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### **Scholars and teachers to plan Lincoln birthday celebration for 2009 at June symposium**

To help prepare Hoosiers for the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of Abraham Lincoln in 2009, Historic Southern Indiana is sponsoring a daylong symposium June 13, 2001, at Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial in Lincoln City, Indiana. Abraham Lincoln spent his youth (1816-1830) near this Spencer County site.

THE LINCOLN BICENTENNIAL: PLANNING FOR AND TEACHING ABOUT ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S 200<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY IN 2009 is designed for K-12 teachers in Indiana schools. It has three objectives: a review of recent scholarship about Lincoln, including his years in Southern Indiana; a discussion of what is going on at the national and state levels to prepare for Lincoln's 200<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration; and an introduction to "Teaching with Historic Places." The latter is a program developed by the National Park Service that encourages the use of historic sites as teaching tools. In this case, the focus will be on how to use Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial in the classroom.

Although K-12 teachers will especially benefit from this workshop, others interested in Lincoln and the bicentenary of his birth are also welcome to attend, especially the morning sessions.

The keynote speaker is Philip Shaw Paludan, a member of the Department of History at the University of Kansas. Dr. Paludan has written, among other books, *"A Peoples Contest": The Union and the Civil War* (1988) and *The Presidency of Abraham Lincoln* (1995). He will speak on "Lincoln: What We Know, What We Try to Know, and Why."

Panelists include Indiana's two members of the federal Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, Darrel Bigham and Joan Flinspach; the leading scholar of Indiana history, James Madison; Pamela Bennett, director of the Indiana Historical Bureau; and Mary Fortney, social studies coordinator of the Indiana Department of Education. Harrison High School teacher William Bartelt, a long-time student of Abraham Lincoln and formerly a historian on the staff of Lincoln Boyhood, will also speak. The afternoon workshop, Teaching with Historic Places, will be led by Suzanne Stanis, education coordinator for Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana.

Historic Southern Indiana sponsors this event, in cooperation with Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial and Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana. This program is made possible by a matching grant from the Indiana Humanities Council in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Historic Southern Indiana is an outreach program of the University of Southern Indiana. Established in 1986, it seeks to identify, protect and preserve, enhance, and promote the historical, cultural, and natural resources of the twenty-six counties that constitute the historically distinctive southern third of Indiana. Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial was Indiana's first National Park Service facility (1962).

Registration for the daylong event is \$20. For further information, contact:

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