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## The Spoken Word and Group Activities

**Wayne Temple** discussed the **Middletown Stagecoach Inn** at the **Fourth Annual Dinner Awards – Speaker Banquet at Lincoln College**, Lincoln, IL, on February 10.

**James M. McPherson** presented the Lincoln bicentennial lecture, “Tried by Fire: Abraham Lincoln as Commander-in-Chief,” at the **University of Illinois** on March 12.

On April 2, **Bill Stumpff** discussed “The Lincoln Highway” at the April 3 meeting of **The Lincoln Club of Topeka**.

On April 5, **C-SPAN** took viewers behind the scenes of the **National Portrait Gallery** in Washington to preview the upcoming exhibit *One Life: The Mask of Lincoln*.

C-SPAN also re-presented, on April 5, *The Lincoln Family Album* with **Harold Holzer** and actors **Liam Neeson** and **Holly Hunter** who portrayed Abraham and Mary Lincoln and “President: The Duty of a Statesman” by **William Lee Miller**.

Upcoming events broadcast by C-SPAN from April 2008-April 2009 will feature **The Lincoln Memorial**, Lincoln’s summer cottage in Washington, and the newly renovated **Ford’s Theatre**.

**Jennifer Weber** spoke about “Copperheads” at the **Civil War Round Table of Chicago** on April 11. **Vernon Burton** discussed Abraham Lincoln’s definition of human freedom in “The Age of Lincoln” at the May 9 meeting.

On April 13, **Anthony S. Pitch** led a two-hour anecdotal walking tour in Washington, DC, based on his forthcoming book, *They Have Killed Papa Dead! The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln*.

**The National Portrait Gallery** and **Ford's Theatre** hosted **James L. Swanson** on April 14 with "'O Moody, Tearful Night!' The Lincoln Assassination in Memory and Myth"

**The 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony** Commemorating the 143<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Death of Abraham Lincoln was held at the **Lincoln Tomb** on April 15 with the service organized by the **Death Day Association, Inc.**

**Craig Symonds** discussed "Lincoln and his Admirals" at **The Lincoln Fellowship of Wisconsin** on April 19.

Abraham Lincoln's last stop in Columbus, OH, was memorialized on April 29. It included a reenactment by the **First Ohio Light Artillery Battery A** of events on April 29, 1865 when 50,000 Ohioans filed past Lincoln's body lying in state in the **State House** rotunda. **Alan Johnson** discussed this in the April 15 *Columbus Dispatch*.

In recognition of Abraham Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks, and his step-mother Sarah Bush Johnston, the **Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial** commemorated Abraham Lincoln's birth with a special Mother's Day event on May 11.

On May 20, **Rodney O. Davis** and **Douglas L. Wilson** presented the **Mike Maione Lecture** at the **Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia**. On April 15, **Frank D. Milligan** presented "Washington in Crisis: Civil War Diaries of Horatio Nelson Taft 1861-1864."

**Guy C. Fraker, Esquire** led the tour, "Riding the Eighth Circuit with Lincoln" on May 29-30 and June 19-20.

**Frank J. Williams** presented the address to the annual luncheon of the **Stephen A. Douglas Association** on June 7 in Chicago, “The Debates: 150 Years Later.”

From June 14-16 the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum** and **Looking for Lincoln** celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lincoln-Douglas Debates in Springfield, IL with **Allen Guelzo** discussing his *Lincoln and Douglas: The Debates that Defined America* and historical readings by Lincoln-Douglas performers **George Buss** and **Tim Connors** accompanied by running historical commentary by Mr. Guelzo.

**Jason Emerson** spoke about his research on Mary and Robert Lincoln at the September 26 annual banquet of the **Surratt Society**.

**Harold Holzer** was the banquet speaker at the **Conference on Illinois History** on October 31.

### **International Legacy**

A special exhibit on “Abraham Lincoln in Russia, the Soviet Union and the Russian Federation” went on display at the **International Lincoln Center** at **LSU in Shreveport**. It will remain open until late fall. On March 31<sup>st</sup>, the Center hosted a delegation of Russian jurists, who viewed the exhibit during that Open World Program tour of Louisiana.

The April 11 issue of the *New York Times* featured an obituary of **Abe Osheroff**, a veteran of the **Abraham Lincoln Brigade** during the Spanish Civil War.

The April 12 issue of the *New York Times* featured a 1959 photo of Nikita Khrushchev standing before the **Lincoln Memorial**. The photo was taken by **Burt Glinn**, who died at the age of 82.

**Sarker Hasan Al-Zayed**, a senior lecturer at **East West University** in Dhaka, Bangladesh, was named the spring 2008 fellow at the **International Lincoln Center at LSU in Shreveport**.

The April 25 issue of the *Washington Times* featured a photo of **Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas** with **President Bush** in the Oval Office with a bust of Lincoln in the background.

**Swanton Morley**, a village in England, with connections to Abraham Lincoln's ancestors, has announced a series of events to take place next year during his bicentennial. A June 27 concert will include a specially-commissioned oratorio based on the Gettysburg Address. There will be exhibitions in the **Friends of All Saints Church**, lectures, a heritage trail, etc. **Swanton Morley** served as an operational airfield during World War II. On July 4, 1942, six Boston aircraft, crewed by U.S. Army Air Force personnel, flew the first bombing mission in U.S. built bombers against a Nazi target.

**Hasan Al-Zayed, East West University**, reviewed **William D. Pederson** and **Frank J. Williams**, eds., *Creative Breakthroughs in Leadership: James Madison, Abraham Lincoln and Mahatma Gandhi* (**Pencraft International**) in the Spring 2008 issue of the *Journal of Third World Studies*.

A Conference Report on "A Humanitarian as Broad as the World: Abraham Lincoln's Legacy in International Context," by **Uwe Lubken**, based on the October 4-6, 2007 conference that was held at the **German Historical Institute** in Washington, DC, appeared in the Spring 2008 *Bulletin of the German Historical Institute*.

**William F. Kumuyi's** "Dear Leader, Share the Burden," appeared in the April 2008 issue of the *New African*. It features a large photo of Lincoln and cites him as a leader who knew how to delegate, praising his generals for victories while accepting blame himself for defeats.

**Granville Van Dusen** portrayed Abraham Lincoln in a new play, *The Memoirs of Abraham Lincoln*, written by **Peter King Beach**, for the **Falcon Theatre**, Burbank, CA, January 30-March 2.

**The Federal Reserve**, the supplier of the nation's cash, shipped new \$5 bills to banks. While Lincoln is still portrayed on the obverse, with **The Lincoln Memorial** on the reverse, the most notable difference is the addition of color -- with splashes of light purple at the center of the bill that blend into gray. This is the latest in a series of re-designed notes aimed at foiling counterfeiters.

Yet, the **United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit** ruled in May that the **Treasury Department's** paper currency discriminates against the blind and those with poor vision because the bills are the same size, no matter their value. The *New York Times Week in Review* asked graphic designers to offer solutions. **Tamara Shopsin** proposed perforations in the shape of icons, each symbolic of the President depicted. For the Lincoln \$5 bill, a stovepipe hat cut out is suggested; for the \$50 bill Ulysses S. Grant, a General's star is recommended.

**PBS** online now has available signed 18 by 22 ½ matte prints of two separate portraits of Abraham Lincoln by artist **Michael Deas** (shoppbs.org.)

*Lincoln: I, Too, Am a Kentuckian* premiered on KET1 on March 25. The documentary claims the most famous president for Kentucky.

**James A. Percoco** wrote about Lincoln sculptors' **Daniel Chester French** and **Augustus Saint-Gaudens** in "Heroism Preserved in Artwork" for the April 12 *Washington Times*.

**Artist Sacha Newley** produced *The Head of Lincoln* which was unveiled at **The Lincoln College Museum**, Lincoln, IL, on May 3.

The City of Hodgenville, KY, and preservation of **Lincoln's Kentucky Heritage**, Inc. dedicated and unveiled *The Boy Lincoln: A Bronze Sculpture by Daub-Firmin-Hendrickson Sculpture Group* on May 31 in Hodgenville, KY.

**The Academy of Music Theatre**, Northampton, MA, presented *Our American Cousin* – an opera by **Eric Sawyer** and **John Shoptaw** – with the **Boston Modern Orchestra** on June 20 and June 22.

The Summer *Illinois Heritage Magazine* included, “Lincoln in Sculpture, Part Ten” by **Carl Volkmann** featured the *Chicago Lincoln* by **Avard Fairbanks** and *The Last Stop* by **John McClarey** – located at the **Christian County Courthouse**, Taylorville, IL.

A statue of Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas has been installed in Jonesboro, IL, to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Lincoln-Douglas debate there.

### **Exhibits**

**The Library of Congress** has created interactive exhibits and touch-screen kiosks that include the first draft of Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, personal letters and manuscripts. A grand opening was held on April 12.

An exhibit at the Seattle **Museum of History and Industry** asked whether America has lived up to the ideals of Abraham Lincoln. *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War* ran through April 20.

**Thomas J. Trimborn's** Lincoln art was on exhibit at **The Lincoln Museum**, Ft. Wayne – *Encounters With Lincoln: Images and Words* by *Thomas J. Trimborn*.

**The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum**, Springfield, IL, has created a mobile exhibit in a 53-foot trailer that will travel the country until August 2010. Many of the stops will be in

locations where Lincoln bicentennial events are scheduled. Curators at the museum designed the exhibit to include versions of the museum's permanent exhibits and features such as its *Civil War in Five Minutes* animated map. The traveling trailer, *Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America*, cost \$250,000.

## Collections

Following the publication of the four-volume selected print edition of Lincoln's legal papers, *The Papers of Abraham Lincoln: Legal Documents and Cases* by the **University of Virginia Press**, the **Lincoln Legal Papers** announced the end of the project and published its final *Lincoln Legal Briefs* – Number 85, January/March 2008.

The February *Cook-Witter Report* discussed many of the treasures in the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum**, Springfield, IL, including Abraham Lincoln's cracked shaving mirror, Tad Lincoln's toy cannon, Mr. Lincoln's reading glasses and stovepipe hat, as well as the inkwell allegedly used by the President in writing his first Inaugural Address.

The 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the **Old State Capitol Renovation Rededication** was held on March 25, Springfield, IL.

**Philip Kennicott** reviewed the new visitor center at **Gettysburg National Military Park** for the April 15 *Chicago Tribune*. The \$103 million center opened on April 14. The old visitor center on the battlefield that contained the cyclorama is now obsolete and the **National Park Service** will tear it down.

**The Taper Collection** acquired by the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum** was profiled in the Spring *Four Score and Seven*.

As announced in the last issue of "*Lincolniana*," the **Lincoln Museum** closed its doors on June 30, but a new home for the Lincoln

collection valued at \$20 million will not be decided until 2009. **Lincoln Financial Foundation**, the collection's owner, met with representatives from 35 organizations on April 10. Proposals were to be submitted by June 15. Some of the organizations expressing interest are the **Abraham Lincoln Library and Museum at Lincoln Memorial University**, **The John Hay Library at Brown University**, **Hildene** – the home of Robert Todd Lincoln, the **Allen County Public Library**, Allen County (Ft. Wayne), as well as the **Friends of the Lincoln Museum**, **The Library of Congress**, and the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum**.

**Ron Keller**, Museum Director of the **Lincoln Museum at Lincoln College**, Lincoln, IL, discussed plans to build a new Lincoln Center at the college that will include a high-tech multi-media classroom and an Abraham Lincoln-related museum. Lincoln College President, **John Hutchinson**, expects the groundbreaking to take place during Summer 2008.

### **Lincoln Bicentennial**

**The Oregon Lincoln Bicentennial Commission** now has a web page – <http://www.ous.edu/lincoln>.

Indiana Governor, **Mitch Daniels**, unveiled a new highway sign proclaiming “Lincoln’s Boyhood Home” with signs being placed at highway entrances to Indiana as part of the celebration of Lincoln’s 200<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The first of twenty-seven new **Kentucky Lincoln Heritage Trail** markers were unveiled in Hodgenville, KY, on February 12. Other markers will be placed in Frankfort, Lexington, Louisville, Elizabethtown, and Richmond.

**The Inaugural Event of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial** in Indiana occurred on Mother’s day, May 11 at the **Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial**, Lincoln City, IN. Almost 5,000 participants,

including Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownie Scouts, Venture Scouts, and parents attended the event. The scouts issued an encampment patch, leader guide for the weekend, copy of a DVD previewing the event, and a copy of participant's guide. There were 53 program stations, two massive ceremonies, three worship services, 1,148 staff meals served – all requiring 100 porta-johns.

**The Delaware Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission** dedicated a historical marker commemorating Abraham Lincoln's 1848 speech in Wilmington on June 10, in **Wilmington Square**.

**Congress** has adopted legislation, sponsored by **Senator Dick Durbin** and **Representative Ray LaHood**, to create an **Abraham Lincoln National Heritage** area that would spread over the Illinois counties where Lincoln spent his pre-White House years.

**The United States Mint** will release all four Abraham Lincoln penny designs in Washington some time in August or September 2008. The Mint is planning to put the first penny (Kentucky) into circulation on February 12, 2009, with the others following every three months. The Indiana penny would go into circulation in May, the Illinois penny would go into circulation in August 2009, and the D.C. penny would go into circulation in November. The fifth and final penny will go into circulation in January or February 2010. The Mint plans to develop education materials by January 2009 and prepare special numismatic sets for sale.

The **U.S. Postal Service** has announced that in honor of the bicentennial the USPS will issue multiple stamp designs, focused on the life and times of Abraham Lincoln.

### **Awards and Prizes**

**Daniel Walker Howe**, author of *What Hath God Wrought: The Transformation of America, 1815-1848* received both a **Pulitzer Prize**

and \$50,000 New-York Historical Society Prize for his 900-page opus on of the formative period of American history. Howe is the author of *The Political Culture of the American Whigs*.

**The Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia** presented its 2007 Lincoln Award to **Rodney O. Davis** and **Douglas L. Wilson**.

**Sara Gabbard** and **Harold Holzer** received an award for superior achievement from the **Illinois State Historical Society** for editing *Lincoln and Freedom*; Holzer also won a citation for *The Adventurous Life of William O. Stoddard*.

Former Illinois State Archives director **John Daly** who retired in July 2004 after thirty years of service, was honored by naming the conference room in the **Margaret Cross Norton Building The John Daly Conference Room** on April 11.

The **2<sup>nd</sup> Lincoln Leadership Prize**, recognizing a singular individual who accepts the responsibilities imposed by history and demanded by conscience was presented to **Archbishop Desmond Tutu** by **Oprah Winfrey** on May 13 in Chicago.

### **Auctions**

A letter written by Abraham Lincoln in response to a children's petition to end slavery sold for \$3.4 million dollars at **Sotheby's** on April 3.

**Swann** auctioned *McClees' Gallery of Photographic Portraits of the Senators, Representatives & Delegates of the Thirty-Fifth Congress* for \$13,000 on June 5. It was estimated to sell for \$6,000-\$9,000.

### **Books and Pamphlets**

**Dan Guillory** has authored *The Lincoln Poems* for **Mayhaven Publishing**.

“The American Civil War, Emancipation and Reconstruction on the World Stage” by **Edward L. Ayers** is in *America on the World Stage: A Global Approach to U.S. History*, edited by **Gary W. Richard** and **Ted Dickson (Organization of American Historians)**.

**Steven Wilson’s** fourth novel, *President Lincoln’s Spy*, has been published by **Kensington Publications**.

Poet **Daniel Mark Epstein’s** *The Lincolns: Portrait of a Marriage* has been published by **Ballantine**.

**Chuck Wills** is the author of *Lincoln: The Presidential Archives (D K)* consisting of “intimate photographs, personal letters, and documents that changed history.”

*Memories of President Lincoln* by **Michael F. Bishop** and *Lincoln and the Road to the Civil War* by **Robert J. Lenz**, the 60<sup>th</sup> and 61st bulletins of *The Lincoln Fellowship of Wisconsin*, have been published by the Fellowship.

**Southern Illinois University** has published *Lincoln’s America 1809-1865* edited by **Joseph R. Fornieri** and **Sara Vaughn Gabbard** with contributions by **Herman Belz, Joseph R. Fornieri, Allen C. Guelzo, Harold Holzer, Myron Marty, Mark Noll, James Oakes, Richard Striner, Frank J. Williams** and **Kenneth Winkle**.

*Abraham Lincoln and Robert Burns: Connected Lies and Legends* by **Ferenc Morton Szasz** has been published by **Southern Illinois University Press**.

**Southern Illinois University Press** has also republished *Abraham Lincoln: A Biography* by **Benjamin P. Thomas**.

**Rodney O. Davis** and **Douglas L. Wilson** have edited *The Lincoln Study Center Edition of The Lincoln-Douglas Debates (UIP)*.

**The University of Illinois Press** has also published *The Lincoln Assassination: The Evidence* edited by **William C. Edwards** and **Edward Steers**.

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

**Dr. John Sotos** has written *The Physical Lincoln: Finding the Genetic Cause of Abraham Lincoln's Height, Homeliness Pseudo-Depression, and Imminent Cancer Death* (**Mt. Vernon Book Systems**).

**Dennis E. Suttles** has compiled, *Lincoln-Douglas 1858 Debates: A Bibliography for the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum*, Springfield, IL.

### **Books of Related Interests**

**Walter A. McDougall** has authored *Throes of Democracy: The American Civil War Era, 1829-1877* (**HarperCollins**).

**Gordon C. Rhea** authored *In the Footsteps of Grant and Lee: The Wilderness Through Cold Harbor* for **Louisiana State University Press**.

### **Periodicals**

**John T. Valauri** wrote "Dred Scott, Lincoln, and the Constitution: A Reply to Professor Gabor" for the 2007 *Civil Rights Issue of Northern Kentucky Law Review*.

**Margaret Doyle** discussed the historic places in Illinois and Indiana where Abraham Lincoln left a legacy in "Lands of Lincoln" that appeared in the May/June 2007 *AAA Living* published by the **AAA Chicago Motor Club** ([information@AAALiving.com](mailto:information@AAALiving.com)).

**Jeanie Lowe** wrote “Where is Abraham Lincoln’s First Client?” for the Summer 2007 *Illinois State Genealogical Society Quarterly*.

**Guy C. Fraker** discussed Abraham Lincoln’s law practice in Vermilion County, IL, in “Friendships Forged in Danville” for *The News-Gazette* on February 3. The second part was published on February 10, with Part 3 on February 17 and Part 4 on February 24.

**Katya Cengel** talked about Kentucky Lincoln presenters in “Lincoln Like Me” for the February 10 *Courier-Journal*.

In the February 12, *Courier-Journal*, **John David Dyche** discussed Abraham Lincoln’s visit to Farmington, the family plantation owned by Lincoln’s closest friend, Joshua Speed. Located just outside of Louisville, KY, Lincoln visited the home in 1841.

**Richard W. Etulain** wrote “Lincoln’s Links to a Distant Oregon” for the February 18 *Oregonian* pointing out that while Lincoln turned down the offer to serve as Governor of the Oregon territory in 1849, four close acquaintances did not – David Logan, Dr. Anson G. Henry, Simeon Francis, and Edward D. Baker. All kept Lincoln apprised of the political dog fights in the far West.

The Spring *Lincoln Lore* included **Paul Finkelman’s** “*Dred Scott v. Sanford: The Case That Made Lincoln President,*” and **Lawrence Weber’s** “The Better Angels of our Nature: The Transfiguration of Abraham Lincoln.”

**Caine O’Rear** discussed “Richmond’s Difficult [Civil War and Lincoln] Legacy” in the May 3 *Washington Times*.

**Scott Richardson’s** “Lincoln: ‘Man of the People’” discussed the tour of the 8<sup>th</sup> **Judicial Circuit**, where Lincoln practiced, by Bloomington attorney **Guy C. Fraker** in the May 4 *Pantagraph*.

**Jeff Smith's** *The Price of Union: A Father's Loss in the Struggle to Preserve a Nation* appeared in the *Summer Lincoln Memorial Association Newsletter*.

**David Keehn** wrote about the Knights of the Golden Circle, "Strong Arm of Secession" for the *June North & South*.

The Spring 2008 *Lincoln Herald* included "The Real Mrs. Lincoln: The Nature and Extent of Scholarship on Mary Todd Lincoln" by **Robert P. Watson, Dale Berger, and Richard M. Yon**, "Racism or Trial Method?" by **Sarah Joan Ankeney**, along with *Lincolniana* by **Frank J. Williams**, and reviews edited by **Michael Burkheimer**.

The Summer 2008 *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association* contained "'A Living, Creeping Lie': Abraham Lincoln on Popular Sovereignty" by **Nicole Etcheson**; and, "Not Always Such a Whig: Abraham Lincoln's Partisan Realignment in the 1850s" by **Matthew Pinsker**; and, "Lincoln's Suspension of the Writ of Habeas Corpus: An Historical and Constitutional Analysis" by **James A. Dueholm**.

## Reviews

**Gabor Boritt**, *The Gettysburg Gospel: The Lincoln Speech that Nobody Knows*, rev. by **Glenn W. LaFantasie**, *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association* (Summer 2008).

**Thomas J. Craughwell**, *Stealing Lincoln's Body*, rev. by **John M. Taylor**, *The Washington Times* (April 26, 2008).

**Brian R. Dirck**, *Lincoln Emancipated: The President and the Politics of Race*, rev. by **James D. Schmidt**, *The Journal of Southern History* (May 2008).

**Jason Emerson**, *The Madness of Mary Lincoln*, rev. by **Jean Baker**, *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association* (Summer 2008).

**Allen C. Guelzo**, *Lincoln and Douglas*, rev. by **Newt Gingrich**, *Wall Street Journal* (February 14, 2008); rev. by **Edward Finch**, *The Stum* (Spring 2008).

**William C. Harris**, *Lincoln's Rise to the Presidency*, rev by **Gerald J. Prokopowicz**, *Journal of Illinois History* (Winter 2007).

**Allen Jayne**, *Lincoln and the American Manifesto*, rev. by **Wayne C. Temple**, *Lincoln Herald* (Spring 2008).

**Daniel Mark**, *The Lincolns: Portrait of a Marriage*, rev. by **Mark Dunkelman**, *The Providence Sunday Journal* (June 8, 2008).

**John Oakes**, *The Radical and the Republican: Frederick Douglass, Abraham Lincoln and the Triumph of Antislavery Politics*, rev. by **James Brewer Stewart**, *Civil War History* (March 2008), rev. by **Colin McCoy**, *Journal of the Abraham Lincoln Association* (Summer 2008).

**Phillip Shaw Paludan**, editor, *Lincoln's Legacy: Ethics and Politics*, rev. by **Frank J. Williams**, *Civil War Book Review* (Spring 2008).

**Larry A. Riney**, *Hell Gate of the Mississippi: The Effie Afton Trial and Abraham Lincoln's Role in It*, rev. by **Brian Dirck**, *Journal of Illinois History* (Winter 2007)

**Edward Steers, Jr.**, *Lincoln Legends: Myths, Hoaxes, and Confabulations Associated with Our Greatest President*, rev. by **Charles M. Hubbard**, *Journal of Illinois History* (Winter 2007); rev. by **Hugh Boyle**, *Lincoln Herald* (Spring 2008).

**John Y. Simon**, **Harold Holzer**, and **Dawn Vogel**, editors, *Lincoln Revisited: New Insights from The Lincoln Forum*, rev. by **Brian R. Dirck**, *The Journal of American History* (March 2008); rev. by **James A. Percoco**, *Civil War News* (April 2008); rev. by **Stephen**

**Hanson**, *The History Teacher* (2008); rev. by **Jeffrey D. Julson**, *H-Net Book Review* (May 2008).

**Wayne C. Temple**, *Lincoln's Travels on the River Queen During the Last Days of his Life*, rev. by **Michael Burkheimer**, *Lincoln Herald* (Spring 2008).

**Wayne C. Temple**, *By Square and Compass: Saga of the Lincoln Home* (Revised Edition), rev. by **Jason Emerson**, *Lincoln Herald* (Spring 2008).

**Jennifer L. Weber**, *Copperheads: The Rise and Fall of Lincoln's Opponents in the North*, rev. by **Melinda Lawson**, *Civil War History* (March 2008); rev. by **Michael D. Pierson**, *The Journal of Southern History* (May 2008).

**William D. Pederson** and **Frank J. Williams**, editors, *Creative Breakthroughs in Leadership: James Madison, Abraham Lincoln and Mahatma Gandhi*, rev. by **Hasan Al Zayed**, *Journal of Third World Studies* (Spring 2008).

## People

**Sara Gabbard** interviewed **Craig L. Symonds** and **Herman Belz** in the Spring *Lincoln Lore*.

**Jessie Halladay**, in the February 12, *Courier-Journal*, discussed **Sam Waterston** and his portrayal of Abraham Lincoln for the first time as part of *Gore Vidal's Lincoln* on television in 1988. He was inspired by viewing the contents of Lincoln's pockets on the night he was assassinated which have been preserved by the **Library of Congress**.

Teacher and author **Jim Percoco** was profiled in "Facing the Challenge of History" by **Ann Geracimos** in the *Washington Times* on March 31.

**Robert Henderson** became the Clerk-Treasurer of his home town of Orleans, IN, after serving three terms on the **Orleans Town Council**.

Nobel laureate and retired Anglican Archbishop **Desmond Tutu** of South Africa helped unveil a portrait of himself at the **Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library**, Springfield, IL, on May 13.

**Daniel M. Laney**, Esq., after sixteen years of distinguished service as **President of the Texas Civil War Round Table**, announced his resignation as of June 2008. He, with his wife, founded the **Annual Daniel M. and Marilyn W. Laney Book Prize**. Award recipients have included **William C. Davis, Gary Gallagher, Jeff Wert, Richard McMurry, and Will Greene**.

### **Lincoln in Popular Culture**

The Salem, OR, *Statesman Journal*, on February 12, expressed the view that the Gettysburg Address serves as a reminder of war and that it was fitting to recall Lincoln's speech while the Iraq war is being fought, in order to reflect on that "horrific battle to preserve the Union."

Presidential candidate, **Barack Obama**, in an effort to separate his views from his former pastor, **Rev. Jeremiah A. Wright, Jr.**, confronted the issue of race head-on in a speech delivered in Philadelphia on March 18. **Janny Scott's** "In Speech, Obama Chooses Reconciliation Over Rancor," appearing in the March 19 *New York Times* cited many historians as believing the speech can be compared to those of Presidents Lyndon B. Johnson, John F. Kennedy, and Abraham Lincoln. **John Hope Franklin**, who chaired an **Advisory Commission on Race** established by **President Bill Clinton**, praised Obama for pointing out how easily the question of race can be distorted in America, "which, according to Professor Franklin, has three centuries of experience with it and yet we act like this is something new."

**Pat Oliphant's** cartoon for the Sunday *New York Times* on March 23 has Mary Todd Lincoln telling her husband that she wanted to be

President, that she fought the Civil War and held the Union together and that she wrote and delivered the Gettysburg Address, having “all the experience to be your commander-in-chief-ready day one!” She directs Abraham Lincoln to “set it up... .”

**Harold Holzer's** op-ed “Echoing Lincoln’s Fury,” appearing in the March 24 *New York Sun*, argues that **Reverend Jeremiah Wright's** “God Damn America” was more like Abraham Lincoln’s wrath in his Second Inaugural Address than **Senator Barack Obama's** speech on race. **Christopher Matthews** on *Hard Ball* thought Mr. Obama’s speech was “worthy of Abraham Lincoln.” Yet, according to Holzer, “Let’s at least acknowledge which orator has, in truth, come closest to Lincolnian frankness on racial inequity: Barack’s balm or Jeremiah’s jeremiad?”

**Peter Smith**, for the April 8 *Courier-Journal* discussed “Reviews of Lincoln’s Legacy Are Mixed.” Smith describes sharp differences on how Lincoln is viewed referring to an early April conference in Kentucky on how Lincoln is perceived by blacks and whites.

**James Warren** discussed Abraham Lincoln and **Barack Obama's** speeches on race in “Brave Race Speeches Link Lincoln, Obama” for the April 14 *Chicago Tribune*. Now, both Lincoln and Obama are connected by similar speeches on race. With Lincoln’s “brave speech” at **Cooper Union** in New York on February 27, 1860, and Obama’s speech on March 18 in Philadelphia. The author points out that **Garry Wills** noted in the May 1 *New York Review of Books*, that “Obama and Lincoln met severe prejudices, with Obama’s conceivably greater. While Lincoln was deemed an unsophisticated rube, Obama confronts insinuations of being un-American, given a background characterized as ‘exotic’ by mainstream observers. And even if Obama, the much-praised writer, remains no match for ‘the resplendent Lincoln,’ the real link was how the men dealt with charges they coddled extremists.” For Abraham Lincoln it was John Brown and for Obama, **Jeremiah Wright** was his John Brown. According to Wills, “both argued against the politics of fear.”

Cartoonist **Mike Lukovich** of the *Atlanta-Journal Constitution* depicted Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas in debates with the ABC moderator asking, “Why no Flag Pins?” It appeared in the April 20 Sunday *New York Times*.

**Lewis Lehrman** wrote “A House Divided Against Itself . . .” for the April 22 *New York Sun*. Mr. Lehrman discussed the Republican and Democratic nominating conventions in 1860 at which Lincoln defeated Senator William Seward on the third ballot in Chicago and Stephen A. Douglas lived through the split in the dominant Democratic party which, despite his oratory, he could not prevent.

**U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia** spoke of Abraham Lincoln’s achievements at the May 30 **Centennial Celebration of the Illinois Supreme Court Building Gala Dinner**. Scalia discussed Lincoln’s reaction to the U.S. Supreme Court’s 1857 Dred Scott pro-slavery decision, saying that Lincoln believed the Court was “mistaken” when it determined that “the right of property in a slave is distinctly and expressly affirmed in the Constitution.” Scalia admitted to being an “originalist” and believed that this followed the principles of Lincoln. “It is a view that the Constitution, like other documents, must be interpreted fairly according to its text, in light of the history of its adoption and the tradition of its application.”

**Theodore L. Gatchel, U.S.M.C.** – Retired, discussed how “Peace Democrats” attempted to thwart Abraham Lincoln and his administration by seeking peace at almost any price for the June 1 *Providence Sunday Journal*.

**David Brooks’s**, “The Art of Growing Up,” in the June 6 *New York Times*, talked about the sense of self and what it took to achieve maturity in Lincoln’s day and our own. For Lincoln to succeed he had to achieve the, “conquest of the self.” “Human beings were born with sin,” and you had to achieve “mastery over them.” For Brooks, Lincoln presents the, “skills we look for in a leader.” “The central illusion of

modern politics is that of only people as virtuous as ‘us’ had power, then things would be better. Candidates get elected by telling people what they want to hear using the sugar of their own fantasies.” “. . . Don’t only look to see which candidate has the most talent. Look for the one most emotionally gripped by his own failings.”

### **Passings**

Historian **George M. Fredrickson**, 73, died of heart failure on February 25 at his home in Palo Alto, CA. Mr. Fredrickson is credited in using comparative history and breaking ground by suggesting broader, more thematic judgments about historical forces particularly evident in his *White Supremacy: A Comparative Study in American and South African History* (1991). Mr. Fredrickson wrote eight books and edited four more. His last, *Big Enough To Be Inconsistent: Abraham Lincoln Confronts Slavery and Race* was published this year by **Harvard University Press**.

### **Assassination**

**Laurie Verge** wrote “May They Rest In Peace” for the June *Surratt Currier*.

### **Works in Progress**

**Jan Cigliano** is at work on a biography of **John Hay**.

On behalf of the **Library of Congress** and the **U.S. Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission**, **Joshua Wolf Shenk** and **Harold Holzer** will be editing *In Lincoln’s Hand* to be published by **Bantam-Dell**. The book will reproduce high-resolution images of original manuscripts and other documents from Lincoln’s life and career. An exhibit, with the same title, will open on February 12, 2009, at the Library of Congress which will show its prized original items relating to Abraham Lincoln. *In Lincoln’s Hand* will serve as the official publication of the exhibit.

**Anthony S. Pitch's** *"They Have Killed Papa Dead! – The Road To Ford's Theatre, Lincoln's Murder, and the Rage for Vengeance* will be published in January by **Steerforth Press**.

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