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The Spoken Word and Group Activities

James Tackach delivered a paper entitled “Abraham Lincoln: Clergyman President” on June 4, 2007 at the **Roger Williams University Conference on Church/State Relations**, in Bristol, RI.

A lecture series in conjunction with the exhibit “Forever Free” (August 23-October 5, 2007) at the **Illinois State University Milner Library**, Bloomington, IL, included presentations by **Guy C. Fraker** (“The Emancipation Proclamation: Fatal Blow to Slavery Struck by a Central Illinois Lawyer”), **Mark A. Plummer** (“Emancipation Defended: Lincoln’s Letter in the Springfield Rally, September 3, 1863”), **Doris Kearns Goodwin** (“Leadership Lessons From Abraham Lincoln”), **Roger D. Bridges** (“African American Responses to Emancipation and the Emancipation Proclamation”), and **Timothy Connors** and **George Buss** (“A Discussion With President Lincoln and Judge Douglas”).

On September 18, 2007, **Edgar Farr Russell, III**, discussed how Lincoln has been portrayed on stage, film, radio and television, “Abraham Lincoln, Superstar,” at **The Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia**.

Thomas R. Turner and his daughter, **Jennifer Turner**, a Ph.D. candidate in history, spoke about their electronic research in “Lincoln and the Forefathers Monument in Plymouth, MA: Researching Lincoln in the Electronic Age” at the September 22, 2007 meeting of **The Lincoln Group of Boston**.

The 22nd Annual Lincoln Colloquium, sponsored by the **Indiana Historical Society**, **The Lincoln Home National Historic Site**, Springfield, IL, **The Lincoln Study Center at Knox College**, **The Lincoln Museum**, Fort Wayne, and the **Chicago History Museum** was held on September 28 and 29, 2007 with presentations by **Richard Carwardine** (“Lincoln, The White House and the Press During the Civil War;” and “Lincoln, God, and the Civil War”); **Tom Wheeler** (“Mr. Lincoln’s T-Mail”); and **Frank J. Williams** (“Lincoln and Civil Liberties”).

Richard Norton Smith, former Director of the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum** in Springfield, IL, spoke at **Elmhurst College** on September 30, 2007, “Giving Politics a Good Name: Abraham Lincoln and the Permanent Campaign.”

The University of Illinois at Springfield 2007 **Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series**, in honor of the late **Phillip Shaw Paludan**, was held on October 4, 2007, in Springfield, IL with presentations by **Mark E. Steiner** (“‘The Sober Judgment of Courts’: Lincoln, Lawyers, and the Rule of Law”) and **Brian R. Dirck** (“Abraham Lincoln: The Lawyer in the White House”).

David Broder, of *The Washington Post*, presented “Where Have All The Leaders Gone? An Examination of Today’s Leaders in Comparison to the Leadership of Abraham Lincoln” on October 18, 2007, at the **Conference on Illinois History** in Springfield, IL. **Jason Emerson** presented, “The Madness of Mary Lincoln” on October 19, at this conference, along with “Eye-to-Eye Witness: Visual Encounter and the Memory of Abraham Lincoln, 1865-1938” by **Keith A Erekson** and “Abraham Lincoln in Juvenile Fiction: History and Trends” by **Virginia Witucke**.

Ulysses S. Grant biographer **William S. McFeely** presented the **Fourth Annual Robert C. Baron Lecture**, “Taking a Look at Grant Twenty-Five Years Later,” at the **American Antiquarian Society**, Worcester, MA, on October 18, 2007.

Arthur T. Downey conducted a one-day seminar at the **Smithsonian Institution** on October 20, 2007, *The Civil War: Law and the Lawyers*.

The Lincoln Memorial Shrine, Redlands, CA, conducted *The Many Facets of Abraham Lincoln: A Special Symposium* on October 20, 2007, with presentations by **Charles Strozier** and **Jean Baker** (“Lincoln the Man”), **Douglas L. Wilson**, **Ron Rietveld**, and **Ronald C. White** (“Lincoln’s Intellectual Foundation”), **James McPherson** and **David Long** (“Lincoln: Commander in Chief and Master Politician”), and **Frank J. Williams** and **Edna Green Medford** (“Lincoln the Great Emancipator”). A panel discussion was held with all of the presenters on October 21.

Chief Justice Frank J. Williams delivered the **Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson Lecture**, “Abraham Lincoln and Judicial Independence” at the **National Judicial College** in Reno, NV, on October 22, 2007.

On October 23, 2007 **Chuck Wills** presented “Lincoln: The Presidential Archives” at **The Lincoln Museum**, Fort Wayne, and **Julie M. Fenster** delivered “The Case of Abraham Lincoln: A Story of Adultery, Murder, and the Making of a Great President” at the Museum on November 7.

Frank J. Williams presented *Abraham Lincoln in Wartime* for the **Military Historical Society of Massachusetts** in Providence, RI on October 27, 2007.

A book discussion of **James J. Craughwell’s** *Stealing Lincoln’s Body* took place at **The Lincoln Club of Topeka** on November 1, 2007.

Douglas L. Wilson and **Harold Holzer** discussed “The Power of Lincoln’s Words” at **The New-York Historical Society** on November 5, 2007.

Gabor Boritt presented “Lincoln at Gettysburg” at the **Civil War Round Table** (Chicago) on November 9, 2007. **John Y. Simon** presented “Could the South Have Won the Civil War?” at the November 9, 2007 meeting.

Mark Turner presented “Lincoln as a Modern Leader” at **The Lincoln Club of Delaware** on November 18, 2007. **James L. Swanson** was the speaker at the annual dinner of **The Lincoln Club of Delaware** on February 14.

Secretary of the Interior **Dirk Kempthorne** and Novelist **Jeff Shaara** were the speakers at **The Soldiers’ National Monument** on November 19, 2007 in Gettysburg, PA.

U.S. Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission Executive Director Eileen Mackevich spoke at the annual meeting of the **Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania** in Gettysburg on November 19, 2007.

The Robert Fortenbaugh Memorial Lecture was delivered by **Richard Norton Smith**, “Abraham Lincoln and the Triumph of Politics” on November 19, 2007 at **Gettysburg College**.

Julie Fenster, author of *The Case of Abraham Lincoln: A Story of Adultery, Murder, and the making of a Great President*, spoke at **Hildene** on November 24, 2007.

Jason Emerson discussed his *The Madness of Mary Lincoln* at **The Lincoln Group of New York** on November 27, 2007.

The National League of American Pen Women presented a prelude celebration of the Abraham Lincoln bicentennial with **Jean H. Baker** and actress **Mary Margaret Buss** on January 19 at the **Pen Arts Building**, Washington.

The National Opening Ceremonies of The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial were held on February 11 and 12 in Louisville and Hodgenville, KY. In Louisville, on February 11, these events occurred: a Lincoln Symposium featuring **Doris Kearns Goodwin** and **Richard Goodwin**, a concert and program, *A Kentucky Salute to Abraham Lincoln*, a performance by actor **Sam Waterston** and **Harold Holzer**, of their program, *Lincoln Seen and Heard*, and the world premiere of **Peter Schickele's** *Lincoln at Ease*. On February 12, at the **Abraham Lincoln Birthplace National Historic Site** in Hodgenville, **Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne** and **First Lady Laura Bush** initiated the Lincoln bicentennial year.

Lincoln-Douglas Debate re-enactments are scheduled for 2008 to mark the sesquicentennial of the debates. They are as follows: June 16, Springfield; July 29, Bement; August 22-24, Ottawa; August 29-September 1, Freeport; September 12-14, Jonesboro; September 19-21, Charleston; October 3-5, Galesburg; October 11-14, Quincy; October 17-19, Alton; TBA, Chicago Historical Society. For more information, call **Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition**, 217-782-6817.

The Abraham Lincoln Association Symposium on February 11-12, 2008 featured **Allen C. Guelzo** answering "Who Won the Lincoln Douglas Debates?" Other presenters included **Jean H. Baker** ("Finding Abe: the Elusive Mr. Lincoln"), **Mark E. Neely, Jr.** ("A Life in Politics: Lincoln and the American Party Systems"), **Douglas L. Wilson** ("Lincoln's Rhetoric"), **Brian R. Dirck** ("Abraham Lincoln's Ethic of Distance"), **Brooks D. Simpson** ("Abraham Lincoln: Commander-in-Chief"), and **Michael Vorenberg** ("Lincoln the Citizen—Or Lincoln the Anti-Citizen?"). **Michael Beschloss** addressed the Association at its banquet on February 12, 2008.

Joseph Fornieri will present the 2008 **R. Gerald McMurtry Lecture** at **The Lincoln Museum**, Fort Wayne, IN on "Lincoln and Patriotism."

Matthew Pinsker was the speaker at the **76th Annual Watchorn Lincoln Dinner** at the **University of Redlands** on February 12.

Hildene's Sixth Symposium, *Why It Matters: The Nine Most Important Elections in American History* will be held May 28, 29, and 30 with presentations by **Dona Brown, Kathleen Dalton, Susan Dunn, Daniel Feller, Michael Holt, Harold Holzer, Greg Mitchell, Mark Stoler**, and **Frank Williams**.

International Legacy

Paul R. Wylie has authored *The Irish General: Thomas Francis Meager* (**University of Oklahoma Press**) dealing with the Irish revolutionary the British at one time exiled to Tasmania, but who escaped to the United States where he rose to become the Union General in charge of the Irish Brigade, and finally the Governor of Montana territory.

Michael Munk has authored *The Portland Red Guide: Sites and Stories of Our Radical Past* (**Ooligan Press**) dealing in part with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade during the Spanish Civil War.

Anton Foek's, "Dixie Tradition Kept Alive in Brazil Enclave," appeared in the October 2, 2007, issue of *The Washington Times*.

Gabor Boritt (**Gettysburg College**) **Uwe Luebken** (**German Historical Institute**) and **Jorg Nagler** (**Friedrich Schiller University, Jena**) organized the conference, "A Humanitarian as Broad as the World: Abraham Lincoln's Legacy in International Context" on October 4-6, 2007, at the **German Historical Institute** in Washington, DC. Presentations included **Hans L. Trefousse** ("Lincoln and Germany"); **Bettina Hofmann** ("The Lincoln Image and the German Labor Movement"); **Jaques Portes** ("French Opinion on Lincoln"); **Hasan Al Zayed** ("Lincoln and Asia"); **Prafula Kor** ("Lincoln and Gandi and the Politics of Compassion"); **Amrit Tendon** ("Lincoln's Ideological Influence on Jawaharlal Nehru"); **A.B. Assensoh** ("Abraham Lincoln's

Impact on Africa”); **Yvette M. Alex-Assensoh** (“Abraham Lincoln and His Legal Expertise”); **Thomas D. Matijasic** (“Lincoln, Democracy, and the Founders of Czechoslovakia”); **Tanis Lovercheck-Saunders** (“Russian Images of Lincoln”); **William D. Pederson**, (“Lincoln’s Legacy in Mexico, the Caribbean and Central America”); and **Patricia Moral** (“Lincoln Schools in Argentina”).

Michael Knox Beran’s “How Lincoln Saved the World,” appeared in the **Manhattan Institute**’s *City Journal* on October 23, 2007.

The International Lincoln Center presented its **2007 Award to Qatar Airways** on October 23 for a Summer ad campaign promoting its new routes to Mumbai, India, and Washington, DC. The ads depict Lincoln reclining in a posh Qatar passenger seat. The award was presented to **Eric Pechstein**, Vice President for **North American Operations of Qatar Airways** in a ceremony at **The Lincoln Memorial**.

The Washington Post, on October 29, 2007, featured a photo of **President Bush** and **Uganda’s Yoweri Museveni** in the **Oval Office** with a bust of Lincoln in the background. An even clearer photo op occurred on November 6 when the *Washington Times* captured a meeting between **President Bush** and **Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan** in the Oval Office. A close up of the same meeting with the Lincoln bust separating the two appeared in the November 6 *Washington Post*. Similar photo ops were used with **Mahmond Abbas**, the Palestinian Authority President, and President Bush in the November 27 *New York Times*; and President Bush and **Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert** in the November 27 *Washington Times*.

George Feifer’s *Breaking Open Japan: Commodore Perry, Lord Abe, and American Imperialism in 1853* (**Smithsonian/Collins**) presents **Abe Masahiro** as the Japanese Abraham Lincoln. Lord Abe was the chief senior councilor to the Tokugawa family.

Antigua and Barbuda has issued a strip of four two-dollar stamps featuring **Abraham Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony, Harriett Tubman** and the **Dalai Lama** (S2909a-d).

The Democratic Republic of Congo has issued a block of four stamps honoring George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy, as well as a souvenir sheet with the Lincoln stamp.

Sao Tomé and Príncipe has issued a souvenir sheet honoring Abraham Lincoln.

Gambia has issued three sheets of 15 stamps honoring America's First Ladies. Sheet two depicts a portrait of Mary Todd Lincoln. The series is available from the **Inter-Governmental Philatelic Corporation** in New York.

Jacob G. Hornberger's, "Musharraf, Lincoln, and Bush" appeared in **Todd Hartley's** *PHX news.com* on November 6, 2007.

CBS/AP News foreign correspondent **Sheila MacVicar**, on November 6, 2007, reported on **Gen. Pervez Musharraf's** State of Emergency in which he quoted Abraham Lincoln to justify it. <http://ww.cbsnews.com/stories/2007/11/04world>.

Guatemala's new president, **Alvaro Colom**, was described "with gaunt, Lincolnesque features," in the November 6, 2007, issue of *The Washington Times*.

The International Lincoln Center organized a symposium on Lincoln's legacy in South America on November 19-20, 2007. It was chaired by **Archie P. McDonald (Stephen F. Austin State University)**. Presentations included "Lincoln Schools in South America" by **Patricia Moral**; "Lincoln's Legacy in South America" by **William D. Pederson**; "Abraham Lincoln's Legacy in Venezuela" by **Sam Schoenburg**; "Inter-American Politics and the Civil War: Lincoln's State of the Union

Addresses” by **Norman W. Proviser**; and “Africans in South America,” by **A.B. Assensoh**. **H. Michael Tarver (Arkansas Tech University)** served as the discussant. The Center also organized a tour of the private and public schools named after Lincoln in Lima, as well as a park, neighborhood association, and several streets.

Michael Knox Beran has authored *Forge of Empires, 1861-1871: Three Revolutionary Statesmen and the World They Made (Free Press)* which covers the lives of Abraham Lincoln, Otto von Bismarck, and Czar Alexander II. It was reviewed by **William A. Hay** in the December 6, 2007, issue of *The Wall Street Journal*.

William D. Pederson (International Lincoln Center) presented “Lincoln and Gandhi: Construction of National Identities and Conceptualization of Land/Territory in Decolonization” at the **Forum on Contemporary Theory** held in Goa, India on December 16-19, 2007.

The New York Times reported that in its campaign against **Kosovo’s** drive for independence, Serbia used billboards in Belgrade showing Lincoln and other political leaders, with carefully chosen quotations above the phrase, “Kosovo is Serbia.”

Arts

Our American Cousin, a new opera by **Eric Sawyer** and **John Shoptaw**, had its concert premiere on March 31, 2007, in Buckley Recital Hall, **Amherst College**.

Sally Field has agreed to play Mary Todd in the forthcoming **Steven Spielberg** movie about Abraham Lincoln based on the biography by **Doris Kearns Goodwin**. **Liam Neeson** will portray Abraham Lincoln.

Leonard Volk, who became famous by making casts of Lincoln’s face and hands on March 31, 1860, was the subject of **James A.**

Percoco's "Sculptor's Lasting Fame Rests on Lincoln Life Mask" in the August 4, 2007 *Washington Times*.

The Associated Press ran an article on September 25, 2007, about the meeting of **The Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee's** meeting on September 25 to review designs for the "tails" side of the penny that will be minted during 2009 to celebrate the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birth.

The Last of Mrs. Lincoln by **James Prideaux** was presented at the **Union Theatre, The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum**, October 19-21, 2007.

Naomi Pfefferman, of the *Jewish Journal*, interviewed playwright **Tony Kushner** on October 27, 2007 about his screenplay of **Stephen Spielberg's** forthcoming biopic on Abraham Lincoln.

On October 27, 2007, in the Westchester, NY, *Journal News*, **Dwight R. Worley** wrote about the unveiling of a new Lincoln statue by sculptor **Richard Masloski** in Peekskill, NY. Former Governor **George Pataki** participated in the unveiling at the **Lincoln Depot Museum** where Lincoln stopped to address the City on the way to his inauguration on February 19, 1861. **Harold Holzer** was the keynote speaker.

Ann Strassman's portraits were on exhibit at the **Kidder Smith Gallery**, New York, October 31-December 1, 2007. Her work includes a 71 by 68 ½ inch Abraham Lincoln – acrylic and mixed media on cardboard.

USA Today reported, in the November 16-18, 2007 edition, that **John Richter** of Hanover, PA, was able to identify Abraham Lincoln in the crowd at Gettysburg on November 19, 1863. The photograph, in the **Library of Congress** is a stereoview – an early form of 3-D photography. Lincoln is shown saluting soldiers on the way to the dais before delivering his Gettysburg declaration. **Bob Zeller** and Richter

presented the photograph and close-ups at a 3-D presentation to **The Lincoln Forum** on November 17.

Sculpting Lincoln, Part 7, by **Carl Volkman**, featured *Lincoln the Friendly Neighbor* by **Avard Fairbanks**, located at the Lincoln Middle School, Berwyn, IL, and *Lincoln the Lawyer* by **Boris Lovet-Lorski** at the Macon County Building, Decatur, IL, in the November-December *Illinois Heritage*.

John Lockwood wrote about **Royal Cortissoz** in “Legacy of writer carved in stone on Lincoln Memorial” for the December 15, 2007 *Washington Times*. **Cortissoz**, the *New York Herald Tribune*’s art critic from 1891-1944, composed:

In this temple
As in the hearts of the people
For whom he saved the Union
The memory of Abraham Lincoln
Is enshrined forever

The film *National Treasure: Book of Secrets* opened on December 21, 2007, and featured a Lincoln theme in which Confederate sympathizer Mitch Wilkinson (played by **Ed Harris**), accuses Franklin Gates, the movie’s protagonist, that a Gates ancestor collaborated with Abraham Lincoln’s assassin, John Wilkes Booth. Booth just happens to shoot Lincoln on the same night that he and a co-conspirator pressured Thomas Gates into translating a diary page that disclosed the location of “Cibola,” the fabled lost city of gold. To clear the Gates family name, the Gates family must prove the existence of Cibola by finding the long-dispersed fragments of a map, one of which is hidden in a compendium of secrets handed down from president to president.

Harold Holzer described Abraham Lincoln’s face in “Lincoln the Homely” for the February *Civil War Times*.

J. G. Lewin and **P. J. Huff** have authored *Lines of Contention: Political Cartoons of the Civil War* for **Smithsonian Books**.

Sculptor/Artist Bill Wolfe has created a 30-inch clay figure of Abraham Lincoln as president (www.bill-wolfe.com).

The Connor.Rosenkranz catalog of 19th & 20th century American sculpture includes a marquette of the *Seated Lincoln* (1911) that was conceived for the over-life-sized monument in front of the Essex County Courthouse, Newark, NJ. www.crsculpture.com.

Sculptor, **John McCleary** is crafting a two-figure statue of lawyer Lincoln and his client, Melissa Goings, for the Metamora Court House, Metamora, IL. Ms. Goings was accused of murdering her husband and was represented by Abraham Lincoln. She never reappeared after a recess and Lincoln was accused of advising her to flee – a charge he denied. But he did say that Ms. Goings asked where she could get a drink of water and he said, “Tennessee has darn good water.” She was never again seen in Illinois. This story appears in the Clerk’s docket at the courthouse. About a year later, the state’s attorney dismissed the charge against her.

Choreographer **Bill T. Jones** has been commissioned to create a new work in celebration of Abraham Lincoln’s bicentennial. The piece, currently titled *A Good Man*, will premiere in September 2009. It is intended to serve as a centerpiece for the **Ravinia Music Festival’s** *Mystic Chords of Memory*.

Exhibits

“Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln’s Journey to Emancipation” was on exhibit at the **Illinois State University Milner Library**, August 23-October 5, 2007.

The **Oregon Historical Society** presented “A House Divided: Lincoln in His Own Words” from December 12, 2007 to March 31, 2008 in Portland, OR.

The Lincoln Museum will host the exhibits *Insuring Lincoln’s Image* from February 8 through June 8, 2008 and *The Quest for the White House, 1788-2008* from March 28 to November 18, 2008.

The Library of Congress will host an Abraham Lincoln bicentennial exhibit beginning February 12, 2009, Abraham Lincoln’s 200th birthday. The LOC will use state-of-the-art technology to enhance Lincoln’s handwritten speeches and letters.

Collections

Chris Wetterich reported in the *Illinois State Journal-Register* on August 29, 2007 at the Springfield, IL City Council’s finance committee, on August 26, approved an ordinance enabling the city to issue \$23 million in tax-exempt bonds to help the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation** purchase the **Barry and Louise Taper Lincoln Collection**.

Deborah Fitts reported in the September 2007 *Civil War News* that the **First Bank of the United States** building in **Independence National Historical Park**, Philadelphia, will be the new home of the **Civil War & Underground Railroad Museum of Philadelphia**. The museum, formerly named the **Civil War Library & Museum**, has 3,000 artifacts, thousands of photographs, a 7,000-volume library, hundreds of artworks and nearly 100 lineal feet of letters, diaries and muster rolls. Renovating the bank building, creating new exhibits and making the move are estimated at \$25 million, with the move expected to take place in 2009. The museum will loan 3,000 volumes to the **Philadelphia Union League’s Abraham Lincoln Foundation** for its own Civil War library.

The October 2007 *Woodworker's Journal* described the re-creation of the desk used by Abraham Lincoln to draft the Emancipation Proclamation. The original black walnut desk is in the Lincoln bedroom in the White House. The replicated desk, made by woodworkers **Fred Hoover and Rob McCullough**, has been created for the **Lincoln Cottage** (formerly the Soldiers and Sailors Home) which opened on February 18, 2008.

On October 7, 2007, **Alanna Nash** profiled the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum**, Springfield, IL.
www.americanprofile.com.

Sarah Abruzzese wrote about the restoration of **The Lincoln Cottage** at the **Armed Forces Retirement Home**, Washington, "Lincoln Slept (and Wrote) Here: A Hideaway Restored" for the October 15, 2007 *New York Times*. The house where Lincoln often retreated in wartime Washington will open on February 6 after an eight-year, \$15 million renovation.

The Gift Catalog of the **United States Capitol Historical Society** (www.uschscatalog.org) contained the article, "Remembering Abraham Lincoln in the United States Capitol."

The **David Wills House** of **Gettysburg National Military Park** will have its grand opening on November 18-19, 2008. The museum will be operated by **Main Street-Gettysburg** in partnership with the **National Park Service**.

Lincoln Bicentennial

The Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission hosted "Lincoln and the Jews at the **Jewish Museum of Florida** with **Harold Holzer, Gary Zola, and Jean Soman** on January 13.

Online

Online ticketing is available at www.lincolncottage.org for **Lincoln's Cottage** at the **Soldiers' Home** which will open to the public on February 18.

xtra.Newsweek.com has a video tour of a new exhibit devoted to Mary Todd Lincoln.

The Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee recommended four designs for the back of the new Lincoln penny, representing the four sites in which Lincoln resided. The first is the log cabin for Kentucky, Indiana is represented with Lincoln writing his lessons, the third, for Illinois, is Lincoln debating and the fourth, for Washington, is yet to be determined, as members were less pleased with the design depicting the unfinished Capitol dome.

Awards and Prizes

President George W. Bush awarded the highest U.S. civilian honor, **The Presidential Medal of Freedom**, to Lincoln student **Brian Lamb**, co-founder of the **C-SPAN** Public Affairs Cable Network in a **White House** ceremony on November 5, 2007.

Jeff Shaara received the **12th Annual Lincoln Forum Richard Nelson Current Award of Achievement** from **The Lincoln Forum** at its closing banquet in Gettysburg on November 19, 2007.

Auctions

Less than fifteen years ago a commission signed by President Abraham Lincoln sold for about \$4,000, the **R & R Enterprises Autograph Auction 310** held on March 14, 2007, sold an 1863 commission from President Abraham Lincoln appointing James H. Carleton a Brigadier General of Volunteers for \$10,804.

The October 25-26, 2007 sale by **Heritage Auction Galleries** featured an Abraham Lincoln autographed letter of May 17, 1862 to

Secretary of War Edwin Stanton, that was never signed or delivered, in which Lincoln gave the Confederacy six weeks to agree to exchange their captured “colored soldiers of the United States” for Confederate prisoners of war. If it did not, the federal government would assume that “said captured colored troops shall have been murdered, or subjected to slavery” and will “take such action as may then appear expedient and just.” Estimated at between \$40,000 and \$60,000, it sold for \$131,450.

A carte-de-visite of an **Alexander Gardner** signed photograph of Abraham Lincoln (Ostendorf-72D) sold at **Christie’s** on December 3, 2007 for \$85,000.

On January 17, 2008, **R.M. Smyth & Co.**, New York City, auctioned **Steven Carson’s** collection of historic letters, documents, manuscripts and autographs.

Books and Pamphlets

Lincoln and the Court by **Brian McGinty** has been published by **Harvard University Press**.

William D. Pederson and **Frank J. Williams** have edited *Creative Breakthroughs in Leadership: James Madison, Abraham Lincoln and Mahatma Gandhi* for **Pencraft Publishers** in New Delhi.

The **University Press of Kentucky** has published **Edward Steers, Jr.’s** *Lincoln Legends, Myths, Hoaxes and Confabulations Associated With Our Greatest President*.

The **University Press of Kentucky** has also published **Burrus M. Carnahan’s** *Act of Justice: Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation and the Law of War*.

Julie M. Fenster has written *The Case of Abraham Lincoln: A Story of Adultery, Murder and the Making of a Great President* for **Macmillan**.

Norman F. Boas has published *Abraham Lincoln Chronology – The Prairie Years 1809-1861* in anticipation of the publication of *Abraham Lincoln Biographical Dictionary of Lincoln’s Family, Friends, and Associates in his Prairie Years* each illustrated with their autographs. (**Seaport Autographs Press**, 6 Brandon Lane, Mystic, CT 06355).

Michael Burkheimer is the author of *Lincoln’s Christianity* (**Westholme Publishing**).

John C. Waugh’s *One Man Great Enough: Abraham Lincoln’s Road to Civil War* has been published by **Harcourt**.

Gerald Prokopowicz’s *Did Lincoln Own Slaves? And Other Frequently Asked Questions About Abraham Lincoln* has been published by **Pantheon**.

Bob O’Connor is author of *The Virginian Who Might Have Saved Lincoln* (**Infinity Publishing**).

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

Judith Dupre’ discusses the importance of memorials in her *Monuments* (**Random House**) including the **Lincoln Memorial**.

James F. Simon’s *Lincoln and Chief Justice Taney: Slavery, Secession, and the President’s War Powers* has been published in paper by **Simon & Schuster**.

Ward M. McAfee’s *Citizen Lincoln* (a volume in the first men, *America’s Presidents Series*) has been published by **Nova**.

The Black Hawk War of 1832 by **Patrick J. Jung** has been published by the **University of Oklahoma Press**.

Forge of Empires 1861-1971: Three Revolutionary Statesmen and the World They Made, **Michael Knox Beran** tells how Abraham Lincoln emancipated the slaves and transformed the American Republic, **Otto von Bismarck** unified Germany and crushed its butting free institutions, and **Tsar Alexander II** freed the serfs and brought the rule of law to Russia (**Free Press**).

The Words of War by **Donagh Bracken** (**History Publishing Company**) contains Civil War battle reportage of *The New York Times* and the *Charleston Mercury*.

Stephen Berry authored the *House of Abraham* (**Houghton Mifflin**).

Allen C. Guelzo's *What Would Lincoln Do?* that he delivered at **The Lincoln Memorial Association** in Redlands, CA, was published by **The Lincoln Memorial Shrine**.

Simon & Schuster has published **Allen C. Guelzo's** *Lincoln and Douglas: The Debates that Defined America*.

Tim R. Jorgenson is the author of *Mrs. Keckly Sends Her Regards: The Last Days of Abraham Lincoln* (**Xulon Press**).

Books and Pamphlets of Related Interests

Fulcrum Publishing has published *The Dark Intrigue: The True Story of a Civil War Conspiracy* by **Frank van der Linden**.

William Pederson, John R. Vile, and Frank J. Williams have edited *James Madison: Philosopher, Founder, Statesman* for **Ohio University Press**.

John David Smith has edited a compilation of works of **Charles P. Roland**, *History Teaches us to Hope: Reflections on the Civil War in Southern History* for **The University Press of Kentucky**.

Harvard University Press has published *The Civil War and the Limits of Destruction* by **Mark E. Neely, Jr.**

Coy F. Cross, II is the author of *Lincoln's Man in Liverpool: Consul Dudley and the Legal Battle to Stop Confederate Warships* (**Northern Illinois University Press**).

James Denny and **John Bradbury** are the authors of *Civil War's First Blood: Missouri, 1854-1861* (**University of Missouri Press**).

Periodicals

Bloomington attorney and author, **Guy C. Fraker**, wrote a 4-part series for *The News-Gazette (Bloomington)* on lawyer Abraham Lincoln with emphasis on his circuit work in Champaign County, IL (Part 1, February 4, 2007, "Future president a fixture in Urbana," Part 2, February 11, 2007, "Lincoln the lawyer," Part 3, February 18, "Future president took time to visit, make friends," Part 4, February 25, "Lincoln the politician").

Steven J. Ramold wrote "'We Should Have Killed Them All': The Violent Reaction of Union Soldiers to the Assassination of Abraham Lincoln" for the Spring 2007 *Journal of Illinois History*.

Ronald S. Fishman and **Adriana Da Silveira** wrote "Lincoln's Craniofacial Microsomia: Three-dimensional Laser Scanning of 2 Lincoln Life Masks" for the August 2007 *Archives of Ophthalmology*.

"Abraham Lincoln and Freemasonry" by **Paul M. Bessel** was in the 2007 *Transactions of the Illinois Lodge of Research*.

Keith A. Erekson wrote “*Method and Memory in the Midwestern ‘Lincoln Inquiry’: Oral Testimony and Abraham Lincoln Studies, 1865-1938*” for the Summer/Fall 2007 *Oral History Review*.

Gordon Berg wrote about the defense of Fort Stevens July 11, 1864 in “‘Oberlin Boys’ Defend the Capital” which appeared in the September 1, 2007, *Washington Times*.

Karen Springen wrote about the Mary Todd Lincoln exhibit at **The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library**, Springfield, IL, “‘Hellcat or Helpmate’: A Look at Mary Todd Lincoln” for the September 19, 2007 *Newsweek*.

Don Driscoll of *The Boston Globe* wrote about **Robert Todd Lincoln’s Hildene**, “The Lincoln Legacy Left a Footprint in Manchester, VT.” It appeared in the September 30, 2007 *Providence Sunday Journal*.

Jason Emerson’s “Mary Todd Lincoln’s Lost Letters” appeared in the October 2007 *Civil War Times*.

The 2007 Newsletter of The Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania contained the remarks of **Tom Brokaw** at the 143rd anniversary of the Gettysburg Address and dedication of the **Soldiers’ National Cemetery**, Gettysburg on November 19, 2006.

Alex Gallucci wrote “‘Keep Cool, Things Is Working’: Lincoln’s Role in his Nomination to the Presidency in 1860” for the Fall 2007 *Lincoln Lore*. The same issue contained **Robert E. May’s** “A Different Destiny: Abraham Lincoln and the Principles of U.S. Foreign Relations” and **James Oliver Horton’s** “Naturally Antislavery: Lincoln, Race, and the Complexity of American Liberty.” The Winter issue included “Abraham Lincoln’s Non-Conformist Norfolk Origins” by **Jenny Rose and Martial Rose**, “Lincoln, Race, and Moral Strategy” by **Richard Striner**, and **Frank J. Williams’** annual “Lincolniana 2006-2007.”

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Verlyn Klinkenborg wrote about the purported Lincoln images of Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg on November 19, 1863 located in two stereoscopic photographs that were intended to be viewed in a special 3-D instrument for the November 28, 2007 *New York Times*.

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Harold Holzer, Edna Greene Medford, and Frank J. Williams, *The Emancipation Proclamation: Three Views (Social, Political, Iconographic)*, rev. by **Allen C. Guelzo**, *The Journal of Southern History* (November 2007).

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People

The Fall 2007 *Illinois Wesleyan University Magazine* profiled **Erika Nunamaker** and her work with the **Lincoln Legal Papers** project in search of Lincoln documents.

Robert K. Sutton, who, for the last twelve years served as superintendent of **Manassas Battlefield Park**, has been named **Chief Historian of the National Park Service**. Sutton, who has a Ph.D. in history, succeeds Dwight T. Pitcaithley who left in 2005. The position has been filled by Acting Chiefs. **Edwin C. Bearss** preceded Pitcaithley, serving from 1981 to 1994. Sutton indicated that when he started his task on October 1, 2007, one of his primary focuses will be to prepare for the Civil War's sesquicentennial anniversary which begins in 2011.

Edwin S. Grosvenor, a descendant of the founder of **The National Geographic Society**, has bought *American Heritage* magazine from **Forbes Inc.** Forbes suspended publication after the April 2007 issue. Grosvenor paid \$500,000 in cash and assumed about \$11 million in subscription liabilities. Forbes will retain a twenty-five percent interest in the company. He is seeking a group of investors to raise about \$2.25 million in the company. **John F. Ross**, a former senior editor at *Smithsonian* magazine will be the managing editor.

Actor **Bill Murray**, interviewed by *Movies Rock* a supplement to *Vanity Fair*, in the Fall 2007 issue, indicated that his favorite historical figure was Abraham Lincoln.

Michael Burkheimer, author of *100 Essential Lincoln Books*, has succeeded **Edward Steers, Jr.** as Book Review Editor for *The Lincoln Herald*.

Betty Anselmo, a history teacher at **Tiverton (RI) High School**, has succeeded **Annette Westerby** as Administrator of **The Lincoln Forum**.

Lincoln in Popular Culture

Jimmy H. Sandefur used Lincoln as a foil in describing the attacks on **President George W. Bush** in “The President is a ‘Baboon’” in the August 23, 2007, *Shreveport Times*. Referring to the president as nothing more than a “well meaning baboon,” the author makes the reader believe that it is a description of the current president when in fact it was said by a future Democratic presidential candidate to disparage Lincoln.

The September 21, 2007 *Newsday* included a photograph of a wax figure of President Abraham Lincoln sitting in the front row of a **Delta** shuttle at LaGuardia airport the day before. The figure was on its way to Washington for the opening of **Madame Tussauds** wax museum on

October 5. “Mr. Lincoln” traveled as a paying passenger as part of a Tussaud’s promotion. As portrayed in **Barbara L. Salisbury’s** photograph for the September 21, 2007 *Washington Times*, President Lincoln got priority boarding for the flight.

Exxon Mobil donated its op-ed space to **Ford’s Theatre** in the October 25, 2007 *New York Times*. The oil giant discussed the renovation of the temporary closing of **Ford’s Theatre** where a \$40 million dollar renovation is underway, \$5 million of which was donated by Exxon Mobil Corporation.

The November 9-11, 2007 *USA Weekend*, in celebration of Veterans’ Day, published a list of the five political speeches that had the greatest impact on our times, using Rep. **Steve Israel’s Charge! History’s Greatest Military Speeches**. They are **Patrick Henry’s** “Liberty or Death” (March 23, 1775); **FDR’s** speech after Pearl Harbor (December 9, 1941); **Abraham Lincoln’s** Gettysburg Address (November 19, 1863); **Ronald Reagan’s** call to “Tear Down This Wall!” (June 12, 1987); and **John F. Kennedy’s** call for America to go to the Moon (September 12, 1962).

The Washington Post, on November 26, 2007, reported that **John G. Sotos**, a connoisseur of rare ailments, believes Lincoln had a genetic syndrome called MEN2B and that Lincoln was dying of cancer at the time he was assassinated. Poor Mr. Lincoln, with all the reports of suspected ailments: it is a wonder he was able to accomplish anything.

David Shribman in “Rolling the Dice After Abe” (*The New York Sun*, December 21-23, 2007) tells how former **President William J. Clinton** suggests that, unlike **Senator Hillary Clinton, Illinois Senator Obama** does not have the experience to be president and that Obama supporters were willing to “roll the dice” on the presidency. Clinton, a pretty good historian, has studied the lives of the 40 men who preceded him. Clinton asked, “When is the last time we elected a president based on one year of service in the Senate before he started running?” The answer, as Clinton knows, is never. But, as Shribman points out, there is

one man who comes close. “He served in a state legislature and then served a single term in the U.S. House...look him up under Lincoln, Abraham. His experience was in his intellect and in his heart, and not on his resume.”

Presidential candidate **Ron Paul** appeared on *Meet the Press* on December 23rd claiming, as do some other libertarians, that the Civil War was unnecessary and that Lincoln “never should have gone to war” to stop slavery. He believes that the federal government should have simply purchased freedom for all of the slaves in the country. He conveniently misstates Lincoln’s position which, initially, was to maintain the Union, and ignores the fact that when he realized that he had to contend with the issue of slavery, Lincoln did offer compensated emancipation for slaves in each of his annual messages to Congress.

Assassination

The Washington Post reported that the Lincoln clothing usually displayed on a mannequin at **Ford’s Theatre** was moved with a police escort to the **National Capital Region Museum Resource Center** in Maryland in anticipation of the theater’s renovation which will take place over and eighteen month period.

Paul Grondahl wrote “Lincoln, Albany Were Linked in Tragedy” for the November 2007 *Surratt Courier*.

Booth, The Assassin originally published in 1865 by **T.R. Dawley**, has been published by the **Almond Press**, Joseph Rainone, 1631 Kenneth Avenue, North Baldwin, NY 11510-1602.

The December 2007 *Journal of the Lincoln Assassination* included a biography of **Francis Tumblety**, “The Death of Lincoln – How the News was Received by the Army of the Potomac” as described by General Joshua L. Chamberlain and the continuation of **Frederick Hatch’s** novel, *The Kidnapping of President Lincoln*.

The Surratt Society will host *Lincoln's Assassination: Many Facets* from March 28-March 30. **Terry L. Alford** presented "With Friends Like These: Stories From JWB's Social & Professional Circles," **Frederick Hatch** delivered "The Fugitive: John Surratt," **Thomas B. Mudd** presented "Keeping Up With Father: The Mudd Family and Dr. Richard Dyer Mudd," **Tamara Johnson** presented "In Haste, Laura Keene," and **Thomas Craughwell** presented "The Plot to Steal Abraham Lincoln's Body."

Works in Progress

University of North Carolina Press will publish *Lincoln and the Decision for War: The Northern Response to Secession* by **Russell McClintock** in Spring 2008.

LSU Press will publish *The Honor to Report: John Frederick Hartranft the Lincoln Conspirators' Jailer* by **Edward Steers, Jr.** and **Harold Holzer** in Spring 2009.

Southern Illinois University Press will publish **Benjamin Thomas's** *Abraham Lincoln-a Biography*, and **Frank Szasz's** book about Abraham Lincoln and Robert Burns.

The University of Illinois PBS affiliate is producing a project on Abraham Lincoln and the 8th Judicial Circuit. **Guy C. Fraker**, Esquire, is acting as a consultant.

The Indiana Historical Society Press will publish in the Spring 2008 **William E. Bartelt's** "*There I Grew Up:*" *Remembering Abraham Lincoln's Indiana Youth.*"

Harold Holzer's *Lincoln: President-Elect* will be published by **Simon & Schuster** in October 2008.

Lincoln and His Admirals by **Craig L. Symonds** will be published in Fall 2008.

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