**ALA Makes Major Gift to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library**

In May of this year, James Cornelius, curator of the Lincoln Collection at the Presidential Library, and Ian Hunt, its new chief of acquisitions, learned that an unknown 3-volume set of Isaac Arnold's *The Life of Abraham Lincoln* would be sold at Leslie Hindman Auctioneers in Chicago. The set bears the bookplates of Frank O. Lowden, who was elected governor of Illinois in 1916, and contains 100 original manuscripts by figures of the Lincoln period -- including two by Abraham himself, one by Mary, and one by Robert -- and 125 fine steel engravings. It also contains the handwriting of 9 additional Presidents of the United States, Stephen A. Douglas, Schuyler Colfax, cultural figures like Holmes and Greeley, and a dozen high-ranking Army or Navy officers.

The three volumes are 3/4 bound in blue morocco leather with ribbed spines and marbled endpapers.

Cornelius and Hunt agreed that this would be a fine addition to the ALPLM, but, alas, the Library and Foundation had no funds to make such an acquisition. Hunt solicited the help of Richard E. Hart who suggested that Hunt travel to Chicago to view the set. He did and came home enthused about the historical value of its contents. Hart urged the Abraham Lincoln Association to participate in the acquisition of the set, and on the day of the auction Hart bid by telephone on behalf of the ALA. The price for the winning bid was just over $26,000.

The joyful moment was followed by sober reality. It would be necessary to solicit individuals to contribute to the ALA for this purchase. Within several days in response to emails by Hart, the ALA had raised more than $20,000, and additional sums were received in response to a letter to the Board of Directors by President Kathryn Harris. Those contributing to date and to whom we give a big Thank You are:

An Anonymous donor, Julie and Bill Cellini, Nancy Chapin, Bob and Patricia Davis, Guy Fraker, Joe Garrera, Don Graham, Kathryn Harris, Ann and Dick Hart, Dave Joens, Bob Lenz, Sue Massie, Mary Jo and Bud Potter, Bill and Mary Shepherd, Bob Stuart, Don and Wanda Tracy, Andy Van Meter, Jonathan White, and the ALA itself. Without these contributors, the purchase could not have been made. Thank you.

Cornelius took possession of the volumes in Chicago and that same evening was able to show them to Doris Kearns Goodwin at the ALPL Foundation banquet, as shown in the accompanying photograph. Then, once home in the safe hands of the Presidential Library, Cornelius made a

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**Wayne Temple, Dean of Lincoln Scholars, Retires from State Archives**

By Dave Joens
Illinois State Archivist and
ALA Vice President

When it comes to Abraham Lincoln, the jota says it all. Wayne Temple's vita lists his first publication about Lincoln in 1951. His most recent book, *Lincoln's Surgeons at His Assassination*, was released in late 2015. In between, Temple wrote approximately 500 Lincoln-related books, articles, book chapters, reviews, pamphlets, and bibliographies. This list doesn't include his works on other subjects, such as Native Americans, Illinois history, the State Capitol, and Freemasonry.

My mind is drawn to new things that have not been discovered, and need to be told,” he says.

His first scholarly publication had nothing to do with Lincoln. In the summer of 1951 the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* (JISHS) published his article "The Pikes Peak Gold Rush," in which he analyzed how the gold rush of 1859 affected Illinois. The article set the template for a Wayne Temple work: well-researched, a heavy reliance on primary sources, and to the point.

Wayne Calhoun "Doc" Temple retired in February 2016 as Chief Deputy Director and Lincoln historian in residence at the Illinois State Archives after 51 years of service. He was born in Ohio in 1924 and served in Europe during World War II. After the war, he attended the University of Illinois, where he studied under James G. Randall, the acknowledged dean of Lincoln scholars.

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**Mary Elizabeth “Molly” Becker (March 28, 1930 - May 30, 2016)**

The Abraham Lincoln Association lost a valued member and friend with the passing of Molly Becker. As a native of Mr. Lincoln’s hometown, Molly devoted her entire life in service to her family, to charitable organizations, and to the Abraham Lincoln Association (ALA). She was part of a generation of people who recognized the importance of historical memory and the global power of the Lincoln story. Every significant advancement of Lincoln sites and story found Molly at the forefront of the efforts. As a leader in the Junior League of Springfield, Molly was part of an Illinois contingent dressed in 1860s period garb travelling to the New World’s Fair in 1964 to open the Illinois Pavilion. In the Illinois Pavilion original copies of the Gettysburg Address and 13th Amendment were displayed as well as a library of biographies and historical works on Abraham Lincoln. But the real show-stopper was the unveiling of Walt Disney’s auto-animated figure of Abraham Lincoln.

Molly was co-chair of the ALA committee that raised funds to purchase the period furniture for the restoration of the Old State Capitol. It was at Governor Otto Kerner’s urging that the Abraham Lincoln Association reconstituted itself after liquidating their entire assets in the 1950s to cover the costs of publishing *The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln*. The committee raised more than was needed to cover the costs of purchasing the antique furnishings, making the ALA board confident that whatever task assigned to Molly would result in success. With the remarkable renovation and opening of the Old State Capitol, Molly turned her attention to other Lincoln sites. She was a regular volunteer at Lincoln’s New Salem and, with the Junior League, pushed for the creation and preservation of the Lincoln Home area. Restoring the Corneau House provided a base of operations for the Junior League as it provided guided tours in period attire. She also was part of a group instrumental in the creation of the Springfield Historic Sites Commission to preserve much of the original architectural fabric of the city. Finding spare time on her hands, Molly also served as Regent of the Abraham Lincoln Academy for thirty years and volunteered at the Illinois State Museum.

Always looking for innovative ways to promote Lincoln, Molly was the chair of the Sound and Light show at the Old State Capitol. Beginning in the summer of 1976, the show synchronized an audio recording of the narrator and actor Lee J. Cobb with light effects within the windows of the Old State Capitol, telling the story of Lincoln’s election and the coming of the war. Portable bleachers were set up in the pedestrian mall in front of the Old State Capitol, and the show was timed to be shown at dusk to further highlight the effects. The show ran until the late 1980s. Molly also served as the first manager of the Great Western Railway Depot, where Lincoln delivered his Farewell Address to the citizens of Springfield.

In spite of these outstanding achievements, Molly always claimed that her strongest talents were in “throwing a good party.” Not surprisingly, she was frequently on the banquet committee to plan the annual Lincoln birthday dinner. She also headed the membership committee because of her ease at talking with strangers and her facility with words. One of the hardest challenges was crafting a membership renewal letter to be sent just weeks after the September 11, 2001, attacks. Recognizing that the nation was still in the throes of shock and mourning, Molly wrote comforting words: “This letter may arrive at a time when you are understandably still dealing with the trauma created by the terrorist attack of September 11th. Perhaps you might say that this subject is not relevant to the moment… But I suggest to you that never has there been a more propitious time to be part of an organization whose mission is to disseminate the wisdom and foresight of Abraham Lincoln. When have we as a nation been more in need of his words of inspiration and hope? When has it mattered more that we all be touched by the ‘better angels of our nature’? Or that the ‘last best hope’ of American democracy renew itself?”

Serving in every significant capacity offered by the ALA, Molly was at various times Vice President, chair of the nominating committee, chair of the membership committee, banquet committee, and on the ALA Bicentennial Committee that coordinated with other state and regional groups as well as planning Springfield’s 2009 celebration. For these reasons as well as her many unrecorded acts of kindness and generosity on behalf of the ALA, Molly was awarded the Logan Hay Medal in 2009. The medal is awarded infrequently and only to those individuals who make “noteworthy contributions to the mission of The Abraham Lincoln Association.” Molly was part of a determined and inspired group of people who built upon and expanded the foundation of significant Lincoln sites, provided accessible and enjoyable venues for visitors interested in the Lincoln story, and were major backers when talk of building the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum went beyond rumor to realization. Molly had the capacity for big dreams and the determination and persistence to realize them. She is gone, but her legacy is all around us, if only we take the time to look.

*~Thomas Schwartz, Executive Director of the Herbert Hoover Library and Museum*
Why We Support the Papers of Abraham Lincoln Project

By Kathryn M. Harris

The Papers of Abraham Lincoln Project (PAL) seeks to identify, digitize, and transcribe the outgoing, as well as the incoming correspondence to our 16th President. The PAL is a unique project in the documentary editing field, as no other digital project has Lincoln as its cornerstone. The Legal Papers of Abraham Lincoln project was the first stage and is now a boon to all researchers globally. See lawpracticeofabrahamlincoln.org

The work that is ongoing by the PAL staff ensures that both little-known and even heretofore unknown personal and presidential correspondence will be accessible to larger audiences. Not only do current scholars benefit from this research, but also scholars and Lincoln aficionados of future generations will reap benefits as this information, too, will be accessible in digital format. Identification of these documents and manuscripts is important in order to keep the Lincoln Legacy alive today and to introduce his legacy to future generations.

It is for these reasons that the ALA supports the continued funding of the PAL by the State of Illinois at the level that will insure its success, but also by the various federal and private organizations that have also supported the Project in the past.

The significance of this project is, in many ways, comparable to the work that the ALA contributed with the publication of the Collected Works over sixty years ago. In finding thousands more documents already, the PAL continues this tradition of scholarship.

--- Kathryn M. Harris is the President of the Abraham Lincoln Association

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GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sending warm thoughts to you as Spring fades and Summer begins. And to those of you who are enamored with “all things outdoors,” this is your time to enjoy.

What a memorable experience for me to be a part of the Springfield delegation that visited the USS Abraham Lincoln in Norfolk, Virginia, last month. Fellow Board member Justin Blandford, Mayor Jim Langfelder, P. J. Staab, whose family commissioned the replica of Lincoln’s funeral hearse, and Paul Franke, Springfield Capital Airport Manager, completed our delegation. We saw practically every nook and cranny of our namesake nuclear aircraft carrier, which is in port for RCOH (Refueling and Complex Overhaul) prior to its “being underway” in early 2017. I look forward to welcoming Capt. Ron Ravelo and other crew members who are scheduled to visit Springfield this fall. Thank you for affording me this once in a lifetime opportunity. I have a renewed admiration and respect for those who serve our country and protect our freedoms, and I thank them for that service.

The next time you visit Springfield, be sure to travel to the University of Illinois Springfield campus and see the new statue “The Young Lawyer” that was unveiled on May 10, 2016, near the Colonnade. Magnificently sculpted by George Lundeen, the work depicts the beardless Lincoln as a young man who even has a faint smile. It is beautiful. If there is a second edition of Lincoln in Illinois (2009), the book of sculptures, it is a MUST to be included.

Finally, the Lincoln Legacy Lecture Series, the Ex Parte Milligan Conference, the Lincoln Colloquium, and the Lincoln Forum loom on the horizon. I hope that many of our members will take advantage of these opportunities to learn more about our 16th President and to network with fellow members and even recruit a few new ones.

Thank you and enjoy your summer.

Kathryn M. Harris
Evansville Museum of Arts, History & Science

*Lincoln’s Formative Years in Indiana*, an exhibit at the Evansville Museum of Arts, History, & Science until July 24, displays images and artifacts from museum and private collections, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, the Indiana State Museum, the Indiana Historical Society, and the Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection.

Indiana State Museum

The Lincolns as typical Indiana settlers in 1816, the start of Indiana statehood, 200 years ago, will be the subject of an exhibit that will open in September 2016 at the Indiana State Museum in Indianapolis.

Lincoln Colloquium

On October 7 and 8, 2016, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, site of the Lincoln farm in Indiana, will host the annual Lincoln Colloquium on the theme “Lincoln in Public Memory.” The 2-day event will address ways we remember and memorialize Abraham Lincoln throughout the country.

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University of Illinois Springfield
Unveils Statue Titled “The Young Lawyer”

On May 10, 2016, Colorado sculptor George Lundeen helped to pull the veil from his new bronze sculpture “The Young Lawyer,” on the UIS quad, 50 yards west of the Colonnade. It is thought to be the first statue of Lincoln that offers a hand to the passerby to shake.

Lundeen received his master's in fine arts from the University of Illinois Urbana. He was assisted in the unveiling by UIS student Faith Hook. Prof. Michael Burlingame, a director of the ALA, gave the introductory remarks.

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On May 5, 2016, at the Illinois State History Day awards ceremony, the ALA presented prizes to two students.

Kaylee Wobig, an 8th-grader at Lincoln Magnet School, by chance the school closest to the Lincoln Home -- won $500 for her paper and website “Lincoln’s Views on Slavery and Some People Who Influenced Him.”

Max Muller, a junior at PORTA High School in Petersburg -- the school closest to New Salem -- won $500 for his senior division paper “Championing Lincoln: The Chicago Tribune, Lincoln’s Elections, and the Civil War.”

The ALA has awarded these prizes each year since 1999.

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ALA Student History Awards Presented
Earl Henderson, Jr. (1931 - 2016)

Wally Henderson was a world-class architect and a world-class friend. Our Old State Capitol stands as a testament to his architectural skill and his lifelong commitment to his home town of Springfield. His passion for our capital city was matched by his commitment to preserving the memory of Abraham Lincoln. He truly deserved The State Journal-Register First Citizen award.

When Loretta and I moved to Springfield many years ago, Wally was one of the first to welcome us to his home. Our friendship endured, and he always reminded me with a laugh that he had given me fatherly advice decades ago to stay out of politics.

Lincoln once said that "the better part of one's life consists of his friendships." Loretta and I count Wally Henderson and his wife, Brynn, as proof that Lincoln was right.

- - United States Senator Dick Durbin

Earl 'Wally' Henderson, Jr., an ALA director for 4 decades, helped preserve several key historic buildings in Springfield, including the Lincoln Home and the Old State Capitol. On June 1, 2016, the Illinois House of Representatives passed a formal Resolution expressing their sadness at Wally's death.

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The ALA's set also has tipped in such period relics as an 1860 silk campaign ribbon for John C. Breckinridge, and an 1861 Virginia ballot for Jefferson Davis and Alexander Stephens. Another item of note is General Rosecrans's 1863 order to "seize" a man "running negroes south of our lines" in Tennessee.

There is still about $6,000 needed to make up the total purchase price. If you wish to contribute to this fund, please send your contribution to the Abraham Lincoln Association at Old State Capitol, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Mark your check "Arnold Volumes."

In July 2016, the ALA will formally present the 3 volumes to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in the presence of the contributors and upon the arrival of the incoming ALPLM executive director, Alan C. Lowe.
Temple received his B.A. from Illinois in 1949 and returned to Ohio. He was working on his father’s farm when Randall called, asking if he would like to be his graduate student. The rest, as they say, is history. Randall instilled in Temple a life-long interest in Lincoln. He earned his M.A. in history in 1951, and his doctorate in 1956. His dissertation was a biography of Lincoln’s journalist friend Noah Brooks. Randall died before Temple finished his dissertation, so another leading Lincoln historian, Richard Current, became his advisor. Current later said that Temple was the best student he ever had.

Even before his dissertation was finished, Temple was asked by Dr. Thorne Deuel, director of the Illinois State Museum, to write a history of Illinois Native Americans. Temple didn’t want the work, but Deuel made an offer no graduate student could refuse: a paying job after graduation. Temple became the Curator of Ethnological History for the Museum. His work Indian Villages of the Illinois Country appeared in 1958. To this day it is the definitive work on the topic.

In 1958, Temple became the John Wingate Weeks Professor of History at Lincoln Memorial University, in Harrogate, Tennessee. He worked at LMU until 1964 and served as history department chairman. While there he began a 15-year editorialship of the Lincoln Herald, one of the longest-running journals about Lincoln and the Civil War.

In 1964 he was asked to become the resident Lincoln historian at the Illinois State Archives. Temple moved to Springfield and has stayed there ever since, continuing to research, write, and lecture about Lincoln from Lincoln’s hometown.

Temple is a historian’s historian. His books and articles are thoroughly and impeccably researched, exploring the inner workings of Lincoln’s world. They aren’t best sellers (although he is quick to tell you that his Abraham Lincoln From Skeptic to Prophet is in its 3rd printing and is listed among the 100 best books about Lincoln), but they are essential for any historian planning to write about Lincoln. Indeed, it has been said that if you are going to write about Lincoln, you have to visit with Doc Temple first. “Too many books are on the author’s take on Lincoln, and there is nothing new there,” he advises.

In all, Temple has written 8 books on Lincoln. From Skeptic to Prophet explores his religious beliefs. Lincoln’s Surgeons provides information about the medical men who treated him at his assassination. By Square & Compass: Saga of Lincoln’s Home and A. Lincoln and Illinois’ Fifth Capitol provide complete information about two key buildings in Lincoln’s life. The latter book he co-authored with his wife, Sunderine (Sandy), who worked at Springfield’s Old State Capitol for 41 years. The Taste is in My Mouth a Little was Temple’s compendium about all food and drink served at Lincoln’s table.

The diversity of his articles also reflects his contribution to discovering the complexity of Lincoln. Articles such as “Lincoln as a Lecturer,” “Lincoln’s Height,” “Lincoln’s Marriage Ceremony,” “A. Lincoln, Lobbyist,” “Loafing with Lincoln,” and “Mary Lincoln’s Travels up to 1865” are just a few of the many topics he has covered.

While many of his articles have appeared in the Journal of the ALA, the Lincoln Herald, and the JISHS, he has published on Lincoln in other specialized places such as Illinois Dental Journal, Old Bottle Magazine, Springfield Scottish Rite Magazine, and the Bulletin of the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors.

In recent years Dr. Temple has received many honors. In 2012 the ALA named him a Distinguished Director, and that same year the Illinois State Historical Society awarded him its Lifetime Achievement Award. During the bicentennial year of Lincoln’s birth in 2009 he received the Order of Lincoln, the highest honor given by the State of Illinois. Since 2011 he has been an emeritus regent of the Lincoln Academy of Illinois, and in 2015 Lincoln College bestowed upon him the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters.

Temple has no plans to slow down in retirement. Indeed, his next book, Abraham Lincoln’s Springfield-Pittsfield Connections: A Tale of Two Cities, is scheduled for publication later in 2016. In 1934 Temple’s mentor, J. G. Randall, famously asked the American Historical Association convention if the Lincoln theme had been exhausted, and answered himself with an emphatic ’no.’ More than 80 years later, his student and successor as the Dean of Lincoln scholars agrees. “I think it still hasn’t been exhausted.” Temple says. “There are things that still need to be done. There is still room for some really major studies to be done.”

**Book Review**

Looking for Lincoln in Illinois: Lincoln and Mormon Country

*by Bryon C. Andreasen (Southern Illinois University Press, 2015), 115 pp.*

*Reviewed by Kate Shepherd*

Abraham Lincoln and Joseph Smith are two of the most important historical figures in Illinois history. Andreasen, the former research historian at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and now a historian at the Latter Day Saints Church History Museum, has the unique expertise needed to explore how the seemingly parallel universes of Lincoln and the Mormons intersected in Illinois from 1830 to 1860.

The well-researched book is organized into 33 different sections on various connections between Lincoln and the early Mormon world, e.g., Lincoln’s Carthage speech; the Old State Capitol; and an 1839 murder case in which his client was hanged. An introduction analyzes whether Lincoln ever met LDS founder Joseph Smith. The structure is extremely effective because it gives scholars and casual readers a great summary of the storylines and makes it easy for readers to find what they’re searching for. The rare illustrations and photographs in every chapter are useful and informative.

It’s interesting to learn how key players in Lincoln’s rise to power in the 1850s were involved in the Mormon movement in the prior decade. The book is definitely an asset to the study of Lincoln and the Mormons and will be used as a reference for generations to come.
This academic conference will mark the 150th anniversary of the 1866 U.S. Supreme Court decision *Ex parte Milligan*. The opinion written by Supreme Court Justice David Davis, Lincoln’s former campaign manager and appointee to the court, struck down an important element of Lincoln’s wartime policy. Writing in his Bloomington home, Davis spoke for the court majority in ruling that the federal government could not establish military courts to try civilians except where civil courts were no longer functioning in an actual theatre of war.

**Featured Speakers**


**Louis Fisher** - Scholar in Residence at the Constitution Project. He worked for four decades at the Library of Congress as Senior Specialist in Separation of Powers and Specialist in Constitutional Law. He was research director of the House Iran-Contra Committee in 1987. He has testified about 50 times before congressional committees on such issues as the war power, state secret privilege, and other executive / legislative conflicts. He is the author of 20 books and more than 400 articles in law reviews and political science journals.

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