

Joints (continued)

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| ⟨1 _q ⟩ | “He was full of pranks that showed his agility. I have seen him place a cup of water between his heels, and then folding his arms bend his tall form backward until he could grip the edge of the cup between his teeth and then straighten himself into an upright position without spilling the water. He was fond of backing up against the wall and stretching out his arms to their fullest extent, and I never saw a man with so great a stretch. He did a great many little things like these that pleased and amused people.” – Daniel Green Burner, who shared a room with Lincoln in New Salem for four years [templeB] (Agrees with [sandburgP v1p471]) <i>This difficult-to-believe feat is discussed in The Physical Lincoln. Contortionist videos show that such a maneuver is possible.</i> | 1846 |
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Legs

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| ■ Length (youth): | | 1847 |
| ⟨1 _q ⟩ | As a toddler (presumably): “I recollect how Tom joked about Abe’s long legs when he was toddlin’ round the cabin.” – Dennis Hanks [kunhardtA p35] (Part of ¶363) | 1848 |
| ⟨2⟩ | About age 17: “His feet and hands were large, arms and legs long and in striking contrast with his slender trunk and small head.” [herndon p35] (∈ ¶381) | 1849 |
| ⟨2⟩ | In his “younger days:” was called “Long Shanks” [sandburgP v1p306] | 1850 |
| ■ Length (adult): | | 1851 |
| ⟨1⟩ | 1834: “his legs were long, feet large” – Robert Wilson [wilson pp201-202] (Part of ¶76) | 1852 |
| ⟨1⟩ | “His legs and arms were abnormally, unnaturally long and in undue proportion to the remainder of his body. It was only when he stood up that he loomed above other men.” [herndon p472] (∈ ¶2) | 1853 |
| ⟨2⟩ | In Springfield, Lincoln’s church pew was so shallow “it seemed impossible that he ever sat there and managed to stow away his grasshopper legs.” [kunhardtB p270] | 1854 |
| ⟨1 _q ⟩ | 1850s(?): “He was so long-legged that when he crossed one over the other, both feet seemed to rest on the floor.” – Charles W. Nickum [ostendorfA p147] <i>Does this make sense?</i> | 1855 |
| ⟨1⟩ | “ long-limbed” – Leonard Swett [riceA p464] | 1856 |
| ⟨1 _q ⟩ | “legs of more than proportionate length” – John Nicolay [meserve p5] (∈ ¶130) | 1857 |
| ⟨H⟩ | In Indiana: Rejected by Susie Enlow because “my feet and hands were too big, and my legs and arms too long.” [paulmier p26] | 1858 |
| ⟨1 _q ⟩ | 1862: “long bony arms and legs, which somehow seem always to be in the way” – Edward Dicey [mitgangA p297] (∈ ¶132) | 1859 |
| ⟨S⟩ | Lincoln’s legs were reminiscent of a great spider, e.g. a “daddy long legs.” [sandburgP v2p303] cited by [schwartzA] <i>This cannot be taken too seriously; Sandburg waxed eloquent (and loosely) in his Lincoln biography’s first two volumes.</i> | 1860 |
| ⟨2⟩ | Black hair on his legs [kunhardtA p321] | 1861 |
| ⟨2⟩ | “genu recurvatum is suggested in Herndon’s description” [gordon] citing ?¶2 | 1862 |
| □ | Photographs showing the angle of his legs when seated. [ostendorf #49-53, 58-61, 66-67, 70-74, 76, 100, 101] | 1863 |
| ⟨2⟩ | “Seated, his knees poked up like prongs” [kunhardtA p280] | 1864 |
| ⟨1 _q ⟩ | “Such long legs! ... They stick up in the air, as he sits in an ordinary chair.” – Benjamin Seaver [ostendorfA p191] | 1865 |
| ⟨1⟩ | Spring 1831; “his thighs [sic] were as perfect as a human being Could be” – William Greene [wilson p17] Part of ¶299. (See ¶1836.) | 1866 |
| ⟨1⟩ | 1830s: “Mr Lincoln would wait till all who were disposed to try their muscles had made their best jumps, then come forward with a heavy weight in each hand with his long muscular legs raise himself from the ground and light far beyond the most successful champion” – Dr. Jason Duncan [wilson p541] See ¶2252 for more on jumping. | 1867 |
| ⟨1 _q ⟩ | 1840: In a speech Lincoln says: I was a poor boy and “had only one pair of breeches and they were of buckskin now if you know the nature of buckskin when wet and dried by the sun they would shrink | 1868 |