



# Special Ranger-led Bicentennial Programs June-December 2009

*All programs are free and open to the public.*

## JUNE

Every Wednesday-Saturday  
Starting June 8

### *Street Theater*

The streets of the Lincoln-era neighborhood come alive with 1850s song and period character performances. Lincoln Neighborhood, 1:00 pm-6:00 pm, for information call 217-492-4241.

### All June Weekdays

#### *Living History Vignette*

An interpreter dressed in historic clothing discusses Lincoln's hired girl, the artist from Leslie's Illustrated newspaper who sketched the Lincoln home parlor, or some other period character. Lincoln Home or Neighborhood 9:00 am-6:30 pm every hour.

### June 6, 2009 Sat.

#### *Prelude to a Presidency*

This program highlights the early political career of Abraham Lincoln and discusses how these political experiences prepared him for the Presidency. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

### June 7, 2009 Sun.

#### *Walking Downtown Tour*

Explore Springfield's historic sites and how they are connected to Lincoln. Starts in Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

#### *Tall Tales of a Tall Man*

See the park in a different light, who knows what we'll discover. Starting in the Lincoln Neighborhood, 8:00 pm.

### June 13, 2009 Sat.

#### *Can You Hear Me Now?*

A special presentation featuring the invention of the telegraph and its important influence on Abraham Lincoln and the modern world. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

### June 14, 2009 Sun.

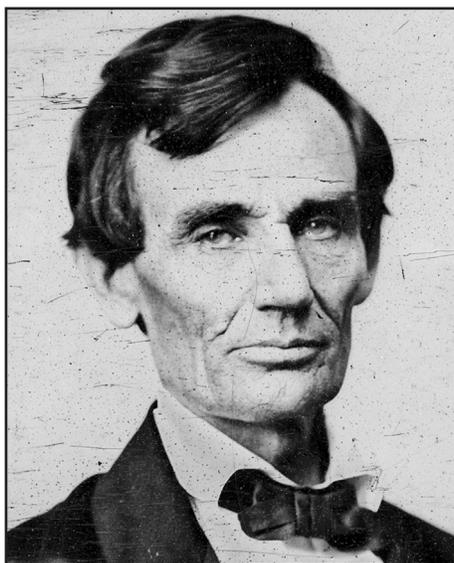
#### *From the Vault*

View rarely seen artifacts from the Lincoln Home collection and connect to their significance. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

### June 16, 2009 Tues.

#### *1858: The Year that Made the Man*

Come learn how country lawyer turned politician Abraham Lincoln became the man who saved the nation. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.



Find out more about the 1858 Lincoln and his climb in the political arena.

### June 18, 2009 Thurs.

#### *Was Lincoln Forced into Glory?*

Did Abraham Lincoln really free the slaves? Or did he have secret desires of an all white country? Did the Emancipation Proclamation free the slave with one pen stroke, or did it cause slavery to linger longer? Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.

### June 20, 2009 Sat.

#### *The Next Generation*

Learn about the lives of Abraham Lincoln's children, in particular Robert Lincoln. Find out the answer to the question, "Are there any descendants of Abraham Lincoln left today?" Lincoln Home Visitor Center Theatre, 2:00 pm.

### June 21, 2009 Sun.

#### *Living in Lincoln's Shadow*

Discover how the house on the corner of 8th and Jackson went from Mr. Lincoln's home to a National Park Site. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

### June 27, 2009 Sat.

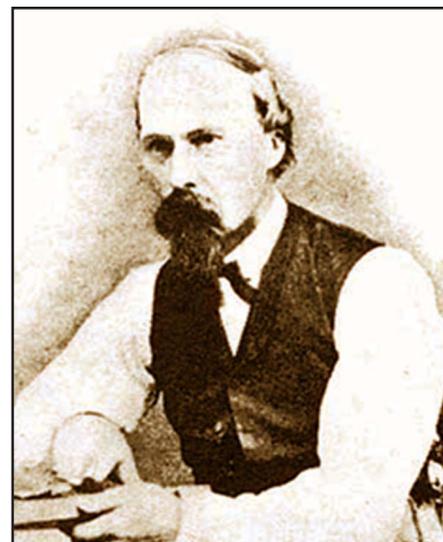
#### *The Black Widow*

Learn about Mary Lincoln's life after her husband's assassination. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

### June 28, 2009 Sun.

#### *His Name is Mudd*

Dr. Samuel Mudd's name is forever linked to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Learn about the controversial trial and imprisonment of Dr. Mudd during this special presentation. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.



Learn Samuel Mudd's connection to Lincoln.

## JULY

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### July 1, 2009 Wed.

### *Special Lincoln Home Tour*

Learn in-depth information about the museum collection items in the Lincoln home and what these objects meant to the Lincolns. Visitor Center, 10:00 am (obtain free ticket at the Visitor Center front desk.)

### July 3, 2009 Fri.

### *Was Lincoln Forced into Glory?*

Did Abraham Lincoln really free the slaves? Or did he have secret desires of an all white country? Did the Emancipation Proclamation free the slave with one pen stroke, or did it cause slavery to linger longer? Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.



Join Ranger Jason Boyd and discover for yourself if Lincoln was forced into glory.

July 3 and 4, 2009 Fri. and Sat.

### *Capitol City Celebration*

Hours and activities to be announced. Contact the park at 217-492-4241 for more information.



In addition to Downtown walking tours, Lincoln neighborhood walks will be offered.

### July 5, 2009 Sun.

### *Walking Downtown Tour*

Explore Springfield's historic sites and how they are connected to Lincoln. Starts in Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

### *Tall Tales of a Tall Man*

See the park in a different light, who knows what we'll discover. Starting in the Lincoln Neighborhood, 8:15 pm.

### July 8, 2009 Wed.

### *From the Vault*

View rarely seen artifacts from the Lincoln Home collection and connect to their significance. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

### July 11, 2009 Sat.

### *The Next Generation*

Learn about the lives of Abraham Lincoln's children, in particular Robert Lincoln. Find out the answer to the question, "Are there any descendants of Abraham Lincoln left today?" Lincoln Home Visitor Center Theatre, 2:00 pm.

### July 12, 2009 Sun.

### *Walking Downtown Tour*

Explore Springfield's historic sites and how they are connected to Lincoln. Starts in Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

### July 14, 2009 Tues.

### *Lincoln Letters*

Join Donna McCreary and Dean Dorrell for this exciting reader's theater. Learn about Mary and Abraham Lincoln's relationship through their letters and speeches. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 10:00 am.

### July 15, 2009 Wed.

### *Mary's Legacy, According to Robert Lincoln*

Through the words of Robert Lincoln, discover the good, the bad, and the ugly about Mary Lincoln's life. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 10:00 am.

### July 18, 2009 Sat.

### *There's Something about Mary*

Learn about Mary Lincoln's life; from her childhood, to her role as First Lady, to her life after her husband's assassination. Starts in Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

### July 19, 2009 Sun.

### *Can You Hear Me Now?*

A special presentation featuring the invention of the telegraph and its important influence on Abraham Lincoln and the modern world. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

### July 25, 2009 Sat.

### *Secession Crisis*

A living history program about the four critical months Mr. Lincoln spent as President-Elect and his reaction to the crisis that led to the Civil War. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

### July 26, 2009 Sun.

### *Living in Lincoln's Shadow*

Discover how the house on the corner of 8th and Jackson went from Mr. Lincoln's home to a National Park Site. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.



Presentations will be given in the Lincoln Home Visitor Center.

## AUGUST

Every Wednesday -Saturday, Ending August 15

### *Street Theater*

The streets of the Lincoln-era neighborhood come alive with 1850s song and period character performances. Lincoln Neighborhood, 1:00 pm-6:00 pm.

All August Weekdays

### *Living History Vignette*

An interpreter dressed in historic clothing discusses Lincoln's hired girl, the artist from Leslie's Illustrated newspaper who sketched the Lincoln home parlor, or some other period character. Lincoln Home or Neighborhood 9:00 am-6:30 pm.

August 1, 2009 Sat.

### *The Next Generation*

Learn about the lives of Abraham Lincoln's children, in particular Robert Lincoln. Find out the answer to the question, "Are there any descendents of Abraham Lincoln left today?" Lincoln Home Visitor Center Theatre, 10:00 am.

### *Robert Lincoln Commemorative Pet Adoption*

In honor of the Lincoln boys' love of pets, see a variety of dogs and consider adopting one. This event is held in partnership with the Animal Protective League of Springfield. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 11:00 am-3:00 pm.

August 2, 2009 Sun.

### *Walking Downtown Tour*

Explore Springfield's historic sites and how they are connected to Lincoln. Starts in Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 10:00 am.

### *Courtship, Marriage and Mourning in Victorian America*

Learn about the rituals and etiquette binding Victorian-era women, like Mary Lincoln, as they experienced the joys and hardships of life. Find out how these experiences compare to what we go through in similar situations today. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 3:00 pm.

### *Tall Tales of a Tall Man*

See the park in a different light, who knows what we'll discover. Starting in the Lincoln Neighborhood, 8:00 pm.

August 5, 2009 Wed.

### *Special Lincoln Home Tour*

Learn about the Lincoln Home museum collection. Visitor Center, 10:00 am.

August 9, 2009 Sun.

### *His Name is Mudd*

Dr. Samuel Mudd's name is forever linked to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Learn about the controversial trial and imprisonment of Dr. Mudd during this special presentation. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

August 15, 2009 Sat.

### *Campaign 1860*

Four candidates, a country divided, an oppressed people, and don't forget the mudslinging. Hear about all this and more during "Campaign 1860." Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

August 16, 2009 Sun.

### *From the Vault*

View rarely seen artifacts from the Lincoln Home collection and connect to their significance. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

August 22, 2009 Sat.

### *Prelude to a Presidency*

This program highlights the early political career of Abraham Lincoln and discusses how these political experiences prepared him for the Presidency. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.



Learn more about the customs of Victorian-era women.



Experience and interact with staff and volunteers dressed in period clothing.

August 23, 2009 Sun.

### *Living in Lincoln's Shadow*

Discover how the house on the corner of 8th and Jackson went from Mr. Lincoln's home to a National Park Site. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

August 25, 2009 Tues.

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August 29, 2009 Sat.

### *Secession Crisis*

A living history program about the four critical months Mr. Lincoln spent as President-Elect and his reaction to the crisis that led to the Civil War. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

August 30, 2009 Sun.

### *Can You Hear Me Now?*

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## SEPTEMBER

All September Weekdays

### *Living History Vignette*

An interpreter dressed in historic clothing will discuss Lincoln's hired girl, the artist from Leslie's Illustrated newspaper who sketched the Lincoln home parlor, or some other period character. Lincoln Home or Neighborhood 9:00 am-4:30 pm.

September 2, 2009 Wed.

### *Special Lincoln Home Tour*

Learn in-depth information about the museum collection items in the Lincoln home and what these objects meant to the Lincolns. Visitor Center, 10:00 am (obtain free ticket at the Visitor Center front desk.)

September 5, 2009 Sat.

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September 6, 2009 Sun.

### *Courtship, Marriage and Mourning in Victorian America*

Learn about the rituals and etiquette binding Victorian-era women, like Mary Lincoln, as they experienced the joys and hardships of life. Find out how these experiences compare to what we go through in similar situations today. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 1:00 pm.



*From the Vault* allows a sneak peak at the historic site's museum collection.



Special Tours, neighborhood walks, and tours of Downtown Springfield are just a few of the new, exciting activities for visitors to participate in.

### *Walking Downtown Tour*

Explore Springfield's historic sites and how they are connected to Lincoln. Starts in Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

### *Tall Tales of a Tall Man*

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September 12, 2009 Sat.

### *The Black Widow*

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September 13, 2009 Sun.

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September 19, 2009 Sat.

### *Constitution Day Celebration*

Learn more about the U.S. Constitution and how it impacts us today. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, time to be announced. For more information contact 217-492-4241.

September 20, 2009 Sun.

### *Can You Hear Me Now?*

A special presentation featuring the invention of the telegraph and its important influence on Abraham Lincoln and the modern world. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

September 26, 2009 Sat.

### *National Public Lands Day*

Help the park with a stewardship project. Starts in Lincoln Home Visitor Center, time to be announced. For more information contact 217-492-4241.



Volunteer for National Public Lands Day.

September 27, 2009 Sun.

### *Living in Lincoln's Shadow*

Discover how the house on the corner of 8th and Jackson went from Mr. Lincoln's home to a National Park Site. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.



Enjoy guided tours, or partake in additional activities during the 2009 Lincoln Bicentennial.

## OCTOBER

All October Weekdays

### *Living History Vignette*

An interpreter dressed in historic clothing will discuss Lincoln's hired girl, the artist from Leslie's Illustrated newspaper who sketched the Lincoln home parlor, or some other period character. Lincoln Home or Neighborhood 9:00 am-4:30 pm.

October 3, 2009 Sat.

### *Courtship, Marriage and Mourning in Victorian America*

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### *Campaign 1860*

Four candidates, a country divided, an oppressed people, and don't forget the mudslinging. Hear about all this and more during "Campaign 1860," a look at the election of Abraham Lincoln as told through 1860 political cartoons. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

October 4, 2009 Sun.

### *Walking Downtown Tour*

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### *Tall Tales of a Tall Man*

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October 10, 2009 Sat.

### *The Black Widow*

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October 11, 2009 Sun.

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October 15-18, 2009 Thurs.-Sun.

### *24th Annual Lincoln Colloquium: "Lincoln and Nature"*

Join environmental and Lincoln historians for a day long conference to learn how Lincoln and his generation were impacted by nature, and how they in turn impacted the environment. The Colloquium is part of a series of events taking place in Springfield during the weekend, focusing on Nature's influence on Lincoln. **Advance registration required, fee applies.** For information call 217-492-4241.

October 17, 2009 Sat.

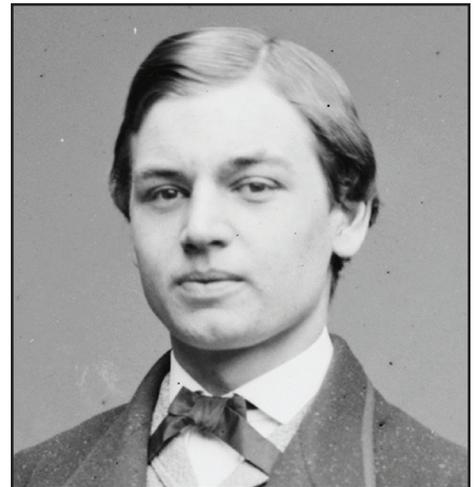
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October 18, 2009 Sun.

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Did the oldest son, Robert, have any children? Find out in *The Next Generation*.

October 24, 2009 Sat.

### *The Next Generation*

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October 25, 2009 Sun.

### *From the Vault*

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October 31, 2009 Sat.

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### November 8, 2009 Sun.

#### *Veterans' Day Celebration*

Time and activities to be announced. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, contact 217-492-4241 for specific information.

### November 14, 2009 Sat.

#### *1860 Presidential Debate*

Since the 1960 Kennedy-Nixon debates, Presidential debates have been an important part of political discussions. How would the 1860 election debate be done without TV cameras and spin rooms? The debate consisted of just 1 hour of discussion between representatives of the four major Presidential candidates. Lincoln Home Visitor Center, 2:00 pm.

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## **DECEMBER**

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### December 26, 2009 Sat.

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The telegraph played an integral role in the campaign of 1860. Find out how in *Can You Hear Me Now?*

### December 31, 2009 Thurs.

#### *First Night Springfield*

Time and program to be announced. Contact the park at 217-492-4241 for more information.

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**For more information about Bicentennial Programs, please contact Lincoln Home National Historic Site at 217-492-4241 or [www.nps.gov/liho](http://www.nps.gov/liho).**

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