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William Wallace Lincoln
Letter to Henry Remanns

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"It is my pleasure that my children are free, happy and unrestrained by parental tyranny. Love is the chain whereby to bind a child to its parents." This theory of child rearing advocated and practiced by Abraham and Mary Lincoln often dismayed their neighbors and associates. Robert, the eldest and the only child to survive his parents, became a sober, quiet man who tried to avoid the glare of publicity. William Wallace and Thomas (Tad), however, were high-spirited boys, bright, mischievous, and undisciplined.

In 1859, when Willie was nine years old, he accompanied his father on a business trip to Chicago. Willie wrote home to his friend Henry Remanns in Springfield describing their room at the Tremont House and the excitement of the big city. Willie, the son most like Lincoln in looks and personality, died at the White House in February, 1862. His death pushed Mary Lincoln closer to a mental breakdown and left Tad dependent on the companionship of his father.

Willie's casket was returned to Illinois aboard Abraham Lincoln's funeral train and buried with his father in Springfield.

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