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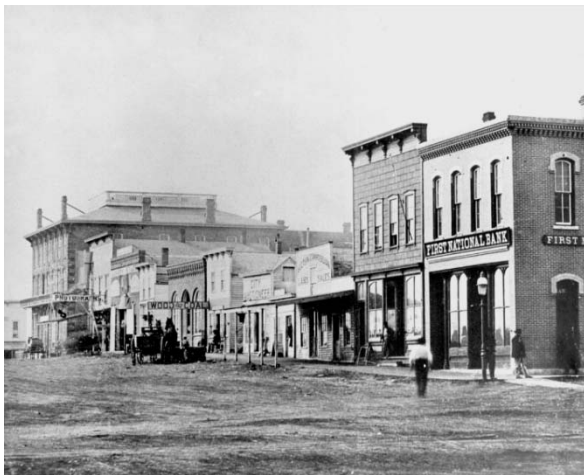
## 1870: First National Bank of Lincoln is Chartered



*Lincoln As Seen From The Capitol in 1870.*



*Cobb in Union Army uniform*



*Original First National Bank Building  
NW Corner of 10<sup>th</sup> & P*

After performing Nebraska's first official acts in Congress in 1867, Turner Marquett returned to his law practice in Plattsmouth. The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad reached Plattsmouth in 1869. Marquett became general counsel for the Burlington's operations west of the Missouri, a position he held until his death in 1894.

In 1869, General Amasa Cobb arrived in Lincoln. A native of Wisconsin, Cobb was a hero of the Civil War, breveted to the rank of brigadier general. Cobb served as Wisconsin's representative to Congress from 1864 to 1870, where he met Marquett during the struggle over Nebraska's statehood. The two became partners in a law firm now known as Cline Williams.

Cobb was also one of the founders of a bank chartered in 1871 as the First National Bank of Lincoln. Cobb & Marquett's first office was in the bank's original building at 9th and O Streets. Through its representation of the bank and the Burlington, the firm played a significant role in the economic development of southern Nebraska.

Cobb left the firm in 1878 to fill the first vacancy on the Nebraska Supreme Court. Cline Williams has represented First National Bank of Lincoln and its successors continuously since 1871 and has maintained its offices in the bank's buildings for most of the following 146 years.

Cline Williams continues a long tradition of representing banks and financial institutions across the state of Nebraska in virtually all types of their legal matters, including bank formations, mergers and acquisitions, transition planning, securities law, creditors' rights, and regulatory compliance.