoals.
- ★ Lincoln's son, Robert, who was in Washington when his father was killed, was also on the scene when President Garfield was shot in 1881, and when President McKinley was assassinated in 1901.
- ★ Lincoln and his wife shared an interest in psychic phenomena and held séances in the White House.
- ★ Lincoln was the first president to wear a beard.
- ★ Lincoln had the largest documented shoe size: 14!