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About Pittsburgh's Monongahela House

The History Center's new exhibition, ***Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War*** and ***Lincoln Slept Here***, features Lincoln's bed and bedroom set from the Monongahela House, the downtown Pittsburgh hotel that hosted the president-elect en route to his inauguration on Feb. 14, 1861.

Below are some quick facts about the Monongahela House, Pittsburgh's premier hotel of the 19th century:

- The hotel was built in 1840 at the corner of Smithfield and Water Streets – now known as Fort Pitt Boulevard.
- Pittsburgh's Great Fire of 1845 destroyed the Monongahela House, but it was rebuilt in 1847 with nearly 300 rooms. The hotel was razed in 1935.
- Unique features included white marble floors, black walnut stairways, and a ballroom lined in velvet curtains and gilded ceilings.
- Famous guests at the hotel included writers Mark Twain and Charles Dickens, along with P.T. Barnum, and Edward, Prince of Wales.
- Nearly a dozen U.S. presidents stayed at the hotel, including John Quincy Adams, Ulysses S. Grant, Grover Cleveland, Teddy Roosevelt, and Howard Taft.



Monongahela House, 1889



Lincoln Bedroom Suite at the Monongahela House