The Lincoln Boys, William Wallace ("Willie"), ten (left below), and his brother Thomas ("Tad"), seven, pose earnestly for a Springfield photographer in 1860. Willie was bright and serious; Tad was roguish and spoiled. The oldest son, Robert Todd, seventeen, was attending Exeter Academy in New Hampshire. The second son, Edward Baker, had died at the age of four in 1850.

WILLIE AND TAD appear informally in this detail enlargement (right) of the photograph on the next page. Tad leans on the post for support during the camera exposure, while his father and Willie continue to steady themselves on the pales.



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