The Funeral of Abraham Lincoln in Images
Actual Photographs of the Funeral Train
A march composed for
President Lincoln’s funeral procession
At each city in which the train stopped so people could bid farewell to Lincoln, this coach carried Mr. Lincoln’s body from the train to the site of farewell ceremonies.
"Now he belongs to the ages."
Statement of Secretary of War, Edwin Stanton, April 15, 1865

First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln decided the president should be buried in Springfield, Illinois, his former home. Before leaving Washington on April 21, Abraham Lincoln's body lay in state in the White House. Then, after a two-hour funeral processional that included soldiers, politicians, diplomats, and freed slaves, he was placed in the Capitol rotunda.

Abraham Lincoln's body retraced the train route taken by the president-elect in 1861. Parades were held with caissons, riderless horses, and an array of elected officials.

Not until May 4 was Lincoln buried. His train did not just transport him to Illinois, "it transported [Lincoln] to immortality."

From the Library of Congress documents
Close-up image of the funeral coach
Photo of the train car that carried Lincoln throughout the Country, here guarded as the train has stopped at a station.
People crowded the route of the train, just to glimpse the funeral cars.
Arriving at Philadelphia Train Station