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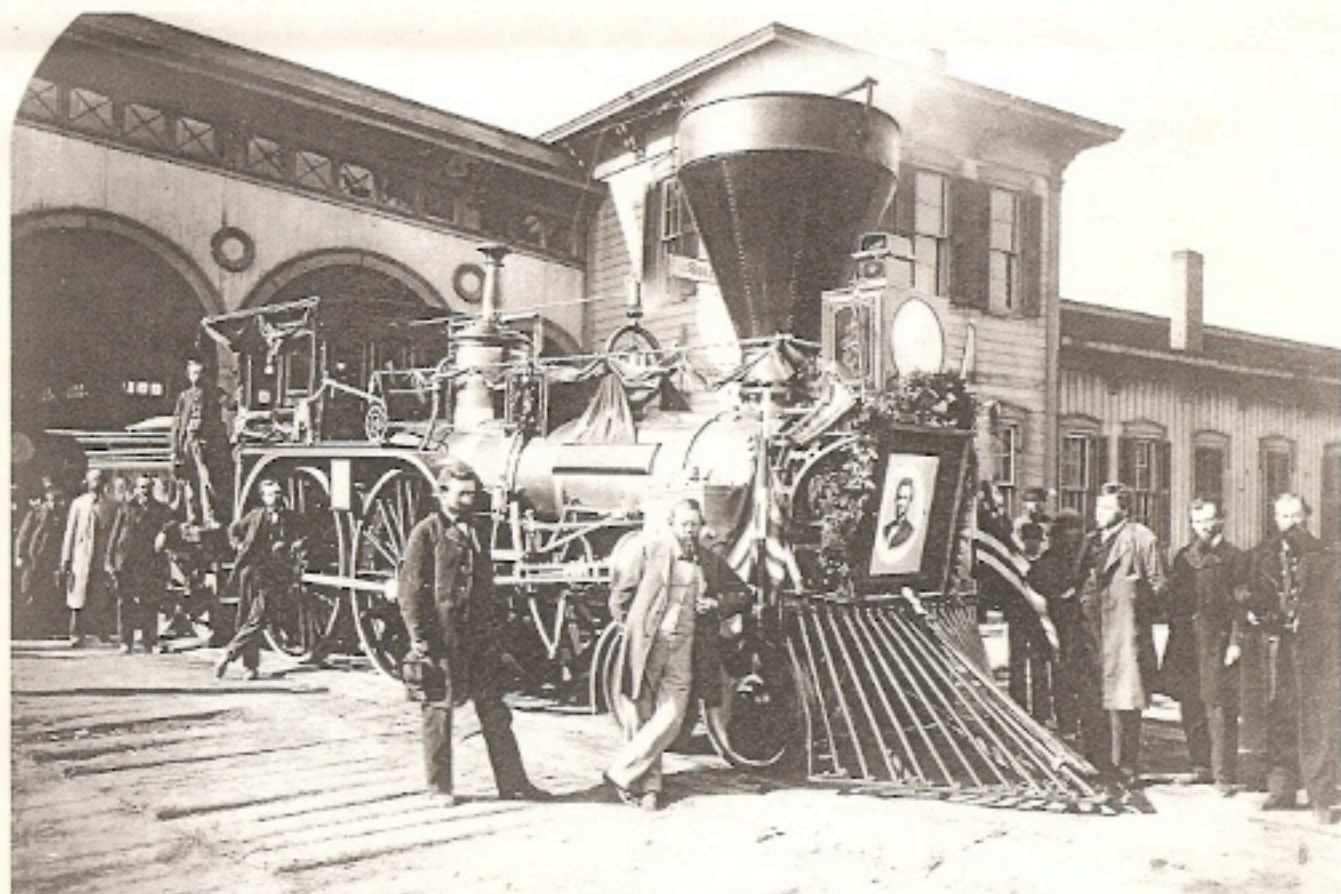
Farragut and the Lincoln Funeral Train

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David Glasgow Farragut (1801-1870) spent nearly his entire life in the service of the U.S. Navy. As the first sailor to be commissioned to the high post of Admiral, he is considered by many to be a hero of the Civil War and one of the greatest military officers in U.S. history.

On the evening of April 25, 1865, a great number of Hastings residents made their way down to the train depot to catch a glimpse of the most famous funeral train in United States history. On its way from New York City to Albany, the train carrying the body of Abraham

Lincoln was only four days into its fourteen day, 1,600 mile journey from Washington, D.C., to Springfield, Illinois. As the train steamed along the Hudson River thousands of mourners turned out with banners and flowers to pay homage to the slain Com-



The Old Nashville — the engine that drew Lincoln's Funeral Train from Washington to Springfield, IL. (Photo: Library of Congress)