

Lincoln Family papers, 1701-1966

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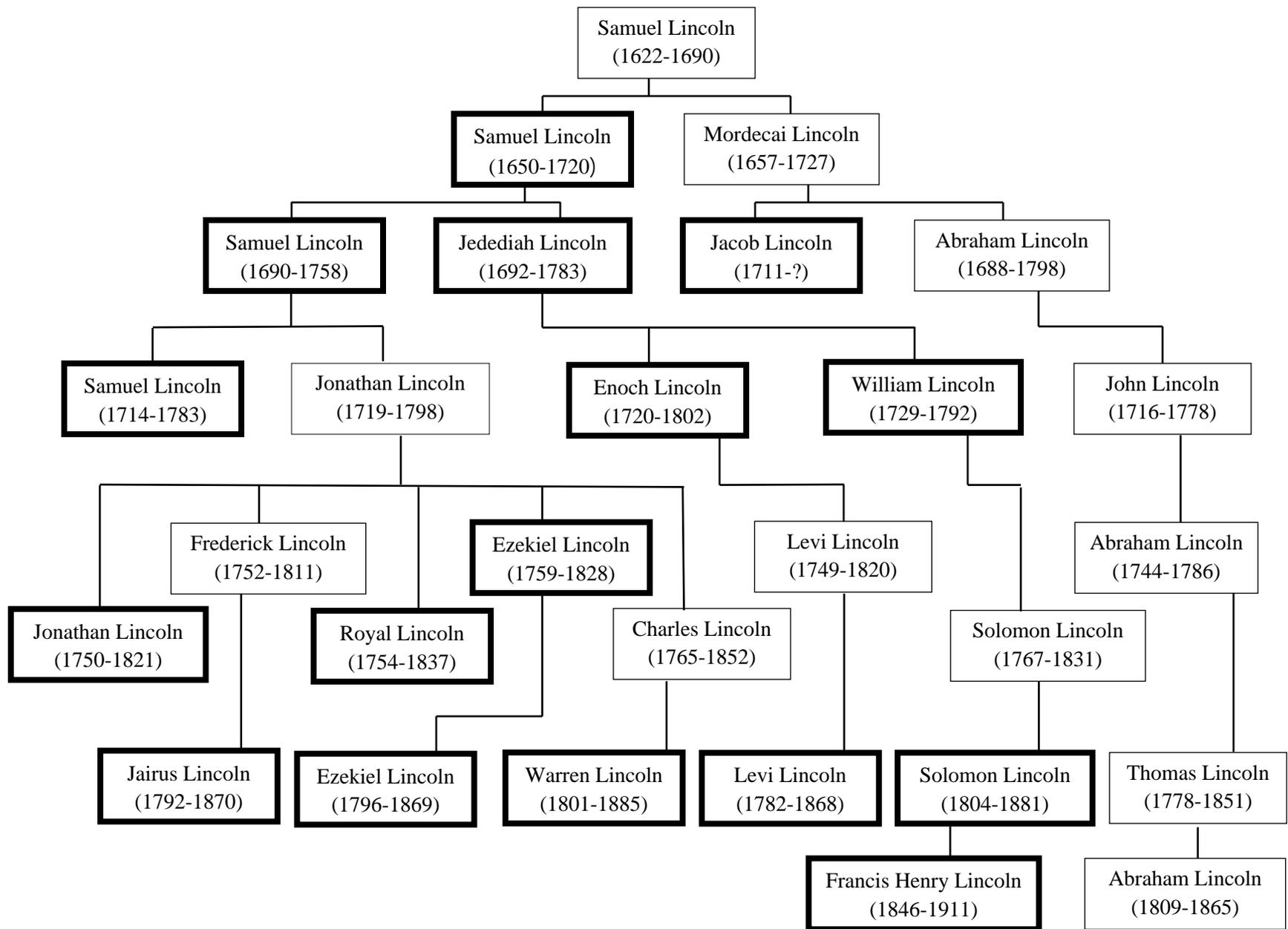
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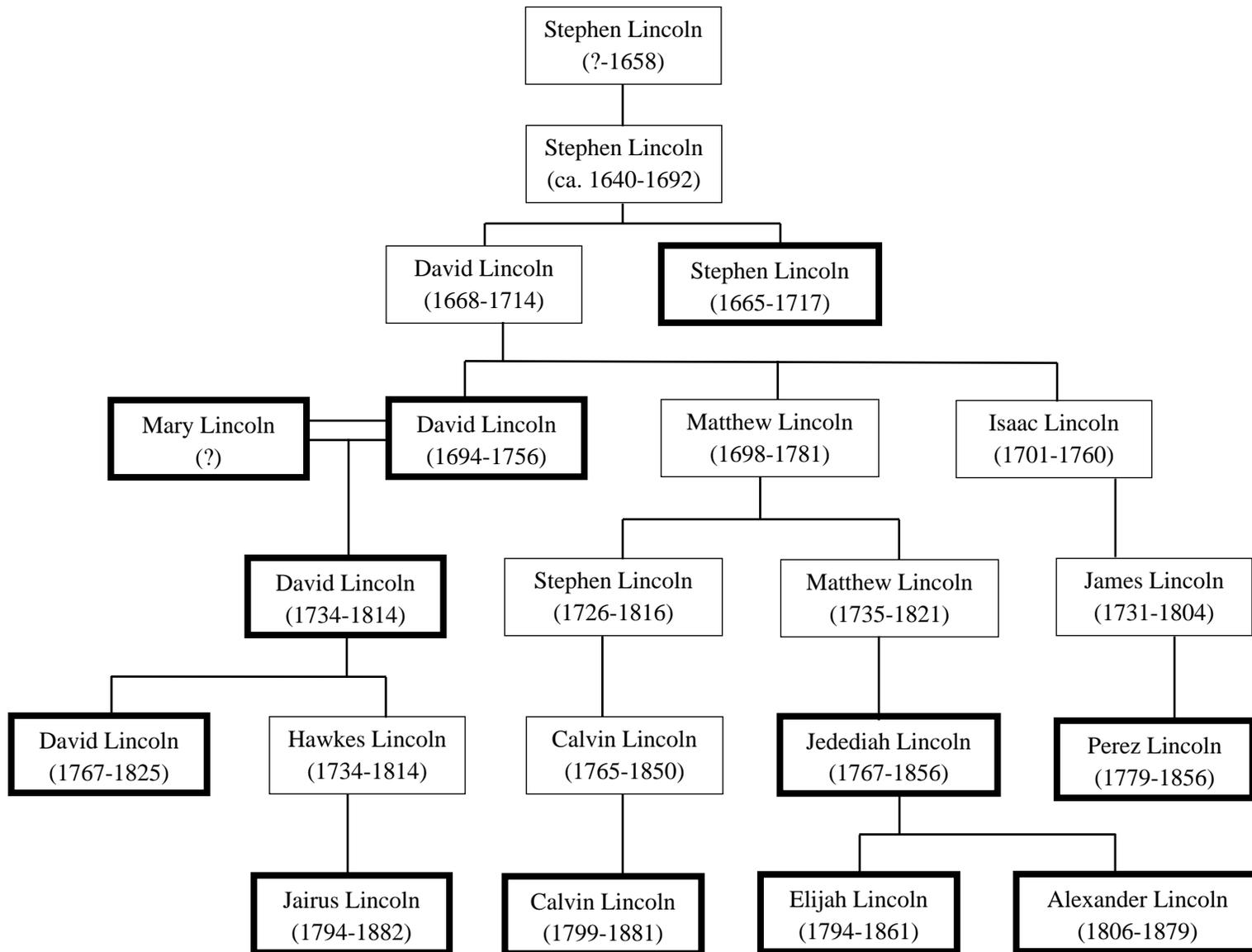
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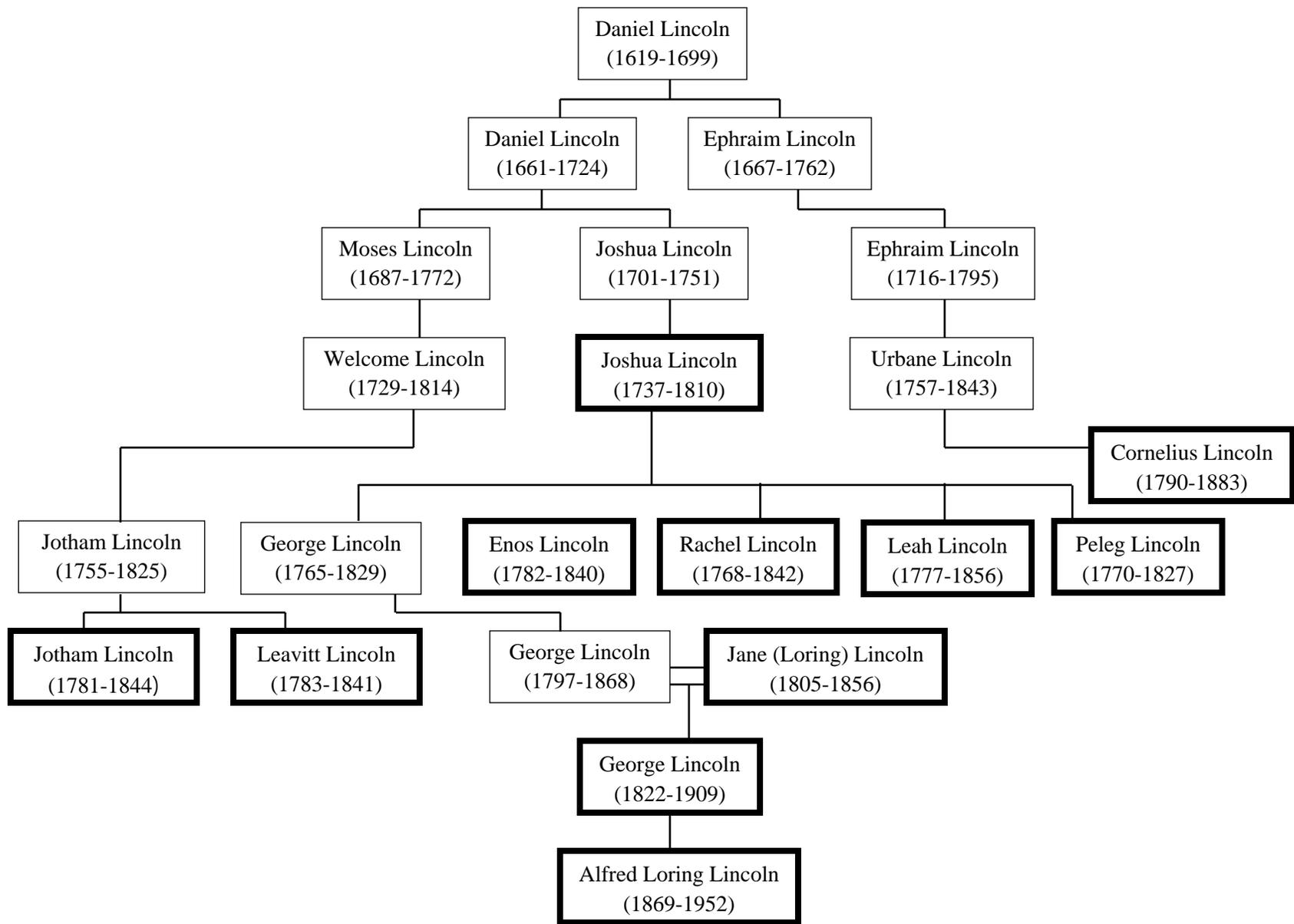
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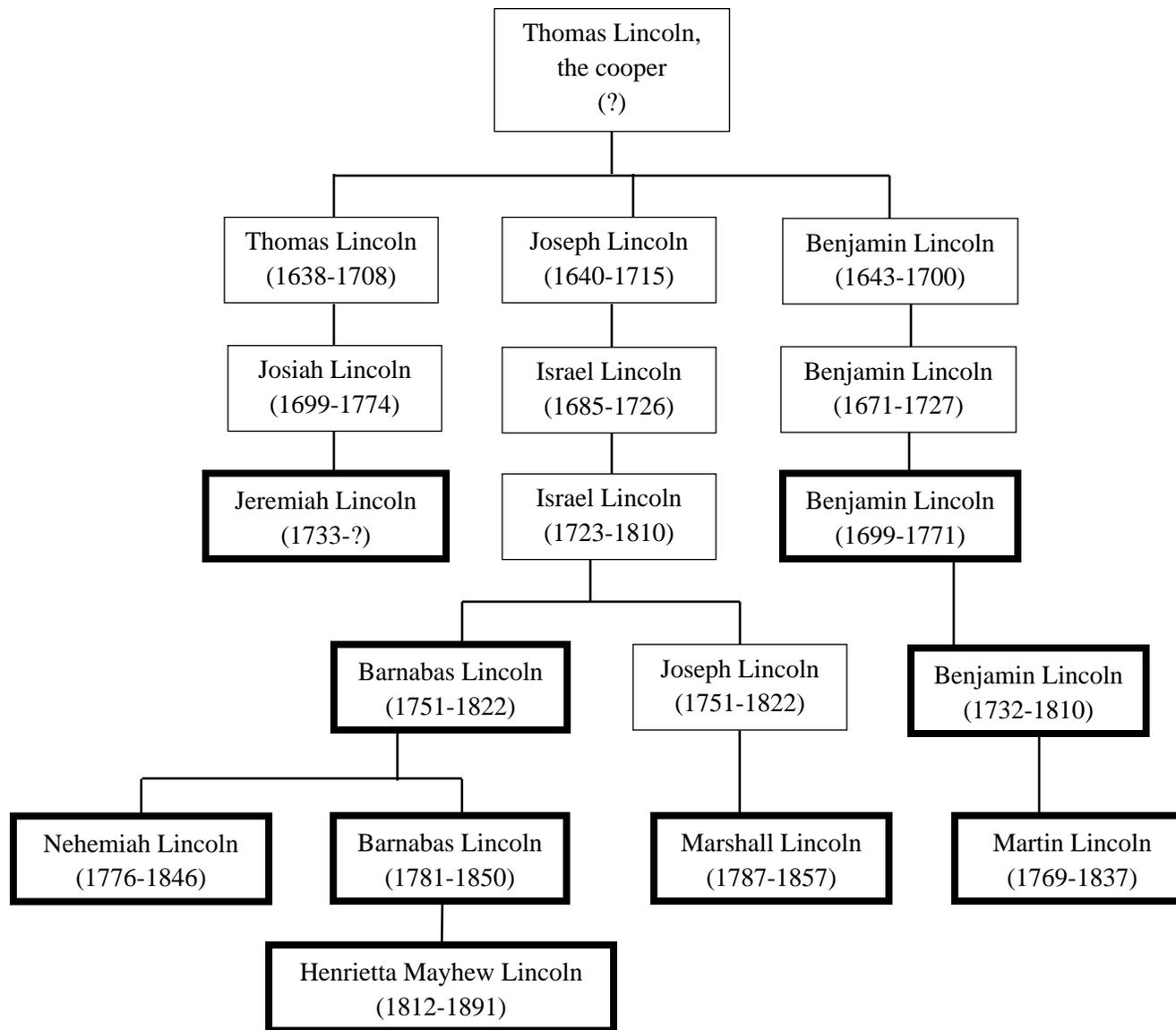
The Lincoln families of Hingham are descended from five Lincolns who emigrated from England in the 1630s. These early immigrants are Samuel Lincoln; Stephen Lincoln; Daniel Lincoln; Thomas Lincoln, the cooper; and Thomas Lincoln, the husbandman.

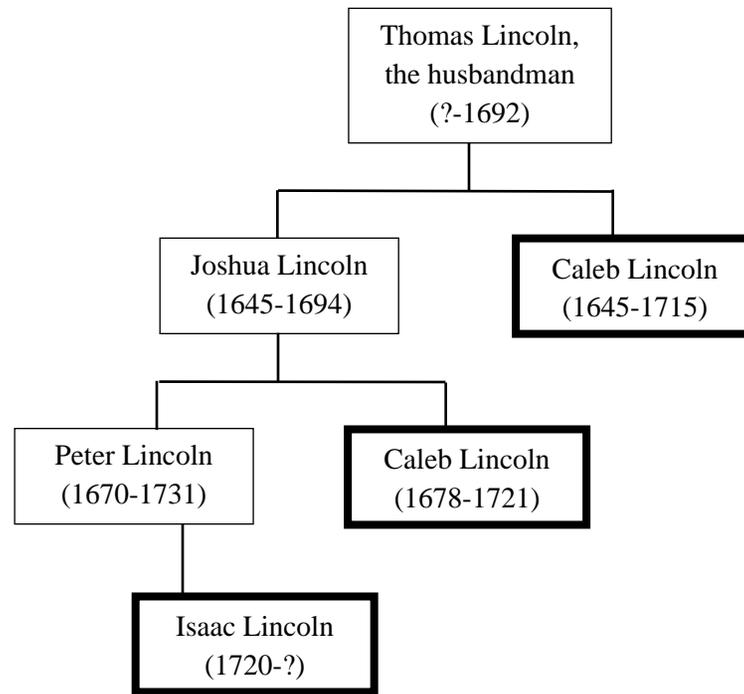
Please see the following pages for five basic Lincoln Family trees depicting the ancestry of individuals represented in the collection; bolded borders indicate individuals with a series dedicated to him or her, as outlined on pages 7-8. Additional family members may be mentioned in the content of the collection despite a lack of representation in the following family trees. For individual biographical information, please see the breakdown of each series beginning on page 8.











Scope and Content

The collection includes a variety of materials including correspondence, financial documents, legal documents, speeches, land surveys, vital records, photographs, newspaper clippings, diaries, scrapbooks, and research. Most research in this collection is that of Solomon Lincoln and George Lincoln, both avid town and family historians. The research in this collection was probably used to contribute to their publications, *History of the Town of Hingham, Plymouth County, Massachusetts* (1827) and *History of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts* (1893), respectively.

Arrangement

Subgroup I: Descendants of Samuel Lincoln

- Series 1: Enoch Lincoln
- Series 2: Ezekiel Lincoln
- Series 3: Francis Henry Lincoln
- Series 4: Jacob Lincoln
- Series 5: Jedediah Lincoln (1692-1783)
- Series 6: Levi Lincoln
- Series 7: Royal Lincoln
- Series 8: Samuel Lincoln (1650-1720)
- Series 9: Samuel Lincoln (1714-1783)
- Series 10: Solomon Lincoln
 - Subseries A: Correspondence
 - Subseries B: Documents
- Series 11: Warren Lincoln
- Series 12: William Lincoln

Subgroup II: Descendants of Stephen Lincoln

- Series 1: Alexander Lincoln
- Series 2: Calvin Lincoln
- Series 3: David Lincoln (1694-1756)
- Series 4: David Lincoln (1734-1814)
- Series 5: David Lincoln (1767-1825)
- Series 6: Elijah Lincoln
- Series 7: Jairus Lincoln
- Series 8: Jedediah Lincoln (1767-1856)
- Series 9: Mary Lincoln
- Series 10: Perez Lincoln
- Series 11: Stephen Lincoln

Subgroup III: Descendants of Daniel Lincoln

- Series 1: Alfred Loring Lincoln
- Series 2: Cornelius Lincoln
- Series 3: Enos Lincoln
- Series 4: George Lincoln

- Subseries A: Correspondence
- Subseries B: Documents
- Subseries C: Diaries, almanacs, and other volumes

- Series 5: Jane Lincoln
- Series 6: Joshua Lincoln
- Series 7: Jotham Lincoln
- Series 8: Leah Lincoln
- Series 9: Leavitt Lincoln
- Series 10: Peleg Lincoln
- Series 11: Rachel Lincoln

Subgroup IV: Descendants of Thomas Lincoln the cooper

- Series 1: Barnabas Lincoln (1751-1822)
- Series 2: Barnabas Lincoln (1781-1850)
- Series 3: Benjamin Lincoln (1699-1771)
- Series 4: Benjamin Lincoln (1732-1810)
- Series 5: Henrietta Mayhew Lincoln
- Series 6: Jeremiah Lincoln
- Series 7: Marshall Lincoln
- Series 8: Martin Lincoln
- Series 9: Nehemiah Lincoln

Subgroup V: Descendants of Thomas Lincoln the husbandman

- Series 1: Caleb Lincoln
- Series 2: Isaac Lincoln

Subgroup VI: General Lincoln Family materials

Organization

Subgroup I: Descendants of Samuel Lincoln

Series 1: Enoch Lincoln (1720-1802), 1763-1775

Box 2, folder 1

This series is comprised of legal documents, primarily land deeds entrusting property to Enoch Lincoln between 1763 and 1775.

Series 2. Ezekiel Lincoln (1759-1828) or (1796-1869), 1820

Box 1, folder 1

Two men named Ezekiel Lincoln, a father and son, were alive at the time this document was created. Since no additional information about the creator is available, the birth and death dates for both individuals are included.

This series contains Articles of Agreement made between Russell Lincoln and Ezekiel Lincoln in 1820.

Series 3. Francis Henry Lincoln (1846-1911), 1875-1912 and undated

Box 1, folders 2-3

Box 2, folder 2

Francis H. Lincoln was born to Solomon (1804-1881) and Mehitable Lincoln (1808-1873). He graduated from Harvard College in 1867 and married Anna F. Baker in 1875.

Materials in this series include account books, land surveys, invitations, published memorials of Francis that contain his picture, and correspondence. Correspondents include C. C. Everett, W. W. Colburn, Charles L. Riddle, Levi Hersey, and his father, Solomon Lincoln. Also included are a few pages of an 1885 issue of *The Bay State Monthly. A Massachusetts Magazine* featuring an article about Hingham written by Francis.

Series 4. Jacob Lincoln (1711-?), 1733

Box 1, folder 4

This series is comprised of a survey of Jacob Lincoln's land done in 1733.

Series 5. Jedediah Lincoln (1692-1783), 1725-1764 and undated

Box 1, folder 5

Box 2, folder 3

Another individual named Jedediah Lincoln (1767-1856) is a descendant of Stephen Lincoln. Materials were separated between these two men based on available dates and on individuals mentioned within the documents.

This series is primarily comprised of legal documents, such as Jedediah Lincoln's will, a petition to start a newspaper in Hingham, and a land deed from 1725 transferring the ownership of World's End; this is one of the earliest documents to use the designation "World's End." Also included are notes about Jedediah's wife, Bethia Whitton and her family history.

Series 6. Levi Lincoln (1782-1868), 1835

Box 1, folder 6

Two letters from 1835 regarding the 250th anniversary celebration of Hingham make up this collection.

Series 7. Royal Lincoln (1754-1837), undated

Box 2, folder 4

This series is made up of a report about Royal Lincoln and his service in the Revolutionary War. The research was done by an unidentified grandson of Royal.

Series 8. Samuel Lincoln (1650-1720), 1706-1716 and undated

Box 2, folder 5

There are two individuals represented in this collection named Samuel Lincoln. Materials were sorted based on available dates and the names of known family members.

This series is comprised of three legal documents: a quit claim and Samuel Lincoln's wills from 1706 and 1716.

Series 9. Samuel Lincoln (1714-1783), 1744-1752

Box 1, folder 7

Box 2, folder 6

There are two individuals represented in this collection named Samuel Lincoln. Materials were sorted based on available dates and names of known family members.

Materials in this collection are primarily legal documents, including an indenture agreement between Samuel and Mary Lincoln and Alice Buck from 1752.

Series 10. Solomon Lincoln (1804-1881), 1772-1891 and undated

Box 1, folders 8-13

Box 2, folder 7

Box 5, 3 volumes

Solomon Lincoln was born to Solomon (1767-1831) and Lydia Lincoln (1772-1853). He graduated from Brown University in 1822 and married Mehitable Lincoln (1808-1873) in 1837. Solomon was an attorney, senator, U.S. marshal, and president of Webster Bank in Boston. He was a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Hingham Cemetery Corporation, and Hingham Agricultural and Horticultural Society. He published the first history of the town of Hingham in 1827, entitled *History of the Town of Hingham, Plymouth County, Massachusetts*.

A large portion of this series is correspondence regarding town and family history. Other materials include orations, extracts from town and church records, legal and financial documents, photos, academic materials, and Solomon Lincoln's research on town and family history.

Subseries A: Correspondence, 1823-1891

Box 1, folders 8-9

Box 2, folder 7

Solomon's correspondence with politicians, historians, merchants, and authors demonstrates his focus on gathering information relating to town and family history. Correspondents include John Quincy Adams; Abraham Lincoln; E. C.

Bacon; Gamaliel Bradford; Silas Enoch Burrows; Cushing Burr; Joseph Cushing; Caroline H. Dall; Henry Edson Hersey; Hannah Hobart; his nephew, George Lincoln; Joseph Richardson; and Charles Sumner.

Subseries B: Documents, 1772-1881 and undated

Box 1, folders 10-13

Box 2, folder 7

Box 5, 3 volumes

Documents in this subseries include published orations given by Solomon Lincoln, academic material from Solomon's time at Derby Academy, receipts, photographs of Solomon, legal documents, handmade copies of town and church records, and biographical clippings and notes relating to Solomon's research on the Town of Hingham. Also included is a copy of *History of the Town of Hingham*.

Series 11. Warren Lincoln (1801-1885), undated

Box 1, folder 14

This series is comprised of a copy of one deed from Caleb Stowell to Warren Lincoln. The original deed was created in 1844; however, the date and individual who copied the deed are unidentified.

Series 12. William Lincoln (1729-1792), 1758-1774

Box 1, folder 15

Box 2, folder 8

Included in this series are a charter party from 1758, dates of birth for William Lincoln's family, and a letter from David Stockbridge written in 1774.

Subgroup II. Descendants of Stephen Lincoln

Series 1. Alexander Lincoln (1806-1879), 1834

Box 1, folder 16

This subseries is comprised of one letter written by Alexander Lincoln in 1834.

Series 2. Calvin Lincoln (1799-1881), 1865-1881

Box 1, folder 17

Reverend Calvin Lincoln was born to Calvin (1765-1850) and Belinda Lincoln (1768-1845). He married Elizabeth Andrews (1802-1838) in 1826. Calvin graduated from Harvard College in 1820 and was the minister of the First Parish from 1855 until his death.

Included in this subseries are religious sermons given by Rev. Calvin Lincoln that were later published, and a publication of Rev. Calvin Lincoln's funeral services.

Series 3. David Lincoln (1694-1756), 1731-1752

Box 1, folder 18

Box 2, folder 9

Three individuals named David Lincoln are represented in this collection. Documents were sorted based on available dates.

Materials in this series are primarily legal or financial, including deeds, land grants, and receipts.

Series 4. David Lincoln (1734-1814), 1756-1803

Box 1, folder 19

Three individuals named David Lincoln are represented in this collection. Documents were sorted based on available dates.

This series is comprised of legal and financial materials, including deeds, receipts, and tax-related documents.

Series 5. David Lincoln (1767-1825), 1799-1818

Box 1, folder 20

Box 2, folder 10

Three individuals named David Lincoln are represented in this collection. Documents were sorted based on available dates.

Financial documents and one deed are contained in this series.

Series 6. Elijah Lincoln (1794-1861), 1831

Box 2, folder 11

This series contains one deed from Elijah Lincoln to Thomas Land in 1831.

Series 7. Jairus Lincoln (1794-1882), 1835-1855 and undated

Box 1, folder 21

Box 2, folder 12

This series is comprised of two receipts from 1835, a petition from 1855, and an undated music composition by Jairus entitled "What Dost Thou, O Wandering Dove," dedicated to Miss Martha A. Lincoln.

Series 8. Jedediah Lincoln (1767-1856), 1793-1879 and undated

Box 1, folder 22

Box 2, folder 13

Another individual named Jedediah Lincoln (1692-1783) is a descendant of Samuel Lincoln. Materials were separated between these two men based on available dates and on individuals mentioned within the documents.

Several land surveys, primarily documenting the land in and around Hingham, make up the bulk of this series; additionally, there are a few deeds and several notes from town committee meetings.

Series 9. Mary Lincoln (1707-?), 1760-1762

Box 1, folder 23

Mary Lincoln was born in Hingham to James and Mary Hersey. She married David Lincoln (1694-1756) in 1733; it was David's third marriage.

A receipt and deed from her son, Nathan Lincoln, are in this series.

Series 10. Perez Lincoln (1779-1856), 1835 and undated

Box 1, folder 24

This series is comprised of two financial documents.

Series 11. Stephen Lincoln (1665-1717), 1701

Box 2, folder 14

A will dated 1701 is the solitary document in this series.

Subgroup III: Descendants of Daniel Lincoln

Series 1: Alfred Loring Lincoln (1869-1952), 1889

Box 2, folder 15

A publication entitled *The Drummer*, dated 1889, identifies Alfred L. Lincoln as leader of the Hingham Drum Corps.

Series 2: Cornelius Lincoln (1790-1883), 1870

Box 2, folder 16

This series is comprised of a temporary enrolment for a ship named *Sardine*.

Series 3: Enos Lincoln (1782-1840), 1842

Box 2, folder 17

This series is comprised of legal documents, including the transfer of Enos's estate to his sister, Rachel, upon his death.

Series 4: George Lincoln (1822-1909), 1822-1904 and undated

Box 1, folders 25-31

Box 2, folder 18

Boxes 3-5

George Lincoln was born to George (1797-1868) and Jane Lincoln (1805-1856). He married Mercy Hall (1824-1916) in 1844. He was an avid historian and genealogist. Lincoln contributed to a number of publications showcasing his extensive research, including *History of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts* and *The Town of Hingham in the Late Civil War*.

Materials in this series include extensive correspondence, a variety of financial and personal documents, and several volumes of his personal diaries, almanacs, and scrapbooks.

Subseries A: Correspondence, 1861-1904

Box 1, folders 25-26

Box 2, folder 18

Box 5, 1 volume

The extensive correspondence documents George Lincoln's associations with a myriad of individuals and illustrates his devotion to town and family history. Correspondents include John W. D. Hall; Isaac R. Hitt; Edson Salisbury Jones; Francis H. Lincoln; Luke Lincoln; his uncle, Solomon Lincoln; Charles Marsh; A. M. Millett; Franklin Pratt; Frank W. Sprague; and H. W. Van Dyke. A bound volume of letters from Solomon Lincoln to George Lincoln written between 1868 and 1880 is contained in Box 5.

Subseries B: Documents, 1838-1894

Box 1, folders 27-31

Box 2, folder 18

Documents in this series include programs of concerts attended by or featuring George Lincoln, published orations of notable politicians or town members, notes from town meetings, and financial documents such as receipts, purchases of fire insurance, his cemetery plot, and shares in the Fitchburg Rail Road Company. The majority of documents are comprised of George's genealogical and historical research; materials include sketches of headstones and other information from Hingham Cemetery, biographical notes, historical research, extracts and copies of town records, and sketches of family trees.

Subseries C: Diaries, almanacs, and other volumes, 1822-1901

Boxes 3-5

George Lincoln's diaries, ranging from 1868-1882, excluding 1881, are each meticulously indexed and include pasted-in newspaper clippings. Entries document family and personal events, such as births, deaths, marriages, and milestones in education and other recognition; additionally, local events are described, such as town meetings, dedications of buildings and monuments, appearances of public figures, extreme weather, and the Great Fire in Boston (1872).

Beginning in the mid-1860s, George Lincoln kept indexed and annotated almanacs in lieu of diaries. This series contains almanacs from 1886 to 1901 (excluding 1888-1890 and 1900). Almanacs include newspaper clippings, photographs (1894), and were accompanied with other items such as account books and speeches.

Other volumes include Daybooks of Lincoln, Gardner & Co., volumes of records copied and compiled by George Lincoln, a bound volume of letters sent from Solomon Lincoln to George Lincoln between 1868 and 1880, and scrapbooks compiled by George Lincoln including his genealogical and historical research.

Series 5: Jane Lincoln (1805-1856), 1856

Box 2, folder 19

Jane (Loring) Lincoln was born to Elpalet and Susa Loring. In 1821, she married George Lincoln (1797-1868). She is the mother of George Lincoln (1822-1909).

This series is comprised of Jane Lincoln's will. It is possible this is a copy made by a grandson.

Series 6: Joshua Lincoln (1737-1810), 1810

Box 1, folder 32

The primary material in this series is a small pamphlet labeled as a highway bill from 1810.

Series 7: Jotham Lincoln (1781-1844), 1822-1836

Box 1, folder 33

Box 2, folder 20

This series includes a letter written by Jotham regarding Hingham's centennial anniversary, a deed of sale, and a document forbidding the marriage of Stephen Tolman III and Leah Dormick. This marriage was forbidden presumably because Leah was previously married to G. W. M. Dormick.

Series 8: Leah Lincoln (1777-1856), 1834-1844

Box 1, folder 34

Box 2, folder 21

Materials in this series include a receipt, Leah's will, and an inventory of her estate.

Series 9: Leavitt Lincoln (1783-1841), 1827-1828

Box 2, folder 22

This series is comprised of two deeds. These legal documents were found folded within the pages of George Lincoln's scrapbook entitled "Steamboats, Excursions, Etc."

Series 10: Peleg Lincoln (1770-1827), 1828

Box 2, folder 23

This series is comprised of a single letter from Peleg's wife, Betsy, written to his sisters Rachel and Leah to inform them of his death.

Series 11: Rachel Lincoln (1768-1842), 1819-1849

Box 1, folder 35

Box 2, folder 24

The materials in this series include receipts and also a letter from Esther Bates sharing news of family and friends.

Subgroup IV. Descendants of Thomas Lincoln, the cooper

Series 1: Barnabas Lincoln (1751-1822), 1822

Box 1, folder 36

This series is comprised of one letter by Olive Lincoln to inform Wilkes Wood, the probate judge, of Barnabas's death.

Series 2: Barnabas Lincoln (1781-1850), 1821-1850 and undated

Box 1, folder 37

The bulk of the materials in this series are a manuscript and bound copy of *Narrative of the Capture*, published in 1822. This publication describes the events surrounding the capture of Captain Barnabas and his crew by a piratical schooner off Key Largo in December 1821. Also included are an appraisal of his estate, financial documents, and biographical notes.

Series 3: Benjamin Lincoln (1699-1771), 1740-1743 and undated

Box 1, folder 38

Box 2, folder 25

Colonel Benjamin Lincoln was born to Benjamin (1671-1727) and Mary Lincoln (1670-1744). In 1720 he married Mary Loring (1696-1721), and in 1723 he married Elizabeth

Norton (1692-1762). Colonel Lincoln was a selectman and served as Town Clerk from 1727 to 1750.

This series contains legal documents, copies of town records, and a list of taxpayers from 1739-1743.

Series 4: Benjamin Lincoln (1732-1810), 1758-1973 and undated

Box 1, folder 39

Box 2, folder 26

General Benjamin Lincoln was born to Colonel Benjamin (1699-1771) and Elizabeth Lincoln (1692-1762). In 1756, he married Mary Cushing (1734-1816). He was elected Town Clerk in 1757. General Benjamin Lincoln served as a major general in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, formally accepting the British surrender at Yorktown as George Washington's second in command. He became Secretary of War in 1781 and Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts in 1787.

This bulk of records in this series are records signed or created by General Lincoln as Town Clerk. It also contains legal documents, photographs of General Lincoln and his home, newspaper clippings written about Lincoln, and a music composition by E.R. Hansen: "Hingham Waltz, and General Lincoln's Trip, A Cotillion."

Series 5: Henrietta Mayhew Lincoln (1812-1891), circa 1890

Box 1, folder 40

Henrietta Mayhew Lincoln was born to Barnabas (1781-1850) and Rachel Lincoln (1777-1870).

This series includes a cabinet card photograph of Henrietta.

Series 6: Jeremiah Lincoln (1733-?), 1757

Box 2, folder 27

This series is comprised of Jeremiah Lincoln's personal account of his capture with a petition for wages.

Series 7: Marshall Lincoln (1787-1857), 1831-1857

Box 1, folder 41

Included in this series is correspondence and the dirge sung at Marshall Lincoln's interment.

Series 7: Martin Lincoln (1769-1837), 1821 and undated

Box 1, folder 42

This series includes two legal and financial documents.

Series 7: Nehemiah Lincoln (1776-1846), undated

Box 2, folder 28

This series is comprised of a deed from Nehemiah Lincoln to David Boal.

Subgroup V: Descendants of Thomas Lincoln the husbandman

Series 1: Caleb Lincoln (1645-1715) or (1678-1721), 1715

Box 2, folder 29

This series is comprised of a deed from Caleb Lincoln to Nathaniel Hobart.

Series 2: Isaac Lincoln (1720-1792), 1789-1797 and undated

Box 1, folder 43

The bulk of materials in this series are legal documents, including Isaac Lincoln's will, appointment of commissioners of his estate, and the repayment of debts to his estate.

Also included are notes, presumably by the donor, outlining the contents of the will.

Subgroup VI: General Lincoln Family materials, 1869-1966

Box 1, folder 44

Box 2, folder 30

This series includes material about or belonging to the general Lincoln family or to unidentified members of the Lincoln family. Materials include plans and discussions for the Lincoln historic district, a manuscript of *The Lineage of President Abraham Lincoln traced from Samuel Lincoln* by Samuel Shackford, a flyer advertising a meeting for a secret society, notes, correspondence, and business cards.