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The Spoken Word and Group Activities

Philip Kunhardt III, co-founder of the **Meserve-Kunhardt Foundation** in Pleasantville, NY, and the author of *Lincoln: Life Size*, was the featured speaker at the **Lincoln Society** in Peekskill on February 6. He also received the organization's **Lincoln Legacy Award**.

Harold Holzer was the banquet speaker for the **Abraham Lincoln Association** on February 12 with "Why Lincoln Still Matters: To Presidents, To History and To Us."

Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele honored Abraham Lincoln on his 201st birthday:

Today, I am pleased to honor the 201st birthday of President Abraham Lincoln. President Lincoln's remarkable presidency helped pave the way for African Americans to have an opportunity to achieve the American dream. From issuing the two executive orders that made up the Emancipation Proclamation and to his commitment to the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment, President Lincoln secured his place in history as a civil rights pioneer. Though the battle for equality continues almost 150 years since his death, it is President Lincoln's legacy that will always point America in the right direction.

Paul Finkelman presented "Lincoln and Emancipation" on February 12 at the **Civil War Round Table (Chicago)**.

The **First Baptist Church in America**, Providence, RI, presented *An Evening With Abraham Lincoln* on February 12 with Lincoln interpreter **Robb Dimmick**.

John Lupton, director for history programs for the **Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission**, discussed authentication of Lincoln documents at **Lincoln Land Community College** on February 12. Until recently, Lupton served as assistant editor of *The Papers of Abraham Lincoln: Legal Documents and Cases* and *The Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln: Complete Documentary Edition*.

Duke Russell, founder of the **Abe Lincoln Remembrance in Los Angeles**, arranged for **Mickey Rooney** to recite the Gettysburg Address at the **18th Annual Abe Lincoln Remembrance** in Los Angeles on February 12 at the **Los Angeles National Cemetery**, Westwood.

Richard Wightman Fox spoke at the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library**, Springfield, IL, on February 12.

Daniel W. Stowell, director and editor of *The Papers of Abraham Lincoln*, delivered the inaugural address of the new **R. Gerald McMurtry Lecture Series**, “Abraham Lincoln—Lawyer, Leader, President,” on February 12 at the **Lincoln Memorial University John Jay Duncan, Jr., School of Law**, Knoxville, TN. Until it closed, a **McMurtry** lecturer appeared annually at the **Lincoln Museum** in Fort Wayne, IN. During his long career in the Lincoln field, **Dr. McMurtry** worked for both the **Lincoln Museum** (then the **Lincoln National Life Foundation**) and **Lincoln Memorial University**.

William C. Harris, **Eric H. Walther** and **Jennifer L. Webber** were the panelists for the **Abraham Lincoln Association Symposium, Lincoln’s Critics**, held in the Old State Capitol, Springfield, on February 12.

Despite two feet of snow, the **Lincoln Society of Virginia**, led by **Dr. Phillip Stone**, conducted the **35th Annual Lincoln Cemetery Ceremony** near Harrisonburg, VA, on February 12. The **6th Annual Lincoln Symposium** featured **Craig L. Symonds**, who presented “Lincoln and His Admirals” on March 2.

The **Snug Harbor (NY) Cultural Center** presented the *Legacy of Lincoln* to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Lincoln’s “Right Makes Might” speech at Cooper Union with a reception on February 13.

Dr. Wayne C. Temple delivered the sermon at the **Lincoln’s First Presbyterian Church**, Springfield, IL, on February 14.

Ronald C. White, Jr. spoke on February 15 for the **Lincoln Club of Topeka**. He also presented a lecture at the **Lincoln Group of New York** on March 3, where he won the group’s annual award of achievement.

Norman F. Boas discussed his *Abraham Lincoln: Illustrated Biographical Dictionary: Family and Associates, 1809-1861* on February 16 at the **Stonington Historical Society**. Items from his rare Lincolnia were also on display.

David O. Stewart was the featured speaker at the **Rhode Island Civil War Round Table** on February 17 with his “Impeached: The Trial of President Andrew Johnson and the Fight for Lincoln’s Legacy.”

The **Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art** in New York presented *Abraham Lincoln at The Cooper Union* on February 25 with a re-creation of Abraham Lincoln’s Cooper Union Address. **Harold Holzer** narrated, with performances by **Kathleen Chalfant, Governor Mario M. Cuomo, Andre DeShields, Richard Dreyfuss, Stephen Lang, and Chief Justice (ret.) Frank J. Williams**. A chorus directed by **Daryl Waters** presented spirituals and 1860 campaign songs between each segment.

On March 3, **Richard Shubart** presented “Abraham Lincoln: Springfield, Illinois to Exeter, New Hampshire and Beyond” at the **Exeter (NH) Historical Society**. On March 4, at **The Phillips Exeter Academy** Assembly Hall, **Harold Holzer** discussed Lincoln’s 1860 trip eastward (including Exeter) and its effect on his campaign for the presidency.

Diana Pierron discussed the “Lincoln Douglas Debates” at the March 4 meeting of **The Lincoln Club of Topeka**.

Richard W. Etulain, editor and contributor to *Lincoln Looks West: From the Mississippi to the Pacific*, spoke about the multiple connections between Abraham Lincoln and the American West at the **Washington County Museum**, Portland, OR, on March 4.

The **Smithsonian National Museum of American History** hosted a panel discussion, *The War President: Lincoln and the Expansion of Presidential Power During Wartime* on March 6, with **Harry H. Rubenstein** serving as moderator and **RI Chief Justice (ret.) Frank J. Williams**, **Historian Richard Norton Smith**, and **NPR’s Juan Williams** as speakers.

The **New-York Historical Society**, on March 13, hosted *Lincoln’s Fugitive Problem: A Symposium* with **Chandra Manning**, **Amy Murrell Taylor**, and **Micki McElya**.

The **University of Illinois College of Law** hosted *Lincoln: Yesterday and Today*, featuring the play “The Age of Lincoln, Then and Now” by **Orville Vernon Burton**, “Lincoln as a Revolutionary Leader” by **Bruce Levine**, “Abraham Lincoln in Urbana” by **J. Steven Beckett**, “Telling Tales about Lincoln: Views of Lincoln and the War Among Confederates, Union Soldiers, and Freedpeople” by **Chandra Miller Manning**, “Abraham Lincoln: New Findings, Fresh Perspectives” by **Michael Burlingame**, “Lincoln Last Vision: The Right to Vote: Have We Achieved Equal Access at the Ballot Box in Democratic Societies?” by **Brenda Wright**, “What Would Lincoln Think – Contemporary Race

Relations in American Society” by **Dr. Sundiata Cha-Jua**, “Abraham Lincoln’s Lawyers: Lincoln’s Law Practice and his Vision for Lawyers” by **Guy Fraker**, and “Velvet and Steel: The Paradoxical Legacies of Abraham Lincoln” by **David Blight**.

Panels included: “What Would Lincoln Think – Participation in the Political System in America and Beyond?” with participants **Brenda Wright** and **Orville Vernon Burton**, “What Would Lincoln Think – Access to Justice: Achieved or Denied?” moderated by **Professor David Meyer** and participants **Sudiata Chu-Jua** and **Patrick Keenan**, and “The Lincoln Lawyer Today – the Contemporary Practice of Law and Lincoln’s Standards” moderated by **Margareth Etienne** with participants **Guy Fraker** and **J. Steven Beckett**.

David O. Stewart discussed “The Impeachment of Andrew Johnson” at the April 9 meeting of the **Civil War Round Table (Chicago)**.

The **Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum of Lincoln Memorial University**, Harrogate, TN, hosted *The Lincoln Symposium: “And the war came,”* from April 15-17.

David Eicher delivered “Lincoln the Liberal Strategist (or a Good Man is Hard to Find)” at the 2010 meeting of the **Lincoln Fellowship of Wisconsin** on April 17.

The 28th Annual Conference of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College, *The Election and Characters of 1860*, was held June 27-July 3, 2010, with a panel discussion, *Election of 1860*, with **Michael Birkner** as moderator and **Michael Burlingame**, **Michael F. Holt**, and **William J. Cooper** as speakers, with papers by **Senator George McGovern** (“Lincoln”), **Dennis Frye** (“John Brown’s Military Plan”), **William J. Cooper** (“Jefferson Davis and Secession”), and **Allen Guelzo** (“I Would Have Preferred Success”: Abraham Lincoln’s Political Self-Positioning, from the Douglas Debates to the 1860 Nomination”); a panel discussion, *Characters of 1860*, with moderator

John Quist and speakers **Jonathan Earle**, **Matthew Pinsker**, and **Elizabeth Varon**, with papers by **Jared Peatman** (“The Uses and Abuses of the Civil War Centennial”), **Carol Reardon** (“West Point Under Scrutiny: Senator Jefferson Davis and the Evaluation Board of 1860”), **Evan Rothera** (“A Brave, Zealous, Pure Republican”: Edward McPherson and the First Battle of Reconstruction”), **Elizabeth Varon** (“On the Precipice: Images of Disunion in Electoral Politics, 1852-1860”), **Craig Symonds** (“The U.S. Navy on the Eve of War”), **Mike Pride** (“Lincoln’s New Hampshire Primary”), and **Harold Holzer** (“The Secession Crisis and the Silent President-Elect”).

On September 24, 2010, the **Virginia Sesquicentennial of the American Civil War Commission** will host the symposium, *Race, Slavery and the Civil War: The Tough Stuff of American History and Memory*, with, among others, **James O. Horton** (on both “The Great American Contradiction” and “The Unfinished Civil War”), **James M. McPherson** (“Slavery, Freedom, and the Union Navy”), **David Blight** (“John Washington: How, When, Where and Why Emancipation Happened”), **Spencer Crew** (“The Role of the Underground Railroad as a Cause of the Civil War”), **Bruce Levine** (“The Myth of Black Confederates”), **Edna Greene Medford** (“The Quest for Black Rights in the Midst of War”), **Ira Berlin** (“African American Soldiers and the Struggle for Equality”), **Dwight Pitcaithley** (“Addressing the Causes of the Civil War in Public History”), **Jean Fagan Yellin** (“Harriet Jacobs in the Refugee Camps”), **Harold Holzer** (“The Image of The Emancipation Proclamation”), and **Cassandra Newby-Alexander** (“Waterways to Freedom: The Underground Railroad in Hampton Roads”).

The **Blackstone Valley Tourism Council** (Pawtucket, RI) hosted *Abraham Lincoln Visits the Blackstone Valley* – the 150th anniversary celebration of Lincoln’s train ride from Providence to Woonsocket following his successful Cooper Union speech. Lincoln will be portrayed by **Robb Dimmick** who will present excerpts from the Cooper Union speech at Harris Hall, Woonsocket, where Lincoln spoke in 1860 (www.donna@tourblackstone.com). **Frank J. Williams** moderated.

International Legacy

Ireland of the Welcomes, in its January-February issue, included “If Lincoln Had Met Emmet” by **Myles Dungan**. Emmet was an Irish rebel who was found guilty of treason by the British and hanged in 1803. At his trial, he gave one of the most effective speeches in Irish nationalist history which began, “Let no man write my epitaph; for as no man who knows my motives dare now vindicate them, let not prejudice or ignorance, asperse them....” The author believes that Lincoln read, memorized and admired this speech.

The February 20 issue of the London *Economist* featured a satirical version of Lincoln on its front cover. It depicts Lincoln with a pocket watch in one hand and the other hand on his forehead for the issue’s lead story, “What’s Gone Wrong in Washington?”

Russian film director **Alexander Sokurov**’s “The Sun” features Emperor Hirohito with the statues of Charles Darwin, Abraham Lincoln, and Napoleon Bonapart which he kept in his study as a student and came to reflect periods of his life. The story is told in Manohla Darqis, “When Dusk Finally Settled on the Emperor,” <http://movies.nytimes.com/11/18/movies>.

Edward Wong, “China Shows Focus on Territorial Issues as It Equates Tibet and Civil War South,” in the November 14 issue of the *New York Times*, discusses how apt the Chinese are in making comparisons between Lincoln’s quashing the American South and China’s efforts with independence movements on its borders.

Four nations have issued new souvenir sheet stamps honoring Lincoln: Micronesia; Grenada; Grenada Grenadines, and Uganda, as reported in the May issue of *Scott Stamp Monthly*.

Professor Bettina Hofmann, University of Wuppertol, has donated a framed photo of former West Germany’s **Chancellor Willy**

Brandt with a bust of Lincoln next to him, to the **International Lincoln Center's Collection Room**.

The **International Lincoln Center at LSU in Shreveport** has released the 2009 issue (volume 19) of *Abraham Lincoln Abroad*. It features articles by **Fritz Klein**, "Lincoln in China"; **Shorlin E. Gomes**, "How Lincoln Influenced by My Life in Bangladesh"; and "Lincoln's Legacy in Albania" by **Caleb W. Bowers**, as well as Lincoln photos in Peru, India, and China.

Arts

John Hoffmann wrote *Lincoln Hall at the University of Illinois* for **University of Illinois Press**.

The **American Presidents Ornament Collection** includes *Abraham Lincoln* in 24-kt. gold finish and is available from **White House Holidays**, 16612 Millan de Avila, Tampa, FL 33613; e-mail marys@whitehouseholidays.com.

The **2010 United States Mint Presidential \$1 Coin Proof Set** featured the likenesses of Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, and Abraham Lincoln.

The 20th installment of **Carl Volkmann's** "Lincoln in Sculpture" appeared in the January-February *Illinois Heritage*. It featured **John McClarey's** *Lincoln and Thornton* at the **Shelby County Courthouse** and **Stephen Maxson** and **Doris Park's** *Abraham Lincoln: Preparing for Greatness Circa 1835* at *Illinois College*, Jacksonville.

An unveiling of the **Lincoln Funeral Train Memorial Monument** at the **Springfield, IL, Amtrak station** was held on February 9.

The release and exchange of the new Lincoln one-cent penny featuring a shield with "e pluribus unum" was held at the **Abraham**

Lincoln Presidential Museum, Springfield, on February 11 led by **Edmund Moy, Director, United States Mint**, present.

The **Lincoln Home National Historic Site** and the Springfield branch of the **NAACP** presented “Emancipation and the Dream of Freedom—From Slavery to the White House” on February 14 at the **Springfield Hilton Hotel**.

National Geographic has produced *Lincoln: American Mastermind*, revealing the “hidden side” of Lincoln and the “well-orchestrated moves” that took him to the White House.

Ivan Schwartz, founder and director of **StudioEIS** has published his essay *Abraham Lincoln: One Man, Two Views*, which explores his two sculptures, *Lincoln and His Horse* at **President Lincoln’s Cottage** at the **Soldiers’ Home**, Washington, and *Abraham Lincoln* at the **National Military Park and Visitors’ Center**, Gettysburg (55 Washington St., Brooklyn, NY 11201; www.studioeis.com).

The premise, as implausible as it seems, of **Seth Grahame-Smith’s** latest novel, *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter*, released on March 2, published by **Grand Central Publishing**, is destined to be a film like his first successful novel, *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*.

Richard E. Hart discussed “Newly Discovered Photographs of Lincoln’s Springfield” in the Spring “For the People: A Newsletter of the Abraham Lincoln Association.”

Exhibits

Jennifer Provizer curated *Lincoln in Focus: Original Photographs of the President and the Civil War* for the **Byers-Evans House Museum**, Denver. The show ran from February 5 through March 31 and featured more than thirty photographs from a private collection. An exhibit catalog was prepared for the exhibit.

On February 8, the **New-York Historical Society** displayed two new artifacts in its very popular *Lincoln and New York* exhibition – a handwritten text of the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution which outlawed slavery, and an 1864 printing of the Emancipation Proclamation signed by Abraham Lincoln.

Several artifacts from Abraham Lincoln's life went on special display at the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum** in Springfield, IL, on February 12: a desk and bookcase made by the 16th president's father, and the original clock from the Lincoln-Herndon Law Office in Springfield. A rare copy of the Emancipation Proclamation, the inkwell used to write the First Inaugural and a *Charlestown Mercury* flash from December 1860 announcing secession, were also on view.

The **Indiana State Museum**, Indianapolis, prepared dual exhibits, *With Charity For All: The Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection* and the **Library of Congress'** *With Malice Toward None: The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Exhibition* at the museum from February 12 through April 11.

Free Ride opened on March 8 at the former **Providence & Worcester Railroad Station**, Woonsocket, RI . It presents stories of abolitionists in the area including woolen-textile mill owner Edward Harris who hosted Abraham Lincoln when he visited the city 150 years ago following his successful Cooper Union address.

The **National Archives** opened the most extensive display ever assembled from its Civil War holdings, *Discovering the Civil War*, from April 30 through September 6.

Lincoln, Life-Size opened at the **Bruce Museum**, Greenwich, CT, and ran through June 6. The exhibition features photographs of Abraham Lincoln reproduced full-size and was drawn from the **Meserve-Kunhardt Collection**. It was organized by guest curator, **Peter W. Kunhardt, Jr.**, director of the **Meserve-Kunhardt**

Foundation, and **Robin Garr**, director of education at the **Bruce Museum**. **Harold Holzer** spoke there on April 28.

The **Brooklyn Museum's** exhibit *Healing the Wounds of War: The Brooklyn Sanitary Fair of 1864* is on view through October 17 with nearly thirty works of art celebrating the contributions of Union women to the Civil War relief effort known as the Sanitary Movement.

The **Surratt House's** exhibit, *Remembering Mr. Lincoln*, in recognition of his 150th anniversary of his election as president on November 6, 1860, will continue through 2010.

Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Activities

The **Rhode Island Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission** welcomed the **Gilder Lehrman Exhibit**, *Abraham Lincoln: "A Man of His Time, A Man for All Times,"* at the **Rhode Island State House** on February 24. This was the last stop in a 40-venue trip. **Governor Donald L. Carcieri** and **Chief Justice (ret.) Frank J. Williams** delivered remarks with essay readings by the winners of the 2010 **Hildene-Brown University Lincoln Essay Contest** – **Gianna Jasinski** and **Sabrina Fowler**. The 11th grade advanced placement U.S. history class from **Lincoln (RI) High School** presented "Who Freed the Slaves?"

The **Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission** held its sunset meeting on April 19 and accepted its final report for submission to the **Congress**. The meeting was convened at the **U.S. Department of Agriculture** in Washington. President Lincoln established the department in 1862. The final report cataloged the commission's accomplishments leading up to and during the Bicentennial year and reported that the commission was returning nearly \$500,000 in unused funds to the **United States Treasury**.

The **Long Beach Central Area Association** sponsored *A Lincoln Letter* with music composed by **Ulysses Kay** and twenty-five singers from the **Untold Chorale** on June 15 (Juneteenth), 2010.

The **University of Illinois' Institute for Computing in the Humanities, Arts, and Social Science** will continue to operate the **U.S. Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial** web site. **I-CHASS** will continue to host the web site server and convert the site to an "open-source" content management system, allowing for greater interactivity. (www.lincoln200.gov)

Awards and Prizes

Frank J. Williams received the **Abraham Lincoln Association Lincoln the Lawyer Award** from the **Abraham Lincoln Association** and **Wally Henderson** received the Association's **Logan Hay** medal at its annual banquet on February 12.

Dr. Wayne C. Temple received an award for assisting **Logan County's (IL) Looking for Lincoln Committee**. His wife, **Sunderine ("Sandy") Temple**, was recognized for her forty years of service as a docent at the Old State Capitol, Springfield, with an actual key to the interior doors of this historic site.

Collections

"Lincoln Originals: Abraham Lincoln Documents in the Collections of the Cincinnati Historical Society Library" by **Scott L. Gampfer** appeared in the Winter 2009 *Ohio Valley History*.

Legislation was introduced on January 21 in Congress to place the **Lincoln Train Station** in **Gettysburg** within the **Gettysburg National Military Park** boundaries. The deal is believed to be worth \$722,000. The primary purpose of the station will be to orient visitors to the historic town of **Gettysburg** and life there with the battle in town streets and the aftermath of 22,000 wounded soldiers left behind.

The **Raab Collection** has issued its *Catalog 63* with presidential material including an autographed letter signed by Abraham Lincoln appointing an old Illinois friend, John M. Palmer, a Brigadier General of Volunteers (\$23,000), P.O. Box 471, Ardmore, PA 19003.

Ryan Cole, once an administrator at the **Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission**, described the history of the great Lincoln collection begun in 1905 by **Arthur Hall**, President of Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and that it is now housed in **Fort Wayne's Allen County Public Library** (Books) and the **Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis** (Third Dimensional Items). "*With Charity for All*" is now on exhibit until July 25 at the **Indiana State Museum**, including highlights of the newly-acquired collection—original drafts of the First Inaugural and Gettysburg Addresses, and the contents of Lincoln's pocket on the night of his assassination.

The **Macon County (IL) History Museum** in Decatur unveiled a spindle-back cane-seat chair that was used by Lincoln in his Fifth Street law office, Springfield, before leaving for Washington in 1861.

Rick and Dona McGraw donated one of 15 bronze casts of the Clark Mills life mask of Lincoln made in 1865, to the **University of Illinois**, Springfield.

Artist-collector **Hunt Slonem** was featured in "Living With a Thousand Best Friends" by **Wendy Goodman** in the March 8 *New York*. **Slonem** has dedicated one room to Abraham Lincoln with portraits and one of the chairs from the house where Lincoln died.

Norm Boas of **Seaport Autographs** has published *Catalog 116* (www.seaportautographs.com).

Abraham Lincoln Book Shop catalog 166 has been published. Virtual book signings of *The Lincoln Assassination* with **Harold Holzer**

was held at the store on June 10 along with **Ron White** for his *A. Lincoln*.

On March 15, the *New York Times* reported that **William John Scott**, a freshman at **Drew University** (founded as a Methodist seminary in 1867), was charged with stealing famous letters from the university archives. Among them was an Abraham Lincoln letter written to the Methodist Church in 1864, crediting it with sending “more soldiers to the field, more nurses to the hospitals, and more prayers to Heaven than any.”

The 31 volumes of *The Papers of Ulysses S. Grant* have been digitized by the **Mississippi State University Libraries** and the **Ulysses S. Grant Association**, which holds the copyright. The digital Grant volumes edition was named **Digital Library of the Week** by the **American Library Association** on March 16. It is available on the web: <http://library.msstate.edu/USGrant/> and in a limited CD edition.

Books and Pamphlets

Sourcebooks, Inc. has published **David Acord's** *What Would Lincoln Do?*

Burrus M. Carnahan's *Lincoln on Trial: Southern Civilians and the Law of War* has been published by the **University Press of Kentucky**.

Lincoln for President: An Unlikely Candidate, An Audacious Strategy, and the Victory No One Saw Coming by **Bruce Chadwick** has been published by **Sourcebooks, Inc.**

John Henry Cramer is the author of *Lincoln Under Enemy Fire: The Complete Account of His Experiences During Early's Attack on Washington*.

Susan B. Dyer wrote *Lincoln's Advocate: The Life of Judge Joseph Holt* (**Acclaim Press**).

Richard W. Etulain had edited *Lincoln Looks West: From the Mississippi to the Pacific* with contributions by **Michael S. Green, Robert W. Johansen, Deren Earl Kellogg, Mark E. Neely, Jr., David A. Nichols, Earl S. Pomeroy, Larry Schweikart, Vincent G. Tegeder,** and **Paul M. Zall** (**Southern Illinois University Press**).

Charles Bracelen Flood's *1864: Lincoln at the Gates of History* is now available in paperback from **Simon & Schuster**.

Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter by **Seth Grahame-Smith** has been published by **Grand Central Publishing**.

Richard E. Hart, Esq., immediate past President of the **Abraham Lincoln Association**, has published for the **Abraham Lincoln Association** *Able W. Estabrook: Robert Todd Lincoln's Abolitionist Teacher*. The Association also published its 2010 calendar, *Lincoln in Illinois*.

Grant N. Havers has written *Lincoln and the Politics of Christian Love* (**University of Missouri Press**).

Lincoln, the Cabinet and the Generals by **Chester G. Hearn** has been published by **Louisiana State University Press**.

The Assassin's Accomplice: Mary Surratt and the Plot to Kill Abraham Lincoln by **Kate Clifford Larson** has been published in paperback by **Basic Books**.

Easton Press has published **Stefan Lorant's** *Lincoln: A Picture Story of His Life* in a leather-bound edition.

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Company published **William Marvel's** *The Great Task Remaining: The Third Year of Lincoln's War*.

John W. Schildt is the author of *Lincoln's Wartime Travels* (P.O. Box 145, Sharpsburg, MD 21782).

Carlton Books has published *Lincoln: An Illustrated Life and Legacy* by **Thomas F. Schwartz**.

The **Bulletin of the 67th Annual Meeting** of the **Lincoln Fellowship of Wisconsin**, *Lincoln and the Navy* by **Craig L. Symonds** has been published (P.O. Box 1863, Janesville, WI 53547).

Wayne C. Temple, author of *Lincoln's Travels on the River Queen During the Last Days of His Life* has now been produced in audio book and read by the author (**May Haven Publishing Inc.**).

366 Days in Abraham Lincoln's Presidency: The Private, Political, and Military Decisions of America's Greatest President by **Stephen A. Winalda** has been published by **Skyhorse Publishing, Inc.**

John Yoo has written *Crisis and Command: A History of Executive Power From George Washington to George W. Bush* (**Kaplan Publishing**).

Selected Related Interests

The **University of Illinois Press** has published *Illinois Politics: A Citizen's Guide* by **James D. Nowlan**, **Samuel K. Gove** and **Richard J. Winkel, Jr.**, and *Freeing Charles: A Struggle to Free a Slave on the Eve of the Civil War* by **Scott Christianson**.

Lawrence M. Denton is the author of *William Henry Seward and the Secession Crisis: The Effort to Prevent Civil War* (**McFarland**).

Acclaim Press published **Susan B. Dyer's Lincoln's Advocate: The Life of Joseph Holt**.

Seth Lipsky has authored *The Citizens' Constitution: An Annotated Guide* for **Basic Books**.

Periodicals

The November-December *History Channel Magazine* included “My Lincoln” with evaluations of what Lincoln means to members of **The History Channel Club**.

Patrick T. Reardon wrote about Abraham Lincoln’s visit to Richmond, VA after it was evacuated in “Lincoln’s Last Trip” (*Chicago Tribune*), December 6, 2009.

Wiley Sword’s “Fremont’s Army Commissions Earn Lincoln’s Ire” was in the Winter 2010 *Manuscripts*.

Jim Tackach, a member of the **Rhode Island Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission**, wrote “Paying Off My Debt to Libraries—One Lecture at a Time,” a personal essay about his presenting a Lincoln paper at the **George Hail Library** in Warren, RI, for the winter *RWU: The Magazine of Roger Williams University*.

The Winter 2010 *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association* included “The Other Lincoln-Douglas Debate: The Race Issue in a Comparative Context” by **Matthew Norman**, and “A Bill of Lading Delivers the Goods: The Constitutionality and Effect of the Emancipation Proclamation” by **James A. Dueholm**.

Allen C. Guelzo reviewed the **New-York Historical Society’s** exhibit *Lincoln and New York*” for the February *New Criterion*.

The February 5 *Newsday* included **Bill Bleyer’s** coverage of **Harold Holzer’s** visit to the **C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University** to celebrate Black History Month and Abraham Lincoln’s

201st birthday. “No President has more successfully summoned Lincoln than President Obama,” Holzer was quoted as saying.

Harold Holzer discussed Abraham Lincoln’s oration at New York’s Cooper Union in “The Speech That Made The Man” for **AmericanHeritage.com** on February 10.

James Krohe, Jr. discussed some of the treasures in the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum**, Springfield, in “Holy inkwells: Turning Lincoln stuff into sacred relics” for the February 11-17 *Illinois Times*.

All Saints Church, Pasadena, CA, has printed **Ronald C. White, Jr.’s** *A Lincoln: A Presentation to the Rector’s Forum* which he delivered on March 22, 2009.

The February *Connecticut Lawyer* included “Lincoln’s Notes for a Law Lecture” and “Lincoln’s Law Practice” by **Judge Henry S. Cohn**.

Joanna Molloy wrote about Abraham Lincoln’s Cooper Union Address in the February 24 *New York Daily News*.

Randal Berry wrote “Eisenschiml’s Dilemma: Infringement or Plagiarism?” for the March *Surratt Courier*.

Harold Holzer wrote “Lincoln Snatches the Nomination” for the Spring *American Heritage*.

Harold Holzer’s keynote address, “Spirit of Lincoln, Thy Country Needs Thee Now,” at the 2009 annual meeting of the **American Association for State and Local History** was published in the winter 2010 AASLH *History News*.

Allen C. Guelzo’s survey of recent books about Lincoln is found in “The Bicentennial Lincolns,” which appeared in the Winter 2009/10 *Claremont Review of Books*.

Writer **Seth Grahame-Smith**, author of *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter*, was featured in **Christopher Borrelli's** "Lawyer. Legislator. President. Vampire slayer?" in the March 17 *Chicago Tribune*.

O. James Lighthizer, President of the **Civil War Preservation Trust** since 1999, discussed the trust in the April *Maryland Line*.

Reviews

William A. Blair and **Karen Fisher Younger**, editors, *Lincoln's Proclamation: Emancipation Reconsidered*, rev. by **Joseph A. Truglio**, *Civil War News* (February/March 2010).

Bob Blaisdell, editor, *An Abraham Lincoln Tribute*, rev. by *Indiana Magazine of History* (December 2009).

John Henry Cramer, *Lincoln Under Enemy Fire: The Complete Account of His Experiences During Early's Attack on Washington*, rev. by **Blake A. Magner**, *Civil War News* (April 2010).

Rodney O. Davis and **Douglas L. Wilson**, editors, *The Lincoln-Douglas Debates: The Lincoln Studies Center Edition*, rev. by **John C. Briggs**, *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association* (Winter 2010).

Andrew Delbanco, editor, *The Portable Abraham Lincoln*, rev. by *Indiana Magazine of History* (December 2009).

William C. Edwards and **Edward Steers, Jr.**, editors, *The Lincoln Assassination: The Evidence*, rev. by *Indiana Magazine of History* (December 2009); rev. by **Ron J. Keller**, *Journal of Illinois History* (2010).

Daniel Mark Epstein, *The Lincolns: Portrait of a Marriage*, rev. by **Allen C. Guelzo**, *Civil War News* (April 2010).

Paul D. Escott, *“What Shall We Do With the Negro?” Lincoln, White Racism, and Civil War America*, rev. by **Matthew Mason**, *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association* (Winter 2010).

Seth Grahame-Smith, *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter*, rev. by **Lev Grossman**, *Time* (March 8, 2010).

Allen C. Guelzo, *Lincoln: A Very Short Introduction*, rev. by *Indiana Magazine of History* (December 2009).

Harold Holzer and **Joshua Wolf Shenk**, editors, *In Lincoln’s Hand: His Original Manuscripts with Commentary by Distinguished Americans*, rev. by *Indiana Magazine of History* (December 2009).

John Keegan, *The Civil War: A Military History*, rev. by **Edward H. Bonekemper III**, *Civil War Times* (April 2010).

Thomas L. Krannawitter, *Vindicating Lincoln: Defending the Politics of Our Greatest President*, rev. by **Stewart L. Winger**, *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association* (Winter 2010).

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People

Brooks Simpson and Roger Billings have been elected to the Board of Directors of the **Abraham Lincoln Association**.

Dr. Mark Zimmerman and his wife **Diane** have reproduced the Leonard Volk mask of Abraham Lincoln in bronze for presentation to individuals and institutions such as the **Lincoln Forum** and the **Lincoln Cottage** at the **Soldiers' Home**. They are the subject of a profile in "Mystery of the Lincoln Mask" by **Ellen Fischer** written for the February *Vero Beach (FL) Magazine*.

Historian **Edward H. Bonekemper III** is the new *Civil War News Book Review Editor* succeeding **Blake A. Magner** who retired after twenty years of service.

David S. Ferriero, recently appointed **Archivist of the United States**, was profiled in "Collector in Chief Hoards Nation's Irreplaceable Stuff" by **Sam Roberts** in the April 1 *New York Times*.

Lincoln in Popular Culture

The July-August 2009 *Library of Congress Information Bulletin* reported that members of Congress wrote their reflections on President Abraham Lincoln and sealed them in a time capsule for placement in the Library for safekeeping until the 250th anniversary of Lincoln's birth in 2059.

Michelle R. Smith of the Providence office of **Associated Press** discussed the Rhode Island Governor's State of the State address on January 26, 2010. **Governor Don Carcieri** used quotes, falsely attributed to Abraham Lincoln, "You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong. You cannot help the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by encouraging class hatred." This was the same error made by former President Ronald Reagan at the 1992 Republican National Convention. Actually, the words were written by a little-known pamphleteer, William J.H. Boetcker, in 1916.

William Roskoff, *Roskoff's Raucous Politics: Honestly, Lincoln Slept Here and There*, <http://www.akawilliam.com/roskoffs-raucous-politics-honestly-lincoln-slept-here/2/>, on January 13, 2010, takes issue with **Harold Holzer** disagreeing with gay activist **Larry Kramer's** theory that Abraham Lincoln was gay based on alleged documentary evidence that Kramer says he found but refuses to show. Roskoff states, "I know Holzer and he doesn't deserve to breathe the same air as Larry Kramer." Holzer has indicated that he spoke to Larry Kramer who in a private conversation indicated that he made up the story of the "evidence."

James Krohe, Jr. discussed how important education was to young people, using Abraham Lincoln as an example of being "self-taught," and autodidact, in "Teaching idiots: Is this the golden age of the autodidact?" for the January 28-February 3 *Illinois Times*. He also opined about Lincoln scholars from beyond the precincts of Springfield, IL, writing Abraham Lincoln biographies in "Someone from outside" for the February 4-10 *Illinois Times*

www.printthis.clickability.com/pt/cpt?action=cpt&title=Abe+Lincoln%27s+Love-H included **Gabe Pressman's** "Abe Lincoln's Love-Hate Relationship with New York" on February 11. The author describes Lincoln's first visit to New York to present his famous Cooper Union speech, but as **Harold Holzer** is quoted as saying, Lincoln had "tough going in New York." Mayor Fernando Wood was a Democrat in a Democratic city and New Yorkers voted against Lincoln in 1860 and 1864. The July 1863 New York draft riot was the bloodiest episode in the Civil War outside the battlefield. While New York cannot claim they made him president, the author believes that Lincoln's "right makes might" speech at least helped make him president.

In "Lincoln Loses a Tower, but He Still Has the Tunnel" by **Sam Roberts** – the only article about Abraham Lincoln to be published in the *New York Times* on his 201st birthday, February 13, 2010, **Roberts** reports that the **Lincoln Building** on East 42nd Street, New York City, is no longer. The owners of the 53-story tower, which opened eighty years

ago, changed the name to **One Grand Central Place** and removed the bronze plaques on which the Gettysburg Address and Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address were immortalized. The **Daniel Chester French** sculpture of the "Seated Lincoln," the model for the **Lincoln Memorial** that stood in the lobby, has been removed. **Harold Holzer** was quoted in the article appropriately saying, "First they replaced Lincoln's Birthday with Presidents' Day, and now this. If this landlord took over the Lincoln Memorial, would he rename it the Temple on the Mall?...."

Christina Christoforou's "Op-Art" *Heads of State* appeared in the February 15, 2010 *New York Times*. She drew each of the presidents displaying only their hair. **Penny Howell Jolly** wrote a preface indicating that beards, like Abraham Lincoln's, returned in mid-19th century after a long absence. "Virile-looking and practical on the battlefield, beards were suited to the Civil War; Grant kept his when he entered the White House...."

Professor Joseph B. Margolick of **Johns Hopkins University** blogged "Needed: Another Cooper Union Speech" in support of **President Barack Obama's** efforts to overhaul health care. Citing how Abraham Lincoln won over his audience on February 27, 1860 with his address at Cooper Union, to **Margolick, Obama** should emulate Lincoln at Cooper Union by forcefully articulating where he would like the country to go, "where he'd like the country to go, then marshalling facts and painstaking logic to support his goals and proposals and addressing head-on -- and, where appropriate, ridiculing -- the arguments of his opposition."

A new book from the author who brought us *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies* has revealed a Lincoln that is strange to us. According to **Seth Grahame-Smith**, author of the novel *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter*, Lincoln got all out of sorts after his mother died of a "vampire attack" and not from "the milk sick." Says the author, Lincoln knew that his enemies wanted nothing more than to kill him and drain the blood of America. A movie adaptation of *Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter* is planned.

Penny Riddles for you to solve – put on your thinking caps: Look at one Lincoln penny and answer the question, “Do you smell anything here?” [Answer: “It’s a scent.”] Then look at two Lincoln pennies and answer the question, “Do you see any fruit here?” [Answer: “It’s a pear.”] Now, look at three Lincoln pennies and answer the question, “Do you see any snakes here?” [Answer: “It’s three copperheads.”] Next, look at four Lincoln pennies and answer the question, “Do you see any cars here?” [Answer: “It’s four Lincolns.”] Finally, look at five Lincoln pennies and answer the question, “Do you see any sex here?” [Answer: “Hell no! What do you expect for five cents???”]

Assassination

The Lincoln Assassination Encyclopedia by **Edward Steers, Jr.**, with a Foreword by **James L. Swanson**, has been published by **HarperCollins**. Steers is also the author of the new *We’ll Meet Again: A Story of Love and Intrigue in the Midst of War* – a story of romance and espionage in World War II.

Rick Stelnick’s theory that New York financiers, with investments in the South, had a hand in the Lincoln assassination, wrote Part II of “There’s Spirits Mingling in Heaven With the Godly” for the February *Surratt Courier*.

The **11th Annual Symposium** of the **Surratt House**, *Lincoln’s Assassination: More Revealed*, was held March 19-21.

Joan L. Chaconas wrote “The Old Capitol Prison” for the April *Surratt Courier*.

Works in Progress

James Landis is finishing his book on *Lincoln and Scientist* for **Southern Illinois University Press**.

Fox News host and best-selling author, **Bill O'Reilly**, is working on *Killing Lincoln*, which will take readers into **Ford's Theatre** and into the mind of Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth. **Henry Holt & Company** will publish.

Richard Wightman Fox is writing a book *Treating the Aftermath of Lincoln's Assassination* to be published by **Norton**.

James Swanson's *Bloody Crimes: The Chase for Jefferson Davis and the Death Pageant for Lincoln's Corpse* will be published on September 28 by **William Morrow**.

William W. Freehling, author of the well-received *The Road to Disunion (Oxford)*, is at work on *Lincoln's Growth – and America's*.

The Library of America will publish a four-volume anthology on Ulysses S. Grant.

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