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SEVENTH ANNUAL LINCOLN FORUM SYMPOSIUM TO EXAMINE “ABRAHAM LINCOLN, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, COMMUNICATOR-IN-CHIEF”

The two, epoch-making sides of Abraham Lincoln — fierce warrior for Union, and sublime poet of freedom — will be examined in detail by an extraordinary roster of Civil War historians at the seventh annual symposium of The Lincoln Forum, “Abraham Lincoln: Commander-in-Chief, Communicator-in-Chief.”

The symposium will be held from Saturday, November 16 through Monday, November 18, at the Holiday Inn Gettysburg Battlefield, in the center of the village where the “two Lincolns” enjoyed their greatest triumphs: at the most resounding battlefield victory of the entire war (the Battle of Gettysburg), and the most memorable oratorical triumph of Lincoln’s presidency (the Gettysburg Address).

Among the acclaimed scholars who will appear at the gathering are: James M. McPherson, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Battle Cry of Freedom*, who will deliver the keynote address on the first evening of the symposium; Ronald C. White, whose new book, *Lincoln’s Greatest Speech*, argues that the Second Inaugural, not the Gettysburg Address, was the 16th President’s finest; and William C. “Jack” Davis, the popular and prolific historian, who will assess Lincoln and his Confederate counterpart, Jefferson Davis, as commanders-in-chief.

Historian Lucas Morel will speak on “Lincoln’s Political Religion and Religious Politics,” and Mary Lincoln biographer Jean H. Baker returns to assess “The Varieties of Religious Experience” among both Lincolns — Abraham and Mary. Matthew Pinsker will offer a preview of his forthcoming book on Lincoln’s summer residence, Washington’s “Soldier’s Home,” where the 16th president wrote much or all of his greatest presidential act: the Emancipation Proclamation.

This year has marked the publication of two important books on the Lincoln assassination, and the authors of both will be on hand to discuss their works: Edward Steers, Jr. (author of *Blood on the Moon*) on “The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln: A Case of Historical Malpractice;” and Daniel Weinberg and James L. Swanson (co-authors of *Lincoln’s Assassins; Their Trial and Execution*), offering a slide show on “Mourning Lincoln.”

In addition, Geoffrey Perret, whose new book on John F. Kennedy has stirred the publishing world, will compare Lincoln, Ulysses S. Grant, Douglas MacArthur, and Kennedy as “motivating men” of history. Perret speaks at the concluding dinner on Monday evening, November 18.

As in past years, the Forum will gather for a luncheon at the historic Dobbin House, followed by a battlefield tour led by the noted guide Gary Kross. And a panel featuring all the scholars in residence, joined by Forum chairman Frank J. Williams and co-chairman Harold Holzer, will examine “Lincoln at Home” — an analysis of the private man in the crucible of public events. Virginia Williams will offer a slide show of Lincoln Forum VI memories, and Gabor Boritt, director of Gettysburg College’s Civil War Institute, will offer his traditional welcome to Gettysburg. The annual Richard N. Current Lincoln Forum Award of Achievement will be presented at the opening night banquet.

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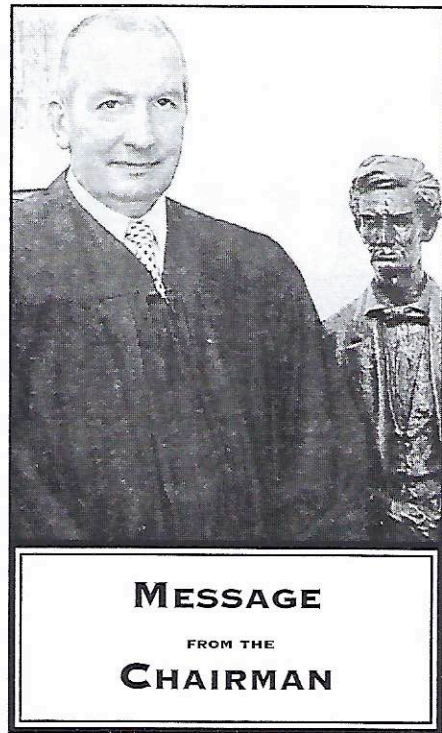
"Our Fiery Trial"

As historian Ed Steers has pointed out in his new book, *Blood on the Moon: The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln*, and has emphasized again in an important new article for *North and South Magazine*, terrorism is not a new phenomenon in the American experience.

As Confederate desperation increased in late 1864, government agents not only began plotting the kidnapping (and ultimately, the murder) of the President of the United States, but also a series of hideous attacks on civilians that sound amazingly like the terrorist activities that have unfolded (or been threatened) here in the 21st century.

Just as our 42nd President confronted an anthrax threat, and concerns about the development of germ warfare in Iraq, for example, our 16th president was reportedly the target of a more primitive, but frighteningly similar, threat in the 1860s, as desperate Rebel agents sought to send northward clothing that had been worn by yellow fever victims. (Fortunately, the plot was doomed to failure, as any modern biologist could have predicted.)

And just as New York City endured the unimaginable attacks of September 11, 2001, Civil War-era New York endured an equally brazen plot to burn down the city's leading hotels. Fortunately, the fires failed to ignite a citywide conflagration, and New York was spared mass destruction.



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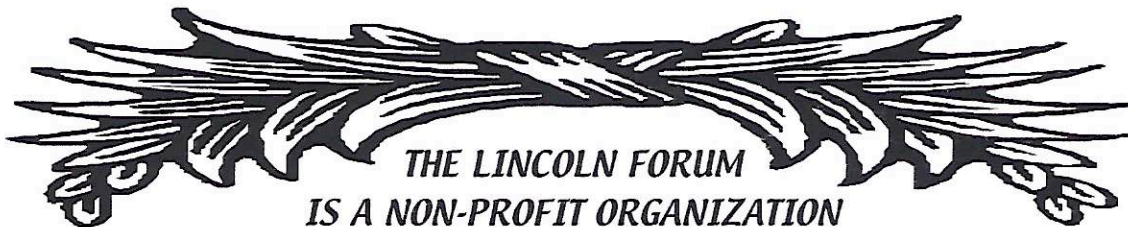
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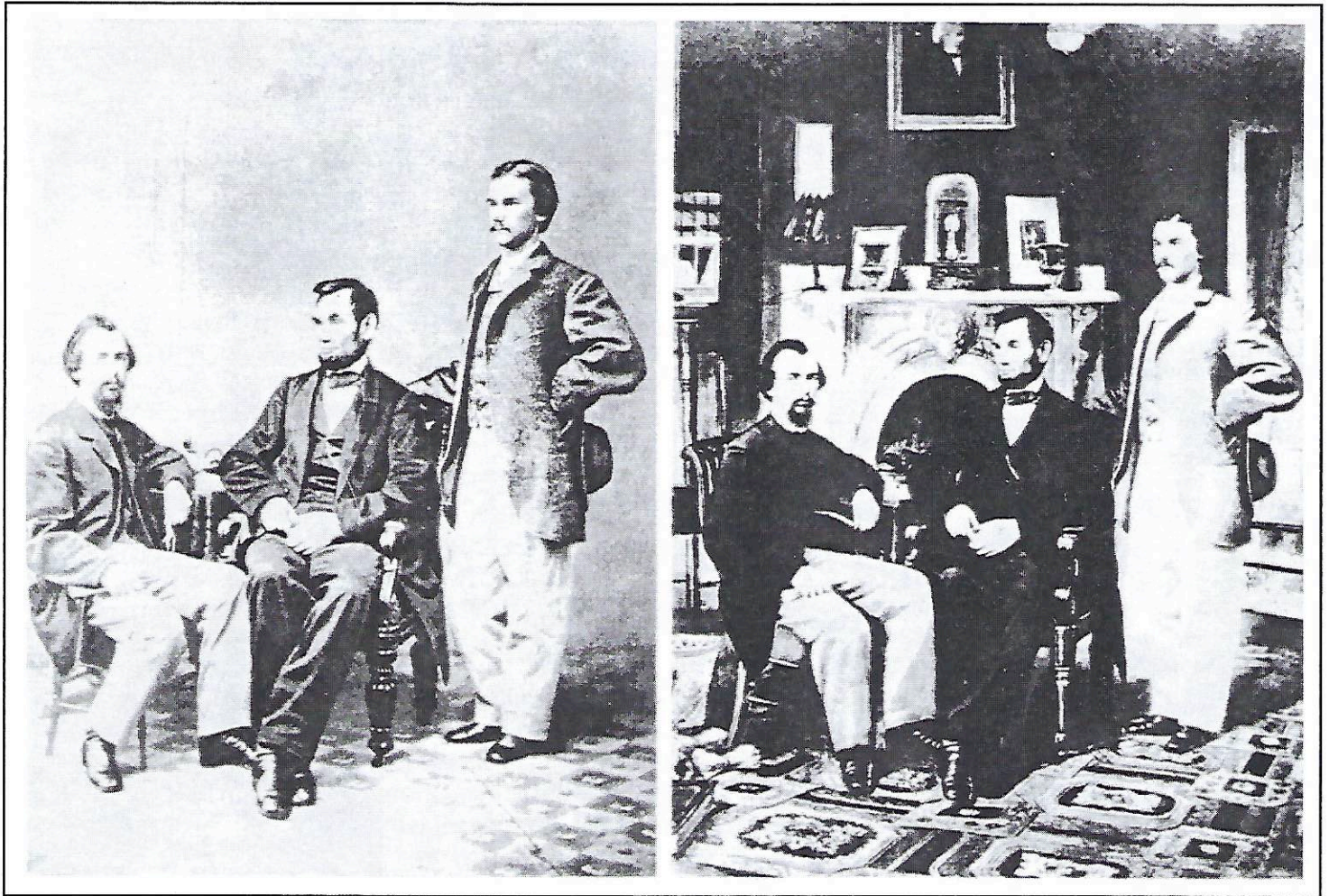
Such episodes — then and now — remind us of America's eternal reliance on leadership. During the darkest days of our history, when the young Union was threatened with dissolution, and when slavery threatened to overrun the country, Abraham Lincoln articulated — and fought — the good fight. He endured the "fiery trial" of Civil War, together with unimagined casualties and carnage, in order to preserve the basic value of government of, by, and for the people. And he eventually sacrificed his own life on what he inspiringly called "the altar of freedom."

Those of us in the Lincoln Forum have been meeting together for six years, constantly in search of connections to the past that might provide guidance for the future. But the last two years have been eye-opening to a degree we never could have predicted. We have met during disputed elections, and immediately following terrorist attacks on our soil. In both 2000 and 2001, we have paid careful attention to superb scholars, even as we kept one eye glued to unfolding history-in-the-making on CNN. It has been almost impossible to tune out the present.

But none of us who has enjoyed the experiences of the last two Forums can deny that we feel more prepared than ever, as a result, to meet the challenges of the coming months and years. Our remarkable group of enthusiasts, scholars, collectors, and friends forms an unbreakable union of our own, and, in adversity, strengthens us. To paraphrase Lincoln: fondly do we hope, fervently do we pray, that all will yet be well.

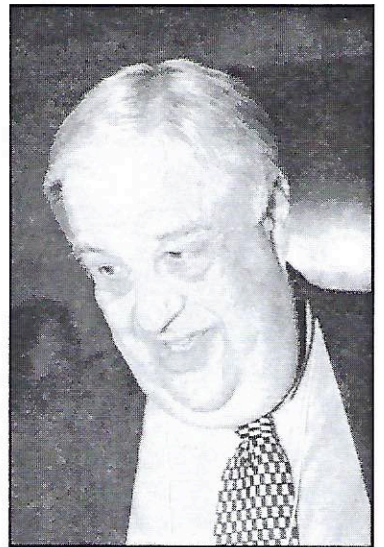
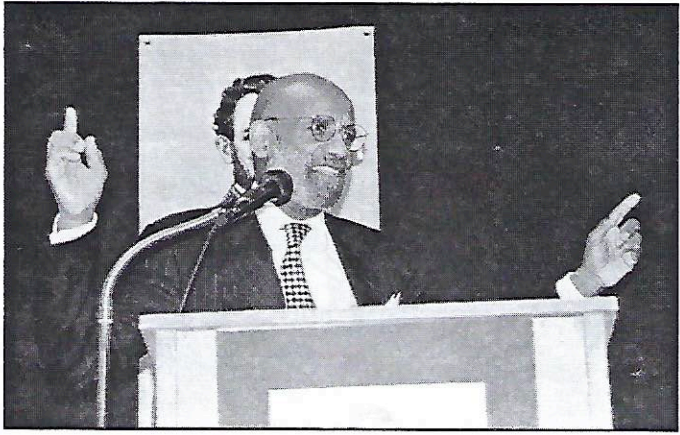


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Inventing Lincoln's White House

Just before traveling to Gettysburg to deliver his most famous speech in November 1863, Abraham Lincoln visited Alexander Gardner's Washington photographic studios, where he sat for the photo at left with his private secretaries, John G. Nicolay (left) and John M. Hay. Both men would later make the trip to Gettysburg with the President. But while Hay later recorded in his diary that he and Nicolay had been "immortalized" by posing with their chief, Gardner evidently felt the bare-background photo lacked the trappings that would make it live in history. So studio artists painted in an elaborate background meant to transform the plain studio into the President's White House office. Added were a formal mantel, the bulbs of the White House chandelier, just the hint, at left, of the President's pigeon-hole desk, a war map at right, and even the famous painting of Andrew Jackson. But for some reason, the artist neglected to erase Hay's hat. Is he just arriving for work—or hoping to go home early? (Photos: Library of Congress)



FORUM VI MEMORIES: THE SPEAKERS' GALLERY

(Photos by: Virginia Williams,
David Walker and Meg Holzer)

Clockwise from top left:
Lerone Bennett Jr., Michael
Vorenberg, John Y. Simon,
Allen Guelzo, Craig
Symonds, Garry Wills,
Barry Schwartz and
Edna Greene Medford



MARSZALEK VOTED BEST SPEAKER AT 2001 LINCOLN FORUM VI

Three-time Forum faculty member John Marszalek of Mississippi State University was voted the highest-rated speaker at Lincoln Forum VI, according to the annual evaluation sheets filed by symposium attendees. Previewing his forthcoming biography of Henry Wager Halleck, Professor Marszalek addressed the 2001 Forum on “1862: A Year of Decision for Mr. Lincoln and General Halleck.”

Marszalek received an overall rating of 9.33. Craig L. Symonds of the U. S. Naval Academy was a close second, earning an evaluation average of 9.24. Professor Symonds had previously been chosen by Forum attendees as a favorite symposium speaker, and has also finished second once previously, making him one of the highest-ranked speakers in the six-year history of the Forum.

The other speakers were ranked as follows: Allen Guelzo, 8.94; John Y. Simon, 8.51; Garry Wills, 8.23; William Lee Miller, 8.12; Michael Vorenberg, 7.83; Barry Schwartz, 7.17; and Lerone Bennett, Jr., 6.05.

The greatest disparity in votes came in reaction to Mr. Bennett, who addressed the Forum on his controversial book, *Forced into Glory: Abraham Lincoln's White Dream*. Mr. Bennett received a number of perfect “10” votes from attendees, who specifically cited his rousing presentation. But he also earned several “0” rankings from voters who condemned his anti-Lincoln message.

The 2001 panel discussion on “Lincoln and Liberty” earned an exceptionally high 9.5 rating, and the Forum VI battlefield excursion, along with battlefield guide Gary Kross, earned consistent 9+ rankings, the most positive reaction to a Forum battlefield tour in several seasons.

Overall ranking of the Forum symposium again topped 9.3, and the headquarters hotel and meal services were also highly rated. Attendees expressed particular approval of the expanded book and art displays, with a number of voters expressing the hope that the booths could be expanded further to include antiques, relics, and even period jewelry.

Historian James M. McPherson most frequently named by attendees as the speaker they would like hearing in the future (Professor McPherson will offer the keynote address at Lincoln Forum VII).

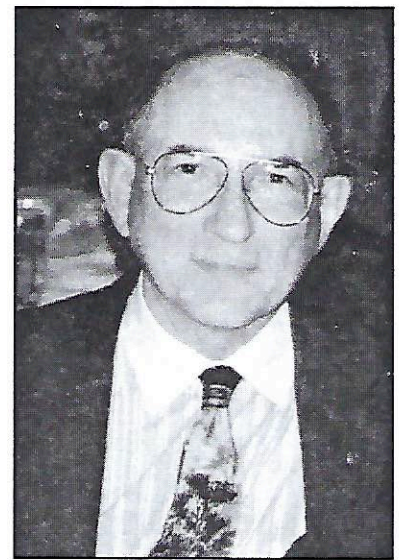
This year's attendees traveled an average of 653 miles to attend the annual symposium—the longest distances yet recorded by respondents.

Commented Forum Chairman Frank J. Williams: “The Forum is delighted to welcome John Marszalek to its exclusive roster of highest-ranked speakers. He joins such previous audience favorites as Jeff Shaara, Doris Kearns Goodwin, Jack Davis, and Craig Symonds—speakers who combine scholarship, creativity, enthusiasm, and energy to engage and excite their audiences. We are also gratified for to know that our Symposium attendees are coming to Gettysburg from farther and wider than ever before. And judging from their response, they are finding the trip worthwhile.”

DOWNTOWN LINCOLN

This new, larger-than life bronze statue in Alton, Illinois stands near the spot where Abraham Lincoln met an exhausted, hoarse Stephen A. Douglas in the seventh and final of the fabled debates in the 1858 campaign for the U. S. Senate. The Lincoln Forum-HistoryAmerica cruise through Lincoln country visited the site last September. Here on October 15, 1858, Lincoln spoke about “the eternal struggle between” the “two principles...that have stood face to face from the beginning of time, and will ever continue to struggle. The one is the common right of humanity and the other the divine right of kings. It is the same principle in whatever shape it develops itself... . No matter in what shape it comes, whether from the mouth of a king who seeks to bestride the people of his own nation and live by the fruit of their labor, or from one race of men as an apology for enslaving another race, it is the same tyrannical principle.”

(Photo: Ryan Mangum)



John Marszalek at the
Lincoln Forum Podium.





James Getty leads the Remembrance Day Parade



Garry Wills receives the 2001 Lincoln Forum Award of Achievement from Harold Holzer and Frank J. Williams

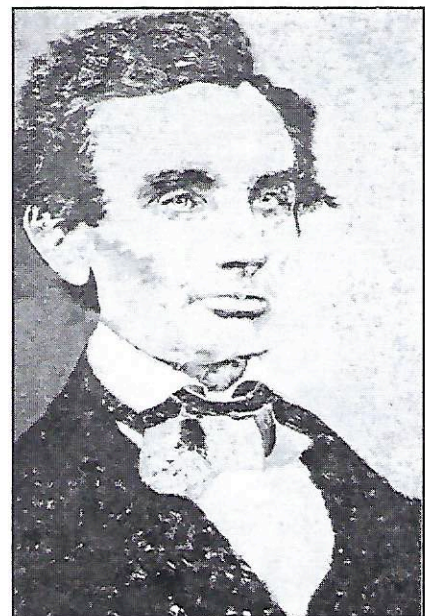


Lerone Bennett, Jr. confers with Gettysburg's most famous historian, Gabor Boritt.



Seeing, hearing, believing? No evil noted from David Walker, Dale Jirik, and Steve McKenrick

LINCOLN FORUM VI: AN ALBUM



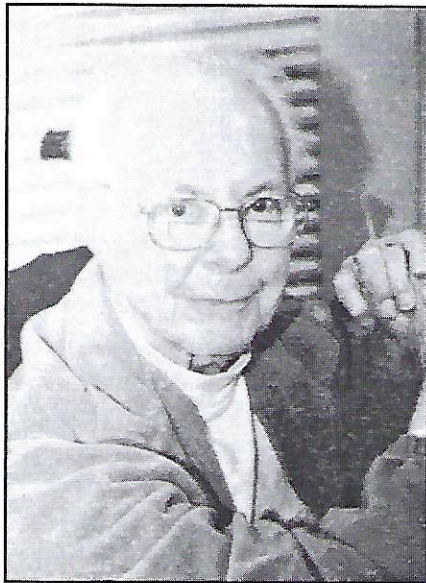
On display: a pre-presidential Lincoln by artist Wendy Allen



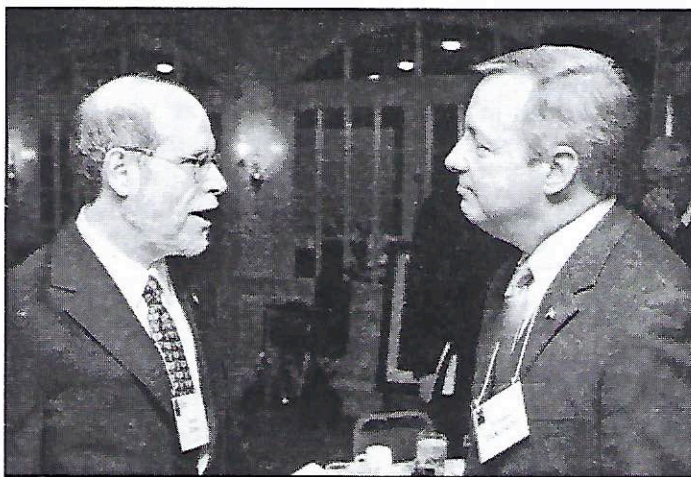
(Above) A legend is born: the debut of the Lincoln Forum jug band. And a legend returns: dean of Lincoln scholars Richard N. Current (below left).



Sale's on: registration table and book display in full swing.



An audience engaged: Lerone Bennett addresses a packed house.



Co-chairmen of the U. S. Lincoln Bicentennial Commission confer: Lincoln Forum's own Harold Holzer (left) and Senator Dick Durbin of Illinois (right).



Historian Barry Schwartz (center) wrote about Lincoln: now he meets "Lincoln" (alias Fred Priebe) at Lincoln Forum VI.

Aboard the Good (Steam) Ship Delta Queen in Pursuit of Lincoln Lore

By Donald Pieper

When the *Delta Queen* “choked a stump” along the muddy river bank at the hamlet of Henry, Illinois, last October, the weather was damp and about to become wetter.

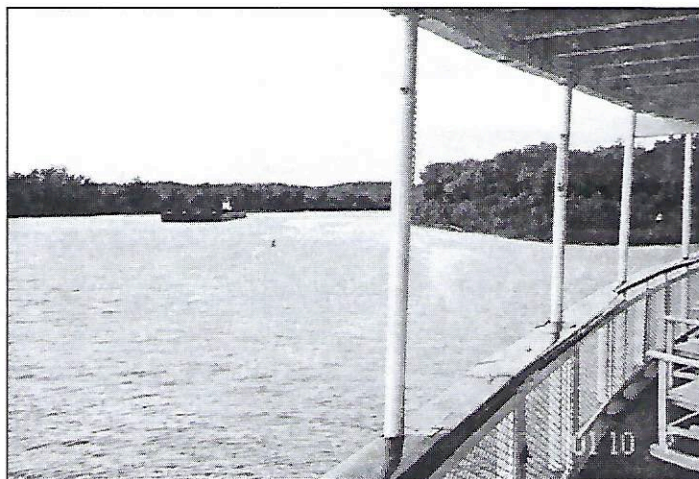
But who cared? Certainly not the passengers aboard the *Queen*, a steam-driven paddlewheeler (built at Sacramento in 1927). They had reveled in sunny Midwestern autumn splendor when it counted — during the week just ending when they went ashore to visit sites where Abraham Lincoln spent most of his pre-presidential years.

By the time the shipmates — most of them traveling under the auspices of the Lincoln Forum and History America — reached Henry and the crew had tied the *Queen* to a tree (that’s “choking a stump,” in steamboatspeak) they were ready to relax and to reflect on Mr. Lincoln’s early days.

They had been well fed by the *Delta Queen* galley staff, but they were starved for news. While they were visiting sites where Abraham Lincoln matured into his role as a 19th century wartime leader, bombing raids launched 21st century 9-11 retaliation battles in Afghanistan.

Under the tutelage of Frank J. Williams and Harold Holzer, the *Queen*’s passengers absorbed facts and anecdotes about Lincoln’s young manhood, his professional and family life, and his blossoming political career.

The venerable steamship that carried the Forum members up the Mississippi and Illinois rivers was outfitted in furnishings that would have made Lincoln or Mark Twain feel at home. It was all very grand, but there were no television sets. Only one small radio in the main lounge.



VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

The Illinois shoreline — which Lincoln knew so well as a young flatboat pilot — roll by the antique side-wheeler *Delta Queen* during the 2001 HistoryAmerica - Lincoln Forum cruise. Photo: Kenneth and Ryan Mangum.

The cruising Lincoln fans found they could survive without instant access to sports scores and stock quotes — but were frustrated when war broke out and all they knew about it was what fellow travelers reported after cell phone conversations with folks at home with access to CNN.

They devoured newspapers bought during excursions to Alton (site of a Lincoln-Douglas debate), Springfield (where Mr. Lincoln was an attorney and legislator) and New Salem (where young Abe split rails and had a brief, undistinguished career as a merchant).

The Lincoln-country field trips were conducted by Forum leaders Williams and Holzer. These distinguished guides, MVPs in the Lincoln League, provided details that delighted, amused and, most definitely yet most engagingly, instructed their shipmates.

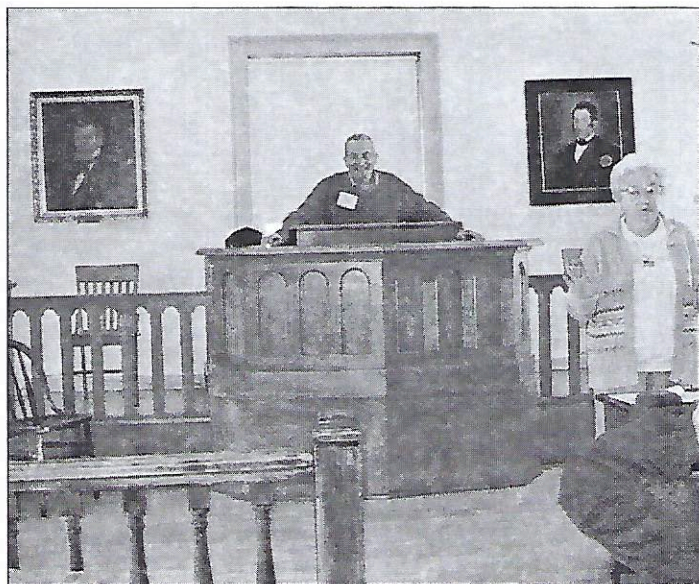
The week on the river was organized by History America Tours, operated by long-time Lincoln Forum supporters Pete and Julia Brown of Dallas. The Illinois professionals and volunteers who staff the Lincoln sites supplemented the Williams and Holzer commentaries.

Nicky Stratton, director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau in Springfield, says she and her fellow custodians of Lincoln’s Illinois legacy take their responsibility seriously.

She also is president of a new organization that will coordinate activities, programs and development at the various Illinois sites. Eventually, she says, Lincoln locales in Indiana and Kentucky are expected to be involved, so there will be an integrated promotion to serve all visitors — from scholars to the just curious.

BEARDSTOWN LINCOLN COURTHOUSE

Chief Justice Frank J. Williams never met a court house he didn’t like, including this one — where Lincoln argued the Duff Armstrong Almanac Trial — in Beardstown, Illinois. Photo: Jim Westerby



YOUR VOICE COUNTS: COMMENTS FROM THE 2001 SYMPOSIUM

There can be no doubt about it: Forum VI attendees regarded the first-ever appearance of an anti-Lincoln speaker as an event worth debating. Lerone Bennett, Jr., spoke on Saturday, November 18, arguing passionately that Abraham Lincoln not only did not deserve the title of "Great Emancipator," but somehow was responsible for enslaving more African-Americans than he freed. The *Ebony Magazine* editor charged that Lincoln was a racist who routinely used the "N" word, told anti-black jokes, and utterly failed to envision the bi-racial society made inevitable by Emancipation and Union victory in the Civil War.

Bennett's controversial speech inspired one of the liveliest question-and-answer sessions in Forum history, and attendees later commented liberally on the experience in their evaluations. Do Lincoln enthusiasts have an obligation to hear such views? Was the Forum wise to invite Lerone Bennett? Should anti-Lincoln scholarship be encouraged or stifled? Attendees apparently felt just as strongly as Mr. Bennett. A sampling of opinion follows.

"[The Bennett presentation] was a surprise and a pleasant one. Bennett is a compelling presenter. But mind you, I was most grateful for Harold Holzer's succinct questioning and knew John Y. Simon's oil would float upon the roiled waters and calm them."

"I found this year's Forum particularly provocative, interesting, and challenging due to the controversial views about Lincoln. Most thought-provoking!"

"It was important to have Mr. Bennett, but it was difficult to listen to his message."

"It was vital that Mr. Bennett came, but the content of his talk was unacceptable."

"Bottom line: Bennett should not have been chosen to speak, because his research is selective and dishonest. If truth fails, why have him here? Screaming and shouting and demagoguery should not be criteria for choosing speakers. Drawing attention to a subject based on false research has no justification and demeans the Forum. He deliberately chooses not to do full research and a house built on that cannot stand."

"Please do not invite Mr. Bennett again, unless you balance him with a right-wing, politically-correct wacko."

"I'm glad you invited Bennett. Not the lunatic I expected. Good to hear another voice, even if it's hard to agree with him. He'd do better if he toned it down."

"I believe Lerone Bennett, or any speaker, should be given respect, but the remarks of some questioners were more like deference. John Simon's later remarks on misusing the word 'racism' and Hitler were excellent. I wish they had been pointed out to Mr. Bennett."

"I felt that Mr. Bennett was shallow, confrontational, and a bad historian, with a grating presentation. It was necessary to have him appear, though he should have taken more knowledge from us than we from him. I'm not sure he will admit any truths. His continual promise to 'discuss this further' is a farce--he doesn't know how to 'discuss.'"

"It is clear that Mr. Bennett is disingenuous and was here to add a name to his resume and not to advance scholarship. Once he crossed the line from honesty to dishonesty, he should have been called on it."

"Please, no more Lerone Bennett. Once is enough!"

"I feel that too many participants 'fawned' in regard to Mr. Bennett, perhaps going overboard to bow to him. I am certain that the resulting impression of him will be less than frank. In regards to his speech, if you have the facts on your side, expound the facts, and if you have moral rectitude, expound moral rectitude. If you have neither, pound the table. Mr. Bennett pounded the table."

"A good idea to invite Lerone Bennett, listen politely and try to understand where he is coming from."

"Need more speakers like Lerone Bennett to stir things up. It's nice to hear from the other side."

"Keep up the good work. I appreciate the fact that you brought in Lerone Bennett to give his views. I might not agree with him but he made me re-examine what I do believe."

And on the overall impact of Lincoln Forum VI:

"I've looked forward to attending for several years. It's all that I hoped it would be."

"Each year I attend the Forum. I leave saying this was the best one yet. I am thinking the same thing now."

"I leave with the sense of having taken an information bath. I loved the conference."

"Thank you. The annual Forum event met my expectations. It's not the sessions, but the people that make this conference."

"The Lincoln Forum is the high point of my intellectual life each year. If I can only attend one conference, this will always be my top choice."

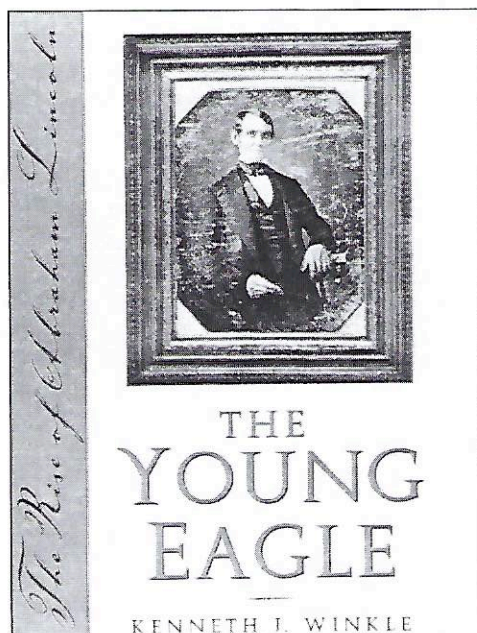
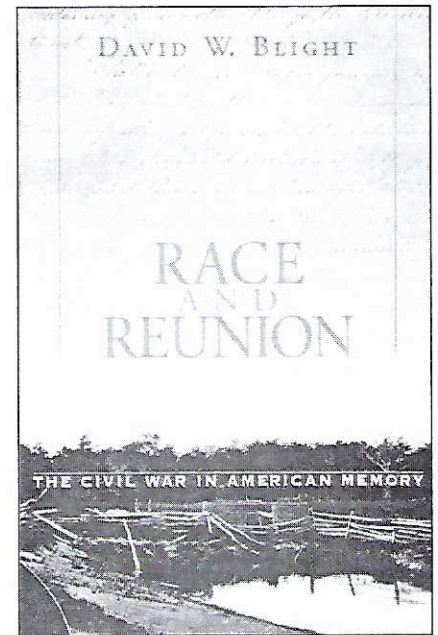
NEW ON THE LINCOLN BOOKSHELF

Lincoln books continue to pour off the presses, with no end in sight to the recent, robust renaissance in Lincoln scholarship.

The big news of the season was the unique triumph enjoyed by Amherst College professor David Blight, whose *Race and Reunion* won both the \$25,000 Frederick Douglass Prize and the \$50,000 Lincoln Prize of Gettysburg College (both endowed by philanthropists Richard Gilder and Lewis Lehrman). It is the first book to win both of these honors in the same year, along with the coveted Bancroft Prize.

New and noteworthy since the last issue of *The Lincoln Forum Bulletin*:

- *Race and Reunion* by David W. Blight (Harvard University Press, 2001). This ground-breaking book argues that African-Americans were the real losers of the Civil War, their hope for equal rights and opportunities obliterated by the rush to reunite Northern and Southern whites after Appomattox. The book expertly traces both post-war history and post-war memory, charting and analyzing how they diverged.
- *Lincoln's Virtues: An Ethical Biography* by William Lee Miller (Alfred A. Knopf, 2002), explores the extraordinary story of a unique man who defied the standards and norms of his period and yet attracted acclaim and affection from his peers -- and ultimately, political triumph and immortality. The book is a biography of Lincoln's heart and mind, by a leading historian whose most recent triumph was the 1996 classic, *Arguing About Slavery*
- *The Young Eagle: The Rise of Abraham Lincoln* by Kenneth J. Winkle (Taylor Trade Publishing, 2001), probes the early life and career of the sixteenth President, persuasively contending that Lincoln held advanced views on slavery for his time, and enjoyed a typical middle-class marriage with Mary Todd. Comparing him to other men of his times, Winkle finds an exceptional figure in the young Lincoln. Former Senator Paul Simon praised the book for adding "rich details to the Lincoln story."



- *Blood on the Moon: The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln* by Edward Steers Jr. (University Press of Kentucky, 2001). Assassination scholar Steers offers what likely will stand as the definitive history of the plot to kill Abraham Lincoln. Meticulously researched, thoughtfully analyzed, and dramatically written, the study dismisses crusty old myths and sifts through new evidence to assess the assassination in its proper historical context, at last.

- *Lincoln's Assassins: Their Trial and Execution* by James L. Swanson and Daniel R. Weinberg (Arena Editions, 2001). This is not "a complete history of the great crime of the nineteenth century," the authors take pains to alert readers in their introduction. What it is, is a feast for the eye: photographs, prints, and never-before-seen paintings that portray how the assassination was pictured and understood by a shocked American public. The lavish coffee-table format makes this an instant collector's item.

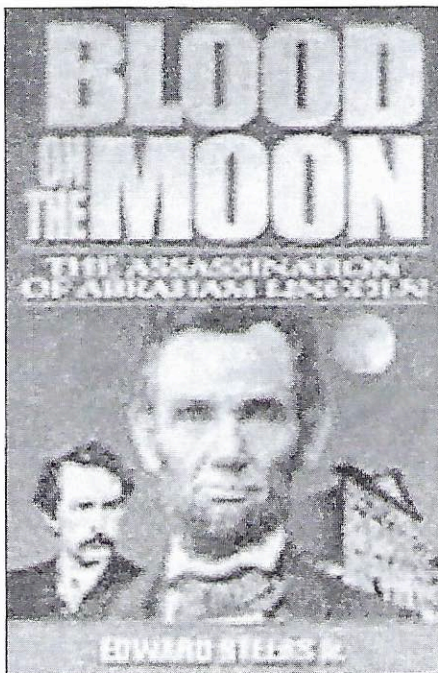
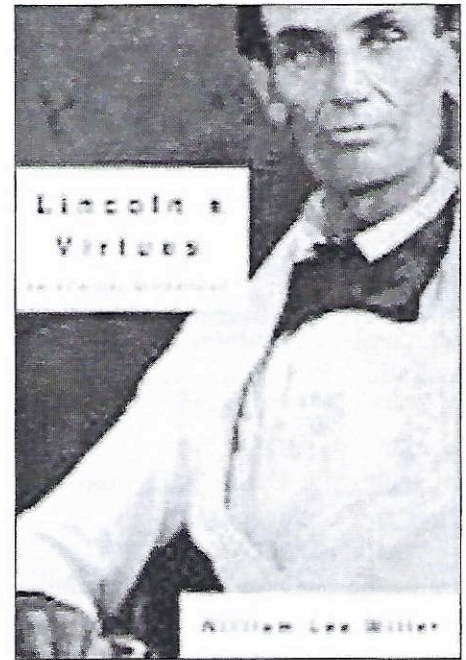
- *From Rail-Splitter to Icon: Lincoln's Image in Illustrated Periodicals, 1860-1865* by Gary L. Bunker (Kent State University Press, 2001). The marvelously rich and varied image of Lincoln in *Harper's Weekly*, *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper*, and lesser known pictorial newspapers, is analyzed and illustrated in this treasure chest of cartoons and caricatures by one of the pre-eminent scholars in the field.

- *A. Lincoln, Esquire: A Shrewd, Sophisticated Lawyer in His Time* by Allen D. Spiegel (Mercer University Press, 2002). Publication of the complete Lincoln Legal Papers archive was certain to inspire a bevy of new books about his legal career, and this is the first. Spiegel, a professor of preventive medicine, of all things, examines 60 cases and concludes Lincoln was an important "rainmaker" who balanced a thriving legal business with the all-consuming business of politics.

- *November: Lincoln's Elegy at Gettysburg* by Kent Gramm (Indiana University Press, 2001), is the latest of the recent books that examine society through the prism of a single year or, in this case, a month. Gramm's "November" embraces not only the 1863 Gettysburg Address, but also the World War I armistice, and the 1963 assassination of President Kennedy. Gramm is program director at the Seminary Ridge Historical Preservation Foundation.

- *The Union Divided: Party Conflict in the Civil War North* by Mark E. Neely, Jr. (Harvard University Press, 2002). Neely attacks the long-held belief that vigorous Democratic-Republican competition during the Civil War was good for the Union, arguing instead that the partisan press helped inflame extremism. Jean H. Baker calls the book "marvelously contrarian and thought-provoking."

- *Abraham Lincoln and Civil War America: A Biography* by William E. Gienapp (Oxford University Press, 2002). Harvard Professor Gienapp's long-awaited one-volume biography is being promoted as "the most concise study of this revered figure." It also has a novel premise: the ironic fact that the conservative Lincoln led America to some of its most sweeping and revolutionary changes.



- *This Fiery Trial: The Speeches and Writings of Abraham Lincoln*, edited by William E. Gienapp (Oxford University Press, 2002). Meant as a companion volume to Gienapp's new Lincoln biography, this artfully arranged, brief (227-page) collection of the best speeches and letters offers incisive introductory commentary by the editor.

- *The Women in Lincoln's Life* by H. Donald Winkler (Rutledge Hill Press, 2001). Mother Nancy Hanks Lincoln, Sister Sarah, his supposedly beloved Ann Rutledge, and his marriage to Mary Todd — here described as hellish — are all explored in this study by a retired university administrator who spent 10 years conducting research for this project.

- *Lincoln's Greatest Speech: Lincoln's Second Inaugural* by Ronald C. White, Jr. (Simon & Schuster, 2001). The first book ever devoted to Lincoln's oration at his second swearing-in, this study examines its religious foundations, sentence-by-sentence.

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The Lincoln Forum weekend will begin this year with the Remembrance Day Parade — which sets off on Saturday afternoon at 1:00 PM, before the official opening of the Forum symposium. The Forum plans to offer an early-bird panel discussion for those who arrive early for the parade.

As always, on Tuesday, November 19, symposium attendees will be invited to the annual roster of activities celebrating the official anniversary of the Gettysburg Address. A noted public figure, to be announced, will be featured this year as the principal orator at the Soldiers' National Cemetery, and Mark E. Neely, Jr. will be the 2002 Fortenbaugh Lecturer that evening at Gettysburg College.

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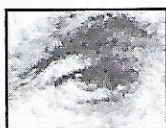
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The gang's all here: the annual group portrait, in front of the Dobbin House restaurant, November 18, 2001.



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