

Wooden cane

Knotted wooden cane with a brass cap on one end. The cane was reportedly made from a branch gathered by Abraham Lincoln from a tree near the tomb of George Washington at Mount Vernon, Virginia. Lincoln visited the estate in 1848 while serving in the United State House of Representatives. He later gave the walking stick to William Henry, a representative from Vermont. The cane passed through Henry's family, first to his sister and then to his nieces, who donated it to the Kansas Historical Society in 1893.

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