
The Lincoln Ancestry of Descendants of John Henry and Bertha Whitman Conran

Uncle Josiah, farther back than my recollection, went from Kentucky to Blue River in Indiana. I have not heard from him in a great many years, and whether he is still living I can not say. My recollection of what I have heard is, that he has several daughters and only one son, Thomas. Their post-office is Corydon, Harrison county, Indiana.

From a letter of April 2, 1848, handwritten by Abraham Lincoln, later the 16th President of the United States. He was the son of Thomas Lincoln, Josiah's younger brother, and the grandson of the elder Abraham Lincoln, a Kentucky pioneer.

Edward Lincoln (1580-1640)
Hingham, Norfolk County, England

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Samuel Lincoln (1619-1690) and Martha Lyford (ca1619-1693)
To America in 1637; weaver in Hingham, Massachusetts Bay Colony

|
Mordecai Lincoln (1657-1727) and Sarah Jones (1660-ca1708)
Blacksmithing, milling; Scituate, Massachusetts

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John Lincoln (1716-1788) and Rebecca Morris (1720-1806)
Farming near Harrisonburg, Augusta County, Virginia

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Abraham Lincoln (1744-1786) and Bathsheba Herring (1748-1836)
Farming in Virginia, then near Louisville, Kentucky

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Josiah Lincoln (1773-1836) and Catharine Barlow (1775-1817)
Farming in Kentucky, then in Harrison County, Indiana

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Barbara Lincoln (1802-1842) and John Crutchfield (1797-1870)
Farming, Harrison County, Indiana

|
Kesiah Crutchfield (1820-1888) and Conrad Whitman (1819-1863)
Farming in Indiana, then in Clay County, Illinois

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Samuel Whitman (1844-1920) and Missouri Stewart (1848-1912)
Farming near Price's Branch, Montgomery County, Missouri

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Bertha Whitman (1876-1915) and John Conran (1872-1955)
Farming in Montgomery County, Missouri, then near Ellicott, Colorado

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Mary Olive Conran (1902-2003) and John Westhues (1895-1970)
Farming near Glasgow, Howard County, Missouri

and
John Douglas Conran (1903-1976) and Louise Hackley (1912-2001)
Ranching, construction, Missouri and near Colorado Springs

and
Francis Lee Conran (1906-1988) and Dorothy Hackley (1914-1980)
Construction, GM Pontiac production line, Kansas City

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Subsequent generations include children, grandchildren, and later descendants of John and Olive Westhues, Doug and Louise Conran, Lee and Dorothy Conran

As I would not be a slave, so I would not be a master; this expresses my idea of democracy.
Cousin Abraham, 1858

That government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish
Cousin Abraham, 1863

I first prepared this genealogical chart in 1995, for each of the then living descendants of my parents, Olive Conran and John Westhues. Sources included Waldo Lincoln's *History of the Lincoln Family* (1923), *Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln* (1953), and personal correspondence with Whitman relatives. Sources now available online (like findagrave.com and ancestry.com) confirm the accuracy of the initial project, and let me fill in some dates I did not know in 1995. Kenneth Westhues, Niagara Falls, Canada, January 2022.
