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The Lincoln Museum to Close After 80 Years

On March 3, the **Lincoln Financial Foundation**, the charitable arm of the **Lincoln Financial Group**, announced that it will close **The Lincoln Museum** in Ft. Wayne, IN, on June 30, 2008 in order to, in the words of the news release, make the “collection more accessible and visible.” All wonder how this can be when the museum, which boasts one of the world’s most extensive collections of Lincoln-related items, including a copy of the Emancipation Proclamation and the Congressional Resolution for the 13th Amendment signed by Abraham Lincoln shuts its doors?

Needless to say, the announcement was greeted with “shock and awe” by the Lincoln community, editorial writers, authors, students, and all who have an interest in Abraham Lincoln. Harold Holzer, in his “Find Home for Lincoln Artifacts” published by the Fort Wayne *Journal Gazette* on March 9, asked the question on everyone’s mind: Where will it go? And when?

The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company formed the museum in 1928 and brought in Louis A. Warren to establish a memorial to Lincoln. Reverend Warren, who lived in Indiana and was the author of *Lincoln’s Parentage and Childhood: A History of the Kentucky Lincoln Supported by Documentary Evidence* established a library called The Lincoln Historical Research Foundation. Warren purchased the Lincoln Library of Judge Daniel Fish, one of the “big five” Lincoln Collectors. Warren launched the periodical *Lincoln Lore* as a weekly bulletin designed to be used by newspapers as “fillers.”

After Warren undertook speaking tours around the country, the company renamed the institution The Lincoln National Life Foundation.

R. Gerald McMurtry, after building the Lincoln collection at Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN, became the Director in 1956, and after he retired in 1972, was succeeded by Mark E. Neely, Jr. In 1977, the museum was renamed for its first director then renamed The Lincoln Museum after Dr. Neely left to assume a teaching position after winning the Pulitzer Prize. The current CEO is Joan Flinspach. The library contains well over 10,000 books and pamphlets on Lincoln and over 6,000 portraits and prints including Lincoln's last portrait by Matthew Wilson that the artist did for Secretary of the Navy Gideon Wells.

The museum has gone through three metamorphoses, located first in the corporate headquarters, then in a separate building and now at its present location.

To its credit, Lincoln Financial has convened a group to explore possibilities and options for the collection. With only three months to devise a plan, the pressure will be on Lincoln Financial to determine the collection's future – and on Lincoln enthusiasts everywhere to hope, pray, and pressure for the salvation of this irreplaceable institute and collection.

The Spoken Word and Group Activities

The **13th Annual Conference of the Association of Lincoln Presenters** was held in Mt. Pleasant, IA, on April 13-15, 2007. The 14th conference will be held at Alton, IL, on April 11, 12, & 13, 2008. abe@honestabe.com.

On October 25, 2007, **Bob Rogers**, creator, designer, and producer of the **Visitor Experience** at the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum** spoke at the **Union Theater** of the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum**.

Kelley Clausing and **John Lupton** of **The Papers of Abraham Lincoln**, discussed Lincoln's only term in **Congress** from 1847-1849 on January 9 at **The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library**, Springfield.

Deak Nabors presented "What the Civil War did to the U.S. Constitution" at the January 16 meeting of the **Rhode Island Civil War Round Table**. **Thomas J. Craughwell** spoke about his book *Stealing Lincoln's Body* at the March 19 meeting.

David Traub discussed "Lincoln in Louisville" at the city's **Civil War Round Table** on January 24.

On February 7, **The Lincoln Club of Topeka** presented "Abe and Mary, A Family Album" by **Herschel and Jacque Stroud**.

David E. Long presented "Lincoln, Davis and the Dahlgren Raid" at the **Civil War Round Table** of Chicago on February 8. On May 9, **Vernon Burton** delivered his "The Age of Lincoln."

William Hanna presented "In the Shadow of Lincoln: Presidential Visits to Gettysburg" at the February 9 meeting of **The Lincoln Group of Boston**. **John Lupton**, **Associate Director & Associate Editor of the Papers of Abraham Lincoln**, discussed his research at this group's meeting on April 8 and **John Myers** led a discussion of **Gabor Boritt's** *The Gettysburg Gospel: The Lincoln Speech That Nobody Knows* at the April 12 meeting.

Bob Zeller and **John Richter** presented their "Lincoln in Three-D" at the February 9 annual meeting of the **Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia**.

Wayne C. Temple was the featured speaker at the 4th annual **Logan County (IL) Abraham Lincoln Birthday Celebration** on February 10.

The Military Order of the Loyal Legion held its annual Lincoln birthday dinner on February 11 at the **Army and Navy Club**, Washington. **Emily L. Schulz** was the keynote speaker. The **MOLLUS Lincoln Memorial Ceremony** occurred on February 12 at **The Lincoln Memorial** followed by the **Lincoln's Birthday National Commemorative Committee Luncheon** at the **Channel Inn** with **Gail Stephens** as speaker.

Matthew C. Pinsker presented "Lincoln's Sanctuary: Abraham Lincoln's Summer White House" at the **76th Annual Watchorn Lincoln Dinner** at the **University of Redlands (CA)** on February 12.

Gerald J. Prokopowicz discussed his book, *Did Lincoln Own Slaves?*, as part of the **George L. Painter Lincoln Lectures** at the **Lincoln Home National Historic Site**, Springfield, IL on February 12. **Ebony Jenkins, James Hill, and Diane Miller** discussed the inclusion of the Jameson Jenkins lot into the **National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom** and **Timothy S. Good** spoke about the "Epiphany at Alton" at **The Lincoln Home** on February 12.

The **33rd Lincoln Cemetery Event** directed by **The Lincoln Society of Virginia President Phillip C. Stone** was held at the Lincoln family cemetery six miles north of Harrisonburg, VA on February 12.

James L. Swanson presented "The Lincoln Assassination: Memory and Myth" at **The Lincoln Club of Delaware Annual Dinner** on February 14.

John Hay's Lincoln opened at the John Hay Library, **Brown University** on February 19. **Frank J. Williams** presented "John Hay's Lincoln, and Lincoln's John Hay: Shaping Identity and Public Memory in 19th Century America" at **Brown University** on February 19.

Harold Holzer, John Dossett, and Karen Ziemba presented "The Lincoln Family Album" at the **Donald W. Reynolds Center for**

American Art and Portraiture in Washington on February 25 for **The National Portrait Gallery** and **Ford's Theatre**.

Former Maryland Lt. Governor Michael Steele delivered the **Lincoln Day Dinner** speech at the **Harvard Republican Club** and the **Black Men's Forum** at **Harvard University** on March 6.

The 2008 Illinois History Symposium, *Lincoln's Legacies*, was held at **Millikin University**, Decatur, IL, March 13-15 and included presentations by **Kim Bauer** "On This Site: A Brief History of the Lincoln Trail Homestead State Park;" **Raymond Lohne**, "Lincoln's German-American Legacy;" **Gary Vitale** "A. Lincoln and the Mormons: Another Legacy of Limited Freedom;" **Carl Adams** "Abraham Lincoln's First Slavery Case: a 21st Century Review of *Bailey v. Cromwell*, 1841;" **Erika Nunamaker** "The Gentleman of the House: Abraham Lincoln and Domestic Gentility;" **Sandy Blue** "Recent Archaeology at the Lincoln Birthplace;" **Dan Guillory** "Using Illinois Culture and History: A Reading From 'The Lincoln Poems;'" **John Alexander** "On the Back of a Giant: Lincoln Legacy Owes a Debt to Stephen A. Douglas;" **Ivan Hardt** "Awakening the Giant: Lincoln Answers the Call of the Republican Party;" **Robert McColley** "Abraham Lincoln's Goals and Progress in Illinois, 1929-1976;" **Jason Emerson** "The Madness of Mary Lincoln and the Discovery of her Lost Insanity Letters;" **Rev. William Moore** "The Politician and the Preacher: Lincoln and Owen Lovejoy Address the Abolition Issue;" **Robert Church** "Compass and Chain: The Surveying Career of A. Lincoln in Central Illinois;" **Christopher Schnell** "Life on the Circuit: A Look at the Culture of Itinerant Lawyers in Lincoln's Illinois;" **Terri Cameron** "Legacy in Asphalt: Origins and Development of the Lincoln Post Road;" **Todd Harrington** "The Republican Party, the 37th U.S. Congress, and the American West;" and **Philip Grant Jr.**, "The Congressional Elections of 1864 in Illinois;"

Jean Edward Smith presented "Franklin D. Roosevelt: Liberalism Without Apology" as the **14th Frank & Virginia Williams Lecturer** at **Louisiana State University** Shreveport on March 14.

The National Archives at College Park hosted the **Eleventh Annual Abraham Lincoln Institute Symposium** on March 29. Presentations included: “How Some Few ‘Remarks’ Become the ‘Gettysburg Address’” by **Gabor Boritt, Director of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College** and author of *The Gettysburg Gospel: The Lincoln Speech That Nobody Knows*; “Lincoln and the Mexican-American War Revisited” by **Professor William C. Harris**, Professor Emeritus of History, North Carolina State University; “President Lincoln’s Virtues” by **Professor William Lee Miller**, Scholar in Ethics and Institutions, **Miller Center of Public Affairs** at the **University of Virginia**; “Why Lincoln Appointed Political Generals” by **Professor David Work**, Visiting Assistant Professor, Texas A & M University, Qatar; and “Lincoln-Douglas Debate Sesquicentennial” by **Allen Guelzo, Douglas L. Wilson, and Rodney O. Davis**.

The Lincoln Society of Virginia’s 4th Annual Lincoln Symposium was held on April 25 with **Brian Steel Wills** as speaker.

The 26th Annual Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College was held June 22 through June 28 with artists **Wendy Allen, Sam Fink, Rea Redifer** and **Richard Wengenroth** presenting *In Search of America’s Soul: An Artist’s Look at Abraham Lincoln*; **James M. McPherson**, *A. Lincoln, Commander in Chief*; **Craig Symonds**, *Lincoln as Commander in Chief of the Navy*; **Allen Guelzo**, *Who Won the Lincoln-Douglas Debates?*; **Harold Holzer**, *The Secession Winter: Abraham Lincoln as President-Elect*; **Daniel Mark Epstein**, *The Lincolns: Portrait of a Marriage*; **Frank J. Williams**, *The Great Invention of the World: Writers Writing on Lincoln, 1865-2008 – A Bicentennial Assessment*; **Lewis Lehrman**, *Mr. Lincoln and the Declaration of Independence*; **William Lee Miller**, *How Lincoln did his Duty as President*; **Richard Carwardine**, *Lincoln’s Horizons*; **Douglas Wilson**, *Lincoln’s Sword: The Presidency and the Power of Words*; **William Harris**, *Lincoln’s Nomination for President in 1860*; **James Oakes**, *Lincoln: The Conservative Becomes a Radical*; **John Waugh**, *One Man Great Enough: Abraham Lincoln’s Road to Civil War*; **Julie Fenster**, *The*

Case of Abraham Lincoln; A Story of Adultery, Murder, and the Making of a Great President; **Thomas Craughwell**, *The Plot to Steal Abraham Lincoln's Body*; **Gerald Prokopowicz**, *Did Lincoln Own Slaves?*; **Brian Dirck**, *Abraham Lincoln: A Lawyer Goes to War*; Burrus Carnahan, *Emancipation and the Law of War in the 19th Century*; **Allen Jayne**, *Lincoln and the American Manifesto*; **Michael Burlingame**, *Sources of New Light on Lincoln*; **Jorg Nagler**, *Writing a Lincoln Biography for German Readership*; **Matthew Pinsker**, *The Future of Lincoln Studies*; **Barry Schwartz**, *The Lincoln Renaissance: Bicentennial Passion and Historical Truth*; and **James Percoco**, *Summers with Lincoln: Looking for the Man in the Monument*.

International Legacy

The 2007 issue of the **International Lincoln Association's** newsletter, *Abraham Lincoln Abroad*, has been released. It includes an interview by **Piyush Raval** with **Jasu Shilip** from India who sculpts Abraham Lincoln, and **Sarker Hasan Al-Zayed's** "Teaching Lincoln in Bangladesh."

Norman W. Provizer, "Two Trains Running: Tolstoy on Lincoln and Leadership," appears in **Nancy S. Huber** and **Michael Harvey**, eds., *Leadership*, **International Leadership Association**, 2007.

Mary Todd Lincoln, to date, has only appeared in one postage stamp from abroad but this is gradually changing. Gambia issued souvenir sheets of the First Ladies of the USA on July 16, 2007. She is depicted on No. 3094.

Grenada, on July 11, 2007, released souvenir sheets of U.S. Presidents. No. 3652 shows **Lincoln, Johnson, Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Cleveland, Harrison, McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, Taft, and Wilson**. It sells for \$4.50.

Claude R. Marx reviewed **Michael K. Beran's** *Forge of Empires 1861-1861: Three Revolutionary Statesmen and the World They Made in*

the January 6 issue of the *Washington Times*. The book compares Tsar Alexander II, Otto von Bismarck and Lincoln. The reviewer states Beran's portraits are balanced but "he clearly is a bigger fan of Lincoln than the others."

The *New York Times* reported, on January 17, that **Milton Wolf** died at 92 years old. He was the last commander of the Lincoln Brigade which fought against Franco during the Spanish Civil War, and later became the longtime commander of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

The International Lincoln Association has donated two framed photos to the collection of the **International Lincoln Center** at LSU in Shreveport. The first shows a bloated caricature of **Daniel Chester French's** Lincoln, with the caption, "If you don't move, you get fat." The photo is a copy of an ad by the **German Olympic Sport Federation**. The second is a 1969 photo of **Thu Vien Abraham Lincoln Library of the U.S. Information and News Agency** in, Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon, which now houses the **Rex Hotel Paradise Coffee Lounge**.

An old episode (No. 68) of a popular weekly television soap opera in India, "Because the Mother-in-Law was a Daughter-in-Law at One time," was replayed in February. The show depicts a young man in the family as depressed because he has failed a college qualifying exam. His agent consoles him with the example of Abraham Lincoln saying that "You should not give up because Lincoln lost his first election but became the President of the United States."

Professor William D. Pederson, Director of the International Lincoln Center, LSU in Shreveport, has issued a call for papers for the symposium, *Abraham Lincoln Without Borders During the Bicentennial of his Birth*. Topics will include Lincoln's legacy abroad from the 19th to the 21st centuries and his influence on political leaders, writers, and opinion makers. Submit proposals to Professor Pederson at william.pederson@lsus.edu.

Professor Sura Rath (raths@cwu.edu) has issued a call for papers for a conference to be held in Madras, December 19-20, 2009, *Lincoln Without Borders*. Sponsored by the **Indian Institute of Technology, The Lincoln Forum, The Forum on Contemporary Theory in Baroda, India, and the International Lincoln Center in Shreveport**, possible topics include the impact of Lincoln on **Mahatma Gandhi, Mohammad Ali Jinnah, Jawaharlal Nehru**, and Lincoln's legacy in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Nepal. Proposals should be e-mailed to Professor Rath with copies to **Professor William D. Pederson** (william.pederson@lsu.edu) and **Jyotirmaya Tripathy** (jyotirmaya@iitm.ac.in).

Arts

Linda Wheeler discussed the “Surprising New Looks at the Great Emancipator” in the December 13, 2007 *Washington Post*. An enlargement of an **Alexander Gardner** photograph of the cemetery dedication at Gettysburg is believed to include President Abraham Lincoln.

On January 17, the *Los Angeles Times* reported that a reader, browsing through the **Library of Congress'** online Civil War photographic collection, noticed three glass negatives that had been mislabeled as having been taken during the administration of President Ulysses S. Grant. **Carol Johnson**, Curator of Photography at the LOC compared the three negatives to two negatives the library had of Lincoln's Second Inaugural. A careful visual comparison confirmed that these were actually photographs of Abraham Lincoln's Second Inaugural on March 4, 1865.

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Lincoln-Douglas Debates, the seven debate communities, **Ottawa, Freeport, Jonesboro, Charleston, Galesburg, Quincy, and Alton**, in conjunction with the

Lincoln-Douglas Society and the Illinois-Douglas debates Sesquicentennial Committee, are offering a limited edition seven-coin set for \$100.00 pre-paid. (**Diane DeWitt**, 2975 W. Forrest Drive, Freeport, IL 61032).

Fred L. Reed III wrote “A Very Brady Bank Note” about the photograph that helped define America’s 16th president, not only in the \$5 bill, but in earlier currency including the \$100 United States Note from 1878.

The January-February 2008 *Illinois Heritage* continued the series of *Sculpting Lincoln* by **Carl Volkman** with **Robert Merrell Gage’s** *Lincoln the Student* at Lincoln College, Lincoln, IL, and **John McClarey’s** *Sitting with Lincoln*, located near the restored **Old State Capitol**, Vandalia, IL. Part 9, *Lincoln the Captain*, in Dixon, by **Leonard Crunelle** and **Augustus Saint-Gaudens’** *The Seated Lincoln* located in Grant Park, Chicago, were in the March/April *Illinois Heritage*.

An evening of music, song, and the spoken word, *An American Dream*, commemorating the 1908 race riot in Springfield and the 100th anniversary of the founding of the **National Association for the Advancement of Colored People**, was presented on February 13 at the **University of Illinois Springfield**.

Chris Vallillo produced his one-man show, *Abraham Lincoln in Song*, in CD. (P.O. Box 144, Macomb, IL 61455).

Artist **Wendy Allen** has created new works on Abraham Lincoln (www.lincolintoart.com).

The Secretary of the Treasury has selected a design for the **Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commemorative Coin** featuring a profile of Lincoln and a portion of the Gettysburg Address on the reverse. The coin will be unveiled later in 2008 and sold in 2009.

Sculptor Ed Hamilton is at work on a Lincoln statue and bas-relief panels that will be placed at **Waterfront Park**, Louisville, KY to honor Abraham Lincoln's Kentucky connections. Dedication is planned for April 2009.

Exhibits

The Lawrence Academy in Groton, MA, opened *The Lincoln Conspiracy* exhibit which included paintings and drawings concerning the people and events surrounding the assassination of Abraham Lincoln on January 31.

Lincoln and Idaho opened February 1 at the **Idaho State Historical Museum**. Former Idaho Attorney General, **David Leroy**, discussed Abraham Lincoln for **Tim Woodward** in "Museum Exhibit Explores Lincoln's Ties to Idaho" (*Lewiston Tribune*, February 3, 2008).

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library opened a new exhibit, *Packaging Presidents*, on February 5.

Lincoln portraits by **Alban Jasper Conant** and **Edward Dalton Marchant**, the property of **Southern Illinois University's Morris Library** in Carbondale, IL, are on temporary loan to the **Old State Capitol** in Springfield. **Wayne Temple** delivered remarks at their unveiling on February 7.

Lincoln's Legacy in North Dakota, an exhibit sponsored by the **State Historical Society of North Dakota**, opened on February 8 at the **North Dakota Heritage Center**, Bismarck.

The Lincoln Museum opened *Vote For Me: The Quest for the White House, 1788-2008* on March 29. Artist **Thomas J. Trimborn's** images were on exhibit at The Lincoln Museum store January 11-June 13.

Retired Judge **Norm Callan's** of collection *Lincoln for All Ages* was on exhibit at the **Blair County Historical Society's Baker Mansion**, Altoona, PA, from April 19 to May 24.

Seventy-two letters penned by Lincoln from **University of Rochester's** archives were scanned and posted online for **Presidents Day 2008** along with 215 letters sent to Lincoln.

Collections

Adriana Colindres reported, in the November 30, 2007 *State Journal-Register* (Springfield, IL), that the heat beneath the Earth's surface will power a new heating and cooling system at the **Lincoln Tomb State Historic Site in Oak Ridge Cemetery**. The project will cost \$282,000.

Josh Finchum discussed the 1860 ballot box in the **Collection of the Lincoln College Museum** for the *Lincoln Newsletter* (Winter 2007).

R.L. Nave, in the December 13-19, 2007 *Illinois Times*, discussed the **Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices** at Sixth and Adams, Springfield, IL, where Lincoln practiced law from 1843 until some time in the 1850s. The researchers now believe that the location of the building is in the wrong location. \$1 million dollars has been allocated by the State of Illinois to renovate the **Tinsley Dry Goods** and the **Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices** at 209 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL.

In 2000, **President Bill Clinton** designated the cottage at the soldiers and sailors home on the edge of Washington a National Monument. The property underwent a seven-year, \$15 million renovation led by the **National Trust for Historic Preservation**. Opening ceremonies took place on President's Day, with public tours starting the next day, February 19. Letters, photographs, and audio and visual elements will round out the cottage tour. www.lincolncottage.org. For a quarter of his presidency, Abraham Lincoln residing in this hilltop

cottage three miles north in Washington. He last visited the 34-room Gothic Revival “cottage” the day before his assassination.

The Grand Opening Ceremony for President Lincoln’s Cottage at the **Armed Forces Retirement Home** was held on February 19 with the **United States Marine Corps Quintet, Dr. Frank Milligan**, Director of the Cottage, **Richard Moe**, President of the National Historic Preservation, **Edna Greene Medford**, who presented “Freedom, Emancipation, and Abraham Lincoln,” and **Douglas Wilson**, who presented “Frederic Douglas and Abraham Lincoln.”

Lawrence Biemiller wrote about the restoration of **President Lincoln’s Cottage** on the grounds of the Armed Forces Retirement Home for the January 25 *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Edward Rothstein reviewed the restored **President Lincoln’s Cottage** at the **Soldiers’ Home** in his “Where Lincoln Sought Refuge in His Dark Hours,” for the February 14 *New York Times*.

The Postville, IL, **Courthouse State Historic Site** opened on February 9 with a presentation by **Guy Fraker**, Esquire.

American Forests Historic Tree Nursery Store (www.historictrees.org) has for sale trees related to the Civil War including Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant, Clara Barton, and Harriett Beatrice Stowe.

David Madden in his “Lincoln Books That Should Get Reprinted” published in the Winter **Civil War Book Review** included: *Conspiracy Trial of the Murder of the President* by **Ben Purley Poore**; *Lincoln’s Preparation for Greatness* by **Paul Simon**; *Lincoln in Text and Context* by **Don Fehrenbacher**; *Lincoln and the Patronage* by **Harry Carman** and **Reinhold Luthin**; *Intimate Memories of Lincoln* and *Lincoln Among His Friends* by **Rufus Rockwell Wilson**; *Lincoln on Leadership* by **Donald Phillips**; *A Republican Manual for the Campaign* by **Ichabod Coddington**; *Lincoln: A History* by **John Nicolay**; *A More Perfect*

Union by **Harold Hyman**; and *Congressman Abraham Lincoln* by **Wayne Riddle**.

Dave Caldwell wrote “At Gettysburg, Farther From the Battle But Closer to History” for the March 12 *New York Times* describing the move of the **Gettysburg National Military Park Visitor Center** to a new \$103 million dollar facility. The museum opened April 14.

Claiming to make the **Lincoln Collection** at **The Lincoln Museum**, Fort Wayne, IN, “more accessible and visible,” **Lincoln Financial Foundation** announced, on March 3, that the museum will close on June 30, 2009. In its press release, the Lincoln Foundation stated that it, “is proactively pursuing a solution that benefits historical education and scholarship and exposes the collection to the largest possible audience. Through invitation, the Lincoln Foundation hosted a national informational session with potential public partners to provide an understanding of the collection items and . . . discuss options for increasing this ability.” In the interim, the future of the museum’s award-winning periodical *Lincoln Lore* and the traditional annual **R. Gerald McMurtry Lecture** remain in doubt. All employees have been terminated effective June 30.

Lincoln Bicentennial

One Hundred and Fifty-Five Abraham Lincoln-related historical signs will be placed all over central Illinois as part of the Springfield-based *Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition* project. Each mini-exhibit will tell a story about a Lincoln event and each sign will bear its own unique medallion that can be rubbed on a piece of paper to prove you have been there. Springfield already has 46 of its own *Looking For Lincoln* signs.

On February 10, about 200 guests listened as actor **Craig Wallace** recited the Emancipation Proclamation at a **White House** reception hosted by **President & Mrs. George W. Bush**. Using Lincoln’s words

and writings, **Allen Guelzo** and actor **Avery Brooks** told a story of Lincoln's opposition to slavery.

The inaugural activities of the **Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission** in Louisville, KY on February 11 included a discussion of "Lincoln's Journey of Faith" by **Ronald C. White, Jr.**

Harold Holzer discussed "Lincoln and Farmington: An Enduring Friendship" at the **Farmington Historic Plantation** in Louisville, KY on February 11.

Robert McCoppin discussed the forthcoming bicentennial activities in "Looking for Lincoln" for the February 12 *Daily Herald*.

The ALBC and the **Kentucky Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission** presented *A Kentucky Salute to Abraham Lincoln* in Louisville, KY. **Bob Edwards** – the former host of **National Public Radios Morning Edition** - led the program. Composer **Peter Schickele** performed, with the **Louisville Orchestra**, the world premiere of his *Lincoln at Ease*. The Orchestra collaborated with guest soprano **Angela Brown** and tenor **Daniel Weeks**. **Harold Holzer** and **Sam Waterston** narrated *Lincoln Seen and Heard*.

Earlier in the day, **Frank J. Williams** served as **Master of Ceremonies** at the *Lincoln on Leadership* symposium with **Doris Kearns Goodwin**, **Gerald L. Smith**, and **Thomas Mackey**.

In September 2008, a 60-foot flat boat carrying ambassadors from **Spencer County**, IN, will leave **Rockport** for a twenty-six-day trip down the **Ohio** and **Mississippi Rivers**. The journey called *Lincoln's Journey of Remembrance* is one of southern Indiana's events marking the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth. The trip will commemorate Lincoln's earlier flat boat trip in April 1828 from **Southern Indiana** to **New Orleans**.

The **2008 Official Visitor's Guide of Kentucky** has the Lincoln bicentennial as its theme with vignettes of all Lincoln-related sites in the commonwealth. www.kentuckytourism.com.

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History (www.gilderlehrman.org) has produced (Abraham Lincoln - People, Places, Politics: History in a Box). The package includes a Lincoln resource book which also comes in CD-ROM containing fourteen narrated Civil War letters from the Gilder Lehrman Collection, over sixty Civil War photographs from the collection and twelve Civil War songs, a DVD of historians on the records with **Richard J. Carwardine, Douglas L. Wilson, Harold Holzer, James M. McPherson, Allen C. Guelzo, Ronald C. White, Jr., R.J.M. Blackett, and David W. Blight.**

Awards and Prizes

The International Lincoln Center at LSU-Shreveport has presented the **2006 Lincoln Artist Award** to sculptor **Jasu Shilpi of India**. The Center also presented the **2006 Abraham Lincoln Book Award** to **Roh Moo-Hyun, President of the Republic of Korea** for *Encounters With Lincoln*.

Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich announced on January 28 that historian **David Herbert Donald** is one of six 2008 laureates of **The Lincoln Academy of Illinois**.

Gabor Boritt, author of *The Gettysburg Gospel: The Lincoln Speech That Nobody Knows*, received **The Lincoln Group of New York Award of Achievement** on February 6.

President George W. Bush presented **Ford's Theatre Lincoln Medals** to former **Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor** and **Dr. Benjamin Carson, Sr., Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery** at the **Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions** as two who exemplify Lincoln's ideals of service and equality at a **White House** reception on February 10.

Winners of the **2008 Lincoln Prize** are **James Oakes** for his *the Radical and the Republican: Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln, and the Triumph of Antislavery Politics* and **Elizabeth Brown Pryor** for *Reading the Man: A Portrait of Robert E. Lee through His Private Letters*.

Daniel Walker Howe, professor emeritus at the **University of California**, Los Angeles, has won the **Thirdrd Annual New-York Historical Society American History Book Prize** for *What Hath God Wrought: The Transformation of America, 1815-1848* (**Oxford University**). The award carries a \$50,000 prize and was presented to Dr. Howe on April 4.

Auctions

The October 15, 2007, **Swann** auction of 19th & 20th century photographs included six cartes de visite by **Alexander Gardner** of Lincoln conspirators – **Lewis Payne, Edmond Spangler, Michael O’Loughlin, George A. Azteratt** [sic], **Samuel Arnold**, along with a portrait of John H. Surratt in a zouave uniform. They sold for \$7,500.

On January 17, auctioneers **R.M. Smythe & Co. Inc.** held a live Winter autograph auction featuring the collection of **Steven Lee Carson**, the results of fifty years of collecting. A letter written by Abraham Lincoln asking Secretary of War Edwin Stanton to approve the resignation of a cavalry captain at the request of the officer’s wife was sold at the auction for \$14,500.

Books and Pamphlets

Richard Norton Smith’s *Abraham Lincoln and the Triumph of Politics* which he delivered as the **46th Annual Fortenbaugh Memorial Lecture** at **Gettysburg College** on November 19, 2007 has been published by the College.

President Lincoln: The Duty of a Statesman by **William Lee Miller** has been published by **Alfred A. Knopf**.

The House of Abraham Lincoln and the Todd: A Family Divided By War by **Stephen Berry** has been published **Houghton Mifflin**.

Julie M. Fenster is the author of *The Case of Abraham Lincoln: A Story of Adultery, Murder and the Making of a Great President* (**Palgrave MacMillan**).

Spiritualist **Susan B. Martinez** has authored *The Psychic Life of Abraham Lincoln* (**New Page Books**).

Paul Zall's *Abe Lincoln Laughing* has been published by the **University of Tennessee Press** in a new edition as *Lincoln's Legacy of Laughter*.

Simon & Schuster has published **Gabor Boritt's** *The Gettysburg Gospel: The Lincoln Speech that Nobody Knows* for its "Lincoln Library."

Wayne C. Temple has authored *Lincoln's Travels on the River Queen During the Last Days of His Life* (**Mayhaven Publishing**).

Southern Illinois University Press has published *Lincoln's America: 1809-1865*, edited by **Joseph R. Forni** and **Sara Vaughn Gabbard**.

Sterling Publishing has produced *Abraham Lincoln, The Illustrated Edition: The Prairie Years and the War Years* by **Carl Sandburg**.

Don McCue is the editor of a new book featuring the collection of the *Lincoln Memorial Shrine* (125 W. Vine Street, Redlands, CA 92373).

SIUP has published **Ferenc Morton Szasz's** *Abraham Lincoln and Robert Burns: Combined Lives and Legends*; republished **Benjamin P. Thomas's** classic *Abraham Lincoln: A Biography* and published **Howard C. Westwood's** *Black Troops, White Commanders, and Freedmen During the Civil War*.

The Lincoln-Douglas Society, Freeport, IL has published the inaugural Richard F. Sokup Lecture, *Abraham Lincoln on Civil Liberties in Wartime* by **Frank J. Williams** (2236 Chelsea Avenue, Freeport, IL 61032).

The four volumes of *The Papers of Abraham Lincoln: Legal Documents and Cases* have been published by the **University of Illinois Press**.

Harvard University Press has published **Brian McGinty's** *Lincoln and the Court* and **George M. Fredrickson's** *Big Enough to be Inconsistent: Abraham Lincoln Confronts Slavery and Race*.

Lewis E. Lehrman has written *Lincoln at Peoria: The Turning Point*. www.LincolnAtPeoria.com.

Hank H. Cox is the author of *Lincoln and the Sioux Uprising of 1862* (**Cumberland House Publishing, Inc.**).

Mr. Lincoln's Wars by **Adam Braver** was the book buyer's pick during February for **Costco** (www.costcoconnection.com).

Roy Morris, Jr. is the author of *The Long Pursuit: Abraham Lincoln's Thirty-Year Struggle with Stephen Douglas for the Heart and Soul of America* (**HarperCollins**).

Wade Hall authored the pamphlet *Abraham Lincoln of Kentucky: An Interview With the President* for the **Kentucky Humanities Council** (206 E. Maxwell, Lexington 40508). The interview is based on

historical material with Lincoln's words but the interview itself and the interviewer are fictional.

Dan Guillory is the author of *The Lincoln Poems* (**Mayhaven Publishing**).

Andrew Jampoler's *Flight from the Gallows*, about the escape of John Surratt, has been published by **The Naval Institute Press**.

John A. Corry is the author of *The First Lincoln/Douglas Debates, October 1854* (**Elibris**).

Douglas and Lincoln: How a Revolutionary Black Leader and a Reluctant Liberator Struggled to End Slavery and Save the Union by **Paul Kendrick** and **Stephen Kendrick** has been published by **Walker & Company**.

Phillip E. Myers is the author of *The American Civil War in British-American Relations* (**Kent State University Press**).

Books of Related Interests

Deak Nabers wrote *Victory of Law: The Fourteenth Amendment, The Civil War, and American Literature, 1852-1867* (**Johns Hopkins**).

Bruce Dinges and **Shirley Leckie** are the editors of *A Just and Righteous Cause: Benjamin H. Grierson's Civil War Memoir* (**SIUP**).

Thomas D. Mays wrote *Cumberland Blood: Champ Ferguson's Civil War* (**SIUP**).

John Y. Simon edited *Debating the Civil War: North & South Series* (**SIUP**).

Phillip Thomas Tucker is the author of *God Help the Irish! The History of the Irish Brigade* (**McWhiney Foundation Press**).

Richard P. McCaslin is the editor of the latest *Portraits of Conflict: A Photographic History of Tennessee in the Civil War* (**University Press of Arkansas**).

H. Donald Winkler has authored *Civil War Goats and Scapegoats* for **Cumberland House Publishing**.

Glen N. Wiche has edited *Dispatches from Bermuda: The Civil War Letters of Charles Maxwell Allen, The U.S. Consul in Bermuda from 1861-1888*, (**Kent State University Press**).

Periodicals

Stephan Lay wrote “Abraham Lincoln Monument in La Jolla, California” for the 2007 *Lincolnator* (a publication of the **Louisiana Lincoln Group**).

John Lockwood wrote about **Royal Cortissoz’s** *The New York Herald Tribune’s Art Critic from 1891 to 1944* in the December 15, 2007 *Washington Times*. Cortissoz wrote the tribute to Lincoln above his monument in the **Lincoln Memorial**.

Paul N. Herbert wrote “Lincoln’s Odd Ways with Finances” for the December 22, 2007 *Washington Times*.

Paul E. Gleason’s “Abraham Lincoln and His Agricultural Family” appeared in the Winter 2007 *Lincoln Newsletter* (a publication of the **Lincoln College Museum**).

In the January 2008 *America’s Civil War*, **Tom Wheeler** and **Trevor K. Plante** discussed a newly discovered letter by Abraham Lincoln urging General Halleck to urge General George Meade to deliver the coup de grace to Lee’s Army of Northern Virginia following Gettysburg (“Lincoln’s Fleeting Hope for an Early End to the War”).

Diane Cole wrote “Abraham Lincoln Wows New York with Cooper Union Speech” for the January 18 *U.S. News & World Report*.

William F. Moore wrote “Lincoln’s Warning” about his concerns relating to President James A. Polk’s war powers was in the January-February 2008 *Illinois Heritage*.

The *Lexington Herald-Leader* featured Lincoln and the three states that claim him as their own in the February 3 edition.

To **Allen C. Guelzo**, author of *Lincoln and Douglas: The Debates That Defined America*, Abraham Lincoln lost the election of 1858 on a technicality but not the debates. In “Lincoln-Douglas: The Real Thing” that appeared in the February 3 *Washington Post*, Guelzo states that, “Douglas was more tempted to win points with rhetoric, while Lincoln poured his energies into reasoning his way through the slavery issue.” Today’s debates “have more in common with a game show, MC’d by grimacing journalists playing ‘Wheel of Gotcha.’”

“Lincoln at 199” by **Frank J. Williams** appeared in the February/March *Civil War News*.

David Madden has written “Rediscovering Civil War Classics: Lincoln Books That Should Get Reprinted” for the Winter 2008 *Civil War Book Review*.

Amanda Robert discussed Abraham Lincoln’s three home states in “On Lincoln’s Trail” for the February 7-13 *Illinois Times*.

Carol Johnson wrote “The Life of Lincoln” for the February 11 issue of *The Times-Mail* (Bedford, IN).

Lev Grossman wrote “The Lincoln Compulsion” about the shelf of new books demonstrating why Lincoln remains “addictive” for the February 11 *Time*.

The February 11 *Los Angeles Times* discussed the efforts of the Lincoln Legal project and particulars, **John A. Lupton**, in searching all known documents to and from Lincoln – 11,000 Lincoln documents and 28,000 documents addressed to him in the last seven years alone.

Judge Henry DuPont Ridgely surveyed Lincoln activities and “Lincoln’s Bicentennial Coming Up” for the February 12 *Delaware Voice*.

The *Westerly Sun* on February 17, featured ““A Good, Honest Man”” – a full page about Lincoln as described by his contemporaries from Rhode Island. **Rona Mann** wrote about Abraham Lincoln’s visit to Rhode Island in 1860 following his Cooper Union address.

H. LeRoy Jackson wrote “Concerning the Financial Affairs of Abraham Lincoln, Esquire” for the February *Connecticut Lawyer*.

James A. Percoco’s “Saint-Gaudens’s Style: Larger than Life” was in the February *Cobblestone*.

The *Galesburg, IL Register-Mail* reported **U.S. Senator Dick Durbin’s** visit to Galesburg on February 18 to announce federal funding of \$490,000 for the “Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition” representing twenty-four central Illinois counties which are participating in the program to honor Abraham Lincoln.

Guy Fraker wrote “Abraham Lincoln in Macon County” for the March/April *Illinois Heritage*.

Reviews

Michael Knox Beran, *Forge of Empires 1861-1871: Three Revolutionary Statesmen and the World They Made*, rev. by **Claude R. Marx**, *Washington Times* (January 6, 2008).

Orville Vernon Burton, *The Age of Lincoln*, rev. by **Matthew J. Gallman**, *Civil War Book Review* (Winter 2008); rev. by **Joel H. Silbey**, *Journal of Illinois History* (Autumn 2007).

Hank H. Cox, *Lincoln and the Sioux Uprising of 1862*, rev. by **Ted Alexander**, *Civil War News* (February/March 2008).

Thomas J. Craughwell, *Stealing Lincoln's Body*, rev. by **Kenneth Winkle**, *Civil War Book Review* (Winter 2008).

Jason Emerson, *The Madness of Mary Lincoln*, rev. by **Jennifer Bach**, *Journal of Illinois History* (Autumn 2007).

Allen Guelzo, *Lincoln and Douglas: The Debates that Defined America*, rev. by **Newt Gingrich**, *Wall Street Journal* (February 14, 2008); rev. by **William Grimes**, *The New York Times* (February 20); rev. by **Michael F. Bishop**, *Washington Post* (February 17).

William C. Harris, *Lincoln's Rise to the Presidency*, rev. by **David C. Wells**, *The Lincolnator* (Volume 13, 2007).

Harold Holzer, Editor, *Lincoln's White House Secretary: The Adventurous Life of William O. Stoddard*, rev. by **Martin P. Johnson**, *Journal of Illinois History* (Autumn 2007).

Brian McGinty, *Lincoln and the Court*, rev. by **Charles Lane**, *Washington Post*, (February 17, 2008).

William Lee Miller, *President Lincoln: The Duty of a Statesman*, rev. by **Mark Dunkleman**, *Providence Sunday Journal* (February 17, 2008); rev by **Michael F. Bishop**, *Washington Post* (February 17, 2008).

Mark A. Noll, *The Civil War as a Theological Crisis*, rev. by **Peter A. Huff**, *Civil War Book Review* (Winter 2008).

Mark E. Steiner, *An Honest Calling: The Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln*, rev. by **Maxwell Bloomfield**, *The Journal of Southern History* (February 2008).

John C. Waugh, *One Man Great Enough: Abraham Lincoln's Road to Civil War*, rev. by **James A. Percoco**, (*Civil War News* (February/March 2008).

People

Lincoln photographer **Dave Wieggers** was the subject of **Patrick T. Reardon's** "The Lincolns We Don't Know" in the February 14 *Chicago Tribune*. Wieggers has traveled more than 20,000 miles, including Hawaii, to photograph every statue of Abraham Lincoln. He has photographed nearly 200 life-size or larger-than-life-size statues of Abraham Lincoln.

Ken Williams is President of Africa's new **Lincoln Forum Nigeria**.

Lincoln in Popular Culture

In the January 18, Springfield, IL, *State Journal Register*, **Phil Wagner** attempts to compare **U.S. Senator Barack Obama's** political experience as a first-time candidate with Abraham Lincoln.

1. Lincoln was in the Illinois House of Representatives for eight years.
Obama was in the Illinois State Senate for eight years;
2. Lincoln was in the U.S. Congress for two years.
Obama has been in the U.S. Senate for three years;
3. Lincoln was against the war with Mexico.
Obama is against the war in Iraq;

4. Lincoln was an attorney.
Obama is a constitutional attorney.

Fawzia Mahmood wrote about the billboards in the Cyrillic Alphabet in the January 31, *College Hill Independent* as part of the Serbian ministry of Kosovo's enterprising "Kosovo is Serbia!" campaign. One includes a bust of Abraham Lincoln with the quotation, "In most important things we cannot and must not give in!" – Kosovo is Serbia!"

Harold Holzer's op-ed for the February 3 *Louisville Courier Journal* discussed Abraham Lincoln's connections with Kentucky.

Paul Greenberg's editorial "Abraham Lincoln in our Dreams" appeared in the February 12 Ft. Worth *Star-Telegram*. The author discussed Abraham Lincoln as one of our national heroes believing that, "Even among the trivializers, there is an almost sacred respect for the enduring man whom they exploit." Greenberg's editorial originally appeared in the February 12 *Arkansas Democrat Gazette*.

The op-ed piece "The Real American Hero: What Abraham Lincoln Teaches Us" by **Frank J. Williams** appeared in the February 15 *Warwick (RI) Beacon* and in the February 18 *Westerly Sun*. Lincoln taught us to distinguish between the essential and the peripheral, that willpower was crucial and that a leader needs pertinacity. The fourth lesson that Lincoln taught us is the ability to communicate and the last lesson is magnanimity. It also appeared in the *Newport Daily News* on February 12.

Mark M. Smith discussed Abraham Lincoln as one of America's most iconographic presidents in "The Touch of An Uncommon Man" for the February 22 *Chronicle Review*. To the author, his frontier-rough-and-readiness in masculine democratic traits were deeply implicated in "Lincoln's Touch."

Harold Holzer's op-ed regarding the closure of **The Lincoln Museum**, Fort Wayne, IN, appeared in the *Fort Wayne Journal Gazette* on March 9. Holzer bemoaned the closing and indicated that if there were not some accommodation to keep the museum open or come up with a plan then "What has been described as a shut down will in reality be an assassination."

Passings

Robert V. Bruce, Professor Emeritus at Boston University and author of *Lincoln and the Tools of War*, died from pneumonia on January 15 in Olympia, WA. Professor Bruce served for several years as **President of the Lincoln Group of Boston** and was awarded the **Pulitzer Prize** for history for *The Launching of Modern American Science*. He also served as a member of the **Board of Advisers of The Lincoln Forum**.

Assassination

"The Mummy, The Autopsy, and the Rest of the Story" by **Blaine V. Houmes** was in the March **Surratt Courier**.

Works in Progress

James McPherson's *Tried By War: Abraham Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief* will be published in Fall 2008.

Craig Symonds *Lincoln and His Admirals* is due September 5 (**Oxford University Press**).

Ronald C. White Jr's *A. Lincoln: A Biography* will be published by **Random House** in January 2009.

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