

Elizabeth Keckley

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Elizabeth Keckley was born
According to historical writings

her father was Colonel Burwell.
which is a dressmaker.

When she was four years old

and told her about her debts.

At age seventeen she began
sewing

a slave in Virginia.

She was such a good seamstress

had to sell her beautiful dresses.

The price of freedom for herself
and her boy

she was told she was a "maid" for
the baby.

In Washington D.C. she became
a modiste,

for the rich ladies in St. Louis.

She made many dresses for

was \$1200.

Mrs. Lincoln confided in
Elizabeth

was poor and destitute.

To pay her debts Mrs. Lincoln

she supported seventeen people
in her family.

When Elizabeth wrote a book,

Mary Todd Lincoln, the
president's wife.

At the end of her life Elizabeth
Keckley

the Lincoln family became angry.