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*Top left:* WILLIE LINCOLN about 1855, from an ambrotype taken in Springfield. The earliest-known photograph. *Top right:* Willie in Springfield in 1860. *Lower left:* Willie (standing) and Tad Lincoln pose with Mrs. Lincoln's nephew, Lockwood Todd, at Brady's gallery in 1861. *Lower right:* Willie, taken by Brady, Washington, D. C., 1861.



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WILLIAM WALLACE ("Willie"), born December 21, 1850; died of acute malarial infection, February 20, 1862, age eleven. The favorite of his father, Willie was actually Lincoln's third son (Edward Baker Lincoln died in 1850 at the age of four and no photograph of him is known.) Willie strikingly resembled Lincoln in mind and body and was described by Mrs. Lincoln's cousin as "a noble and beautiful boy . . . frank and loving."