



Mary Todd Lincoln House Family Fun



Make a Photo Album

Mary Lincoln owned an album of small photos of kings, queens, and other royal figures from Europe. She may have made it herself from a kit. When Mary's half-sister Emilie visited the White House, Tad Lincoln showed his cousin Katherine photos of the family. Imagine what Tad's photo album might have looked like—and make it!

You will need

- 3 sheets of 9x12" construction paper
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Copy paper
- Glue stick
- Ribbon or yarn



Directions

- Fold the construction paper sheets in half and cut along the fold to make six 6x9" pages.
- Stack the pages and use the ruler and pencil to make marks on one of the short edges, 2 inches from the top and 2 inches from the bottom. Punch holes through the stack of pages on the marks.
- Print the pictures, captions, and title box on the copy paper
- Cut out the title box and glue it on the top page.
- Cut out the captions and pictures and match them up by reading the captions for clues to the pictures they go with.
- Arrange and glue the pictures and captions on the inside pages. (You may need to place more than one picture on some pages.)
- Tie the pages together with a piece of ribbon or yarn.



Awesome Albums

Now that you know how to make an old-fashioned album, try one with a different theme or materials. Check out this site for ideas:

<https://www.artistshelpingchildren.org/photoalbumsscrapbookscraftsideasdecorationskids.html>

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Tad Lincoln's Album

I'm Tad Lincoln. I tried to look serious for the picture, but I'd rather be out playing. I look like I'm in the army, but I'm just pretending because I'm only 9 years old.

This is Mrs. Pomroy. She's the nurse who took care of me after my brother Willie died. She is a little dressed up for nursing, but has a kind expression on her face.

This woman is my mother—and the first lady. You can tell that she loves flowers. She also likes to wear the necklace, bracelets, and earrings that my father gave her.

This is Mrs. Keckley, who makes dresses for my mother. The dress she's wearing is pretty nice too, with its white collar and stripes on the shoulders.

This is my brother Willie. Our mother made him wear the silly plaid necktie. He won't look so nice after we've played outside!

This is my oldest brother Robert. He has a serious expression and grew that mustache to look sophisticated. But I think his jacket looks too big for him!

This man is my father, the president. He dresses up for his job but always looks a little sloppy with his crooked tie and messy hair. Usually he looks serious in pictures, but he cracked a little smile for this one.

This is Tom Pen—the White House doorkeeper. He takes me to the theater and loans me money to buy peanuts. He has a beard like my father, but his hair is much neater and his bowtie is straight.

This is Mr. Carpenter—the artist who made me tear down my theater in the White House, so he could work there. He looks like a dandy with his wide velvet collar and his thick flowing hair.

This is Mr. Bates, who works with my father. He looks serious, but when he comes to the White House, he brings marbles for Willie and me. He has a beard, like my father, but his is white.

These brothers are my friends, Bud and Holly Taft. Don't let their neatly buttoned jackets and white collars fool you. They love to wrestle and run around and make mischief—just like Willie and me!

This girl is Julia Taft. She comes to the White House when her brothers come to play with Willie and me. She may look cross because she caught us boys getting into trouble! She probably wore the plaid dress to look stylish.



