Start the Quest!
Begin in front of the Mary Todd Lincoln House, facing the street. Follow the rhyming direction clues to each site. Then read the information clues (in italics) and fill in the blanks.

Walk left from the front door to Jefferson, then, Cross Main, head to Short, and cross over again. Take Short to the right past two streets till you see A dark metal sign to the right of a tree.

1. Mary was b_______ in a house on this spot,
   Her grandma’s house stood at the back of the lot.

2. Mary wrote letters to those she held dear,
   To mail them, she came to a p_______ office here.  
   Postage was based on the distance and pages, 
   Perhaps because mail had to travel on stages.

3. Past the church the brick house with a door on one side  
   Was an office of one who was known nationwide.  
   Henry C_______, a Todd friend, practiced law in this place,  
   And then ran three times in the president’s race.

4. The building with columns reflects the Greek mania  
   In fashion when it was built for T_________.  
   The college was Robert Smith Todd’s alma mater, 
   He passed on his fondness of books to his daughter.

5. Its owner, Tom Bo________, hired Todd as a clerk, 
   But Robert left law for more profitable work.  
   The Todd link to this house was in some ways dual, 
   One daughter and Mary were classmates in school.

6. Though the Samuel Brown sign might imply not to tarry, 
   A plaque on the right of the house mentions Mary.  
   For John W_______’s academy stood on this site, 
   It was here Mary learned to do math, read, and write.

7. McChord’s c________ had services rather than masses, 
   The Todd kids attended its Sunday school classes.

8. To the right is Cheapside, where Robert Todd’s store sold groceries, spices, fine liquors, and more.  
   This site was also the town’s c_______ house square, 
   Lexington’s cruel slave market was there.

9. A two-story building with windows on top 
   Was a place where folks who loved sweets liked to s_______.  
   Baked treats and dances at this site drew Mary 
   To Monsieur Giron’s famed confectionary.

10. In 1832 the T_______s moved to this place, 
   The family was growing and needed more space!  
    It’s now a museum about Mary’s life,  
    From a Lexington girl to a president’s wife. 
    If the sign says it’s open, come in for a tour 
    To learn about Mary, the Todds, and some more!

Good job!
Come in during the museum’s hours of operation to check your answers, get your quest stamped, and pick up a more detailed walking tour brochure.
The Mary Todd Lincoln House is located at 578 West Main Street in downtown Lexington, Kentucky. Park for free behind the House or for a fee in a lot marked P. Public restrooms are available in Victorian Square.

The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Saturday from March 15 through November 30. Admission is $9 for adults, $4 for children 6 to 12, and free for children under 6. Call or check the website for discounts and group rates.

Mary Todd Lincoln’s Downtown Lexington Quest

Approximate time of quest: 1 hour
Type of trail: Paved walks and streets
Difficulty level: Intermediate
Type of quest: Historical

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