

## Lincoln 1959

*A rolling monument of luxury and legacy*

This majestic cruiser comes from the tranquil town of Orange, Connecticut. The name? A royal connection! The town was named after Prince William III, the “Prince of Orange,” who held sovereignty over the Principality of Orange in southern France. Who knew a Lincoln could take you on a royal detour?

But here’s something even cooler: The previous owner, Kevin Thomas, is the great-grandson of John Frederic Thomas, an engineer who helped build the Statue of Liberty! He worked on the statue’s structural frame and appears in multiple historic photographs—including some featured by The New York Historical Society.

As for this Lincoln? Let’s dive into its *whale-sized* story.

In 1922, Henry Ford bought the Lincoln Motor Company for \$8 million, with the goal of creating a premium luxury brand under Ford. Years later, in 1939, his son Edsel Ford (then president of Ford Motor Company) had a custom Lincoln Zephyr built. That car became the first Lincoln Continental, inspired by elegant European grand tourers.

By 1954, Continental had become a standalone luxury division, introducing the legendary Continental Mark II. In 1957, that division was folded back into Lincoln, and models like the Mark III and Mark IV (1958–1959) were sold under both names—with slight design variations, mainly in roof styling.

The one you see here is officially a Lincoln Continental. Enormous, elegant, and unforgettable—it’s no wonder enthusiasts affectionately call it “The Whale.”