



Chicago Historical Society O-26

“THE PECULIAR CURVE OF THE LOWER LIP” is visible in this photograph by Alexander Hesler of Chicago, taken at Springfield, Illinois, June 3, 1860. On this same day Hesler, who also took the second known photograph of Lincoln (O-2), made three other portraits of the Republican nominee. Wrote Lincoln’s law partner, William H. Herndon: “There is the peculiar curve of the lower lip, the lone mole on the right cheek, and a pose of the head so essentially Lincolnian; no other artist has ever caught it.”