

Willie Lincoln  
December 21, 1850-Feb 20, 1862

Willie (William Wallace) was the third son of Abraham and Mary Lincoln. We are not sure if Willie ever visited Lexington, his mother's hometown. If he did, he would have done so before 1861.

Julia Taft, older sister of playmates Bud and Holly, described Willie as "the most lovable boy I ever knew, bright, sensible, sweet-tempered and gentle-mannered." Willie attended private schools in Springfield. He developed a deep love of learning. Willie was also very interested in writing poetry and railroad timetables. He and his brother Tad terrorized the White House. They even built a fort on the White House roof.

In January of 1862, Willie fell ill. On February 20, 1862, he died. He is buried with his father in Springfield.