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Lincoln Home National Historic Site Announces 2012 George L. Painter Looking for Lincoln Lectures

SPRINGFIELD, IL: Lincoln Home National Historic Site invites the public to attend the George L. Painter Looking for Lincoln Lectures on Sunday, February 12, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. at the Lincoln Home National Historic Site Visitor Center, 426 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois. The Visitor Center will open one half hour early, at 8:00 A.M.

Lincoln Home National Historic Site is pleased to present this annual lecture series in partnership with the Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition and the Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area. Together, Lincoln Home NHS and "Looking for Lincoln" will present stories that focus on the central Illinois communities that Lincoln impacted or that impacted Lincoln. The theme for 2012 lectures is "Lincoln's Illinois Goes to War" in honor of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. This year's program will focus on how Clinton, Jacksonville, and Decatur, Illinois contributed to the Civil War effort and include "Woodlawn Tales: Dewitt County in the Civil War," presented by Dan Hauffe; "Oglesby, Decatur, Lincoln and the Civil War: as Presented by Governor Richard J. Oglesby," portrayed by Dick Torgerson; and, "Lincoln and Grierson: A President and a General, as Presented by General Benjamin H. Grierson," portrayed by David Kuhn

In addition, the lectures will feature a presentation by acclaimed central Illinois photographer Robert Shaw, who will talk about his new book *Abraham Lincoln Traveled This Way*. This richly illustrated book explores the places and the land that were a part of Abraham Lincoln's life through Shaw's beautiful photography and commentary by award winning Lincoln historian Michael Burlingame. Mr. Shaw will also be available to sign his book, which is available from the Eastern National bookstore, throughout the morning.

Anyone wishing to obtain further information regarding the "George L. Painter Looking for Lincoln Lectures" is welcome to contact Lincoln Home National Historic Site at 217-391-3221.

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