



THE GIANT KILLER, Challenger

A SHREWD POLITICIAN, Lincoln made capital of his frontier background, riding cabooses or hay wagons to the debates. But beneath his rustic surface was a fierce intensity, revealed in the ambrotype taken by T. P. Pearson at Macomb, Illinois, five days after the first debate at Ottawa. Early on Thursday morning, August 26, 1858, Lincoln went with James K. Magie to Pearson's gallery. Offered a mirror so that he could "fix up," he declined, adding: "It would not be much of a likeness if I fixed up any."

The full-length photograph on the right, a study of Lincoln's powerful physique, was taken at Springfield in 1860 by an unknown photographer for use by the sculptor Henry Kirke Brown, among whose effects it was found in 1931.



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ABRAHAM LINCOLN. Age 49. Height 6'4".
Made 63 speeches. Traveled 4,350 miles.