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ROBERT TODD AS A YOUNG LAWYER



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LINCOLN'S DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

HIS SON, ROBERT TODD LINCOLN, became a noted statesman. The long and distinguished career of Robert Todd Lincoln began when, after leaving Harvard, he served brilliantly as captain on the staff of General Grant during the closing months of the Civil War. His wife, Mary Harlan Lincoln (1847-1937), weighed only eighty-nine pounds at the time of her marriage. The President called her "Little Mary." When she was being courted by Robert, she and her betrothed often rode by carriage with Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln to a mill in Virginia where they bought freshly ground meal. She was about thirty when the photograph (above, right) was taken.