

THE
LINCOLN LOG
ON THIS DAY,

MAY 9, 1861

In the evening President Lincoln and his wife, Mary, host a reception for “commissioned officers, and their families.” Major Robert Anderson, whose forces strove to repel the Confederate attack on Ft. Sumter, arrives unnoticed. A newspaper reports, “The President...hastened in quest of the Major, and leading him forward placed him by his side.” Lincoln’s sons Willie and Tad “especially” admire Anderson, “and it was mentioned of one of them that in sitting for his photograph lately he insisted upon having...a picture of Major A. in his hand.”



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