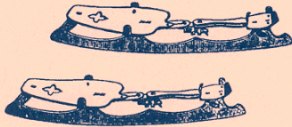




## Meet Adeline Eliza Graham

Abraham Lincoln was President when I was born in Berrien Springs (1864). Some people called me a “tomboy” because I liked boys’ games best. Sometimes I liked to be called “Adam.”

I liked to ice skate and ride horseback really fast!



I had a secret club with my friends. I began writing my diary when I was 15, so there’s some stuff about boys in it. Follow me through the exhibit and you will find out what I liked and didn’t like.

### SCHOOL ROOM

How did I do in my studies? I “flunked” in geography once. What does “flunk” mean to you?

Why didn’t I like Ella? How do you try to get along with everyone in your class whether you like them or not?

### PARLOR

One night in March we had tea in the parlor and told stories about ghosts and murders. Can you imagine us sitting in the parlor doing that? What do you do when you get together with your friends?

### DINING ROOM

Cleaning house was quite a chore! How did I help my mother clean the dining room? What else would we need to do to clean?

Do you help clean the house? How are your chores different from mine? What special cleaning tools do you use?



### SHED/OUT OF DOORS

It was fun to help Pa with the horses. What was the first thing I did when Pa was away?

Besides horses, we had bicycles to ride. Lee Wilkinson had a new bicycle that looked different. Find out why it was hard to ride. Try drawing a picture of a bicycle like his when you get home.

### BEDROOM

Push the button to hear the story about my secret club. We had a secret “grip”—that’s a handshake. Can you make up a secret handshake like we might have had?

### KITCHEN

Would you like to eat the corn muffins that I helped make? Have you ever made a big mistake while cooking food? What happened?

### CONCLUSION

When I wrote my diary I said some awful things about Lee Wilkinson! When we grew up we got married. Sometimes our feelings change—about people we know and about what we want to do. When I was growing up I wanted to be a doctor. Later I changed my mind. I became a wife and mother. What do you want to be someday?

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