

Lincoln National Life Foundation

Lincoln Lifts his eyes upward in this photograph (O-20) by William Marsh, Springfield, Illinois, May 20, 1860. Visited by Republican Convention delegate Marcus L. Ward of Newark, New Jersey, two days after his nomination, Lincoln was asked for a photograph. "He replied," wrote Ward, "that he had not a satisfactory one, 'but then,' he added, 'we will walk out together and I will sit for one.'"

Long attributed to "William Church," this portrait was actually taken by William Marsh, listed in the 1860–61 Springfield City Directory as "Photographer, Ambrotypes, W.S. Public Square." No William Church appeared in the directory.