

Emilie Pariet Todd (Helm)
November 11, 1836- February 20, 1930

Emilie was the daughter of Robert Todd and his second wife Elizabeth “Betsy” Humphreys. She was Mary Lincoln’s little half sister. Emilie grew up in Lexington. She was 11 years old when the Lincoln family made their first visit to Lexington.

On March 20, 1856, Emilie married Benjamin Hardin Helm. Benjamin Helm would become a Brigadier General of the Confederate Army, and the leader of the famous Orphan Brigade of Kentucky.

Emilie’s husband was killed in the Civil War. Emilie stayed with the Lincolns in the White House. Her loyalty to the South forced her to leave the White House and to cut ties with the Lincoln family.