

Levi Lincoln II, 1782-1868

WCHS Founder

Artist: Unknown

- Born in Worcester, to Levi and Martha (Waldo) Lincoln; his mother was the eldest daughter of Daniel Waldo, Sr.
- Married Penelope Winslow Sever and they had 9 children
- A founding WCHS member who remained active throughout his life
- Involved with Daniel Webster in founding the National Republican (later Whig) Party in Massachusetts
- Lawyer and Politician; held numerous state and national offices leading up to Governor from 1825-34
- His brother, Enoch Lincoln, was governor of Maine
- As mayor of Worcester in 1848, hosted distant cousin Abraham Lincoln during the Whig Convention
- Donated land that would eventually become Elm Park thanks to the efforts of his son, Edward Winslow Lincoln, the Parks Commissioner
- He died at his home on Elm Street; the Lincoln home was later moved to Sturbridge Village

"He seldom failed to inquire what was displayed upon our tables. He never evinced indifference to the growth and welfare of the Society....He was one of your original members....it [is] needless to remind you of his ever active interest in the culture and development of new varieties of flowers and fruit...[He was] a steady friend and benefactor. That society is indeed rich that can drop such names from its roll of living associates without experiencing a sense of almost hopeless desolation."

Edward W. Lincoln, WCHS *Transactions*, 1868