

The Dark Days of Abraham Lincoln's Widow As Revealed By Her Own Letters

Head Quarters Army of the United States,
City Point, April 2, 1865

My dear Gen. Grant,

General Sherman with his Cavalry and the 5th Corps has captured three brigades of the enemy, a train of wagons, and several batteries, prisoners amounting to several thousands. This morning Gen. Grant has ordered an attack along the whole line.

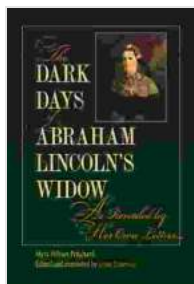
"Both Wright and Parke get through the lines. The battle now rages furiously between the Cavalry, the 5th Corps, and the Division of the 2nd Corps, which has just to his side. The Army is now sweeping across from the West. All now looks highly favorable. One is engaged, but I have not yet heard the result in his favor.

Robert yesterday wrote a letter ^{about} to Capt. Brown, and in all I have heard of him in your letter. Copy to Secretary of War.

M. Lincoln

Mary Todd Lincoln, the widow of President Abraham Lincoln, is often remembered as a tragic figure. After her husband's assassination in 1865, she struggled with grief, financial difficulties, and mental health issues. Her

story is a reminder of the challenges faced by widows in the 19th century, and the importance of mental health care.



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Early Life and Marriage

Mary Todd was born in Lexington, Kentucky, in 1818. She was the daughter of a wealthy planter, and she received a good education. In 1842, she married Abraham Lincoln, a rising politician from Illinois. The couple had four children, but only one of them survived to adulthood.

The White House Years

When Abraham Lincoln was elected president in 1861, Mary Todd moved into the White House with her husband. She was a controversial figure, and she was often criticized for her spending habits and her outspoken nature. However, she was also a devoted wife and mother, and she supported her husband throughout his presidency.

The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln

On April 14, 1865, Abraham Lincoln was assassinated at Ford's Theatre. Mary Todd was devastated by her husband's death. She went into mourning, and she refused to leave the White House for several weeks.

Later Years

After Lincoln's death, Mary Todd moved to Chicago with her son, Robert. She struggled with financial difficulties and mental health issues. She was eventually diagnosed with a depressive disorder, and she was hospitalized for several years.

Death and Legacy

Mary Todd Lincoln died in 1882 at the age of 63. She was buried next to her husband in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois. Her story is a reminder of the challenges faced by widows in the 19th century, and the importance of mental health care.

Letters of Mary Todd Lincoln

Mary Todd Lincoln wrote hundreds of letters throughout her life. These letters provide a valuable glimpse into her thoughts and feelings. In one letter, she wrote:

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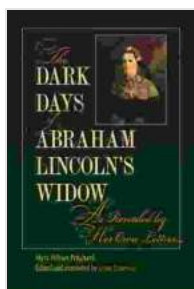
“ "I am so lonely and so sad. I miss my husband so much. I don't know how I will go on without him." ”

In another letter, she wrote:

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“ "I am struggling with my mental health. I am so depressed and anxious. I don't know what to do." ”

Mary Todd Lincoln's letters are a powerful reminder of the challenges she faced after her husband's assassination.



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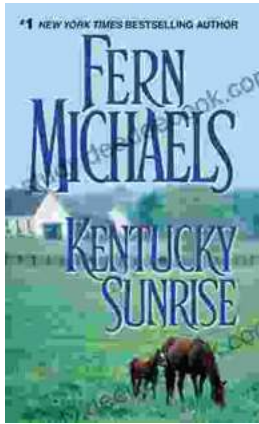
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