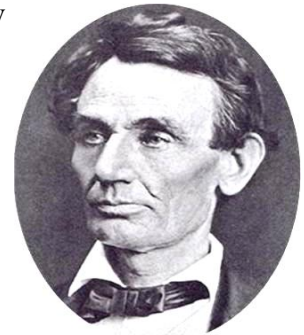


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WINTER 2026: January, February, March

Meeting Schedule: All program meetings are at 6:30 pm on the third Monday of each month. The speakers are first on the agenda. We look forward to seeing you. Please call, Vice-President and Program Chairperson, with suggestions for programs at 217-732-3200.

January 19 – We are sharing personal collection items in January, so there is no speaker due to weather concerns. Bring your favorite items.

February 16 – **Anna Sielaff**, Local History Librarian, Lincoln Library, Springfield, IL, Sangamon Valley Collection, will be the speaker for February 16, 2026. She will share history and connections to Edwards Trace.

March 16 – TBA

Call for Article Submissions

Members and readers who have a genealogical or historical story related to Logan County to tell can do so through the Roots & Branches. Stories can be submitted in writing or by email. These stories will provide a variety. **Bill Donath**, Editor

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Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and the day after, **Christmas Eve Day, and Christmas Day.** In the event any of the holidays fall on a Friday, the center will also be closed the following Saturday.

Board Member Contact List

Our experience with the cold weather in January and February made us realize that we need to have a way for people to contact us when the weather is a concern for driving to LCGHS. We provide these two phone numbers for that purpose. **Bill Donath** - 217-737-8675 **JoAnne Marlin** - 217-828-0650

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75. THE TRENT AFFAIR

<https://youtu.be/LXVuAkH-wX4>

76. MARKING HISTORY

<https://youtu.be/y50-J4kQmW4>

On Township Organization

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, October 19, 1859, p3.

Those of us who have lived in Logan County all of our lives know only the Township Organization as established now. That is because the Townships were finally established in 1867. This article establishes a beginning date of 1859 for the discussion and voting to approve the Township organization we have now.

From 1839 to 1867, A system called Precincts was used to give the citizens of Logan County places to vote and hold meetings without traveling a long distance. Of course, in 1839 the towns of Middletown, Postville, and Mt. Pulaski existed and were established as places where people could cast their ballot and attend meetings to learn about the issues of the day. As each new town was established it too became a Precinct.

“Township Organization. – By virtue of an order by the County Court, the question of the adoption of Township Organization, in lieu of the County Court System, will be voted upon at the ensuing election. There are many good reasons to be urged both for and against the proposed change, but we believe with due care in the selection of Township officers, that organization is the best. Local laws will be more thoroughly and justly administered, property assessments will be more directly under the control of

the people, there will be less difficulty and more justice in the location of roads, and the people will have better representation of the affairs of the County. To balance these gains in the increase is the number of unpaid officeholders, and consequently a greater difficulty in getting the right man in the right place. We hope there will be a full vote upon this upon this question in November, that none may be dissatisfied with the result.”

Township Organization.

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, Nov. 2, 1859. P3.

“That the public may better understand the peculiarities of Township Organization, we present some of the principal points of the law, as they appeared to us.

“At the next meeting of the County Court, following the adoption of Township Organization, three commissioners will be appointed to divide the County into Townships of six miles square, being adopted in general, unless the population is to light, or unless some Stream divides the Township in such a manner as to prevent voters from attending the Town Meetings. Fractional Townships to be added, generally, the Townships next adjacent. Each township has the usual powers of a corporation – to sue and be sued, hold property, and the like; each Township

becomes, also, and election precinct, and the Supervisor, Assessor and Collector *ex-officio* Judges of Elections.

Note: The division took place and the boundaries of the Townships were printed in the Herald at a later date.

“Upon notice from the County Clerk of the places and hour of meeting, all the legal voters of each Township are invited to assemble in Town Meeting, on the first Tuesday in April. They are to organize by choosing a Moderator -the Town Clerk acting as Secretary-and may proceed to transact the following business:

“Elect, by ballot, or otherwise, as the meeting may determine, a Supervisor, Town Clerk, Assessor,

Collector, Overseer of the Poor, three Commissioners of Highways, two Constables, two Justices of the Peace, as many Overseers of Highways as there are Road Districts in the Township, and as many pound masters as they may deem expedient; make necessary rules for sufficient fences and impounding animals; impose penalties for violating rules of the Township, not exceeding ten dollars, and apply the same for the benefit of the Township; make such rules and regulation for the government of the Township, payment of Township expenses, &c., as shall not be inconsistent with the laws of the State.

“Officers may receive, for every day actually devoted to official duties, \$1.50 per day.

“The Board of Supervisors meets annually for the transaction of County business, at the Court House, on the second Monday in September. At such meeting, the Board audits all accounts against the County; appropriates money to the construction of roads and bridges, by a vote of majority of all the members of the Board; equalized property values; performs all

legislative duties of the County Court, not delegated to the Townships.

“The County Treasurer receives all monies arising from State and County Taxes, through the Township Collectors.

“The Assessor must complete his list before the first day of August, and give public notice that he will, within fifteen days thereafter, meet with the Clerk and Supervisor, for correcting the Assessment list.

“The Commissioners of Highways have charge of the roads and bridges of the Township, and may alter, improve, abolish, or lay out roads, upon petition of the inhabitants.

“The County Judge, sitting as County Court, without associates, retains his jurisdiction in suits for the collection of taxes, and other judicial matters.

“Each Township will receive, free, from the Secretary of State, ten copies of Haine’s compilation of the laws relative to Township Organization, with practical forms and notes.”

Election Returns

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, Nov. 9, 1859. P2.

“Starkey, Rep. is probably elected School Commissioner, and Skinner, Rep. Surveyor. There being three candidates for Assessor and Treasurer, McElheny, Dem., is doubtless chosen.

“The following are all the returns received up to this hour of going to press:

“McElheny, 285, Hawes, 190, Clarke 99.

“Coffman, 182, Starkey, 204.

“Pence, 188; Skinner 201.

“**Township Organization** seems to be adopted by a large majority.

Atlanta Items

H. N. Estabrook, Contributor

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, February 8, 1860, p2.

“Township Organization. In answer to the interrogatory of last week, we can say that one of the Commissioners ‘appointed by the County Court to divide Logan County into Townships has informed us that the said Commissioners will meet in Lincoln on the second Monday of February (the present month) ‘to proceed to divide the county according to the law.’ And, it is

requested that the inhabitants of each Township, established by Government survey make known to the Commissioners on that day the name by which they desire the Township to be designated.

“Let the lovers of Philology, specious title and euphony be present and make their wants known on that day ‘and ever afterwards hold their peace.’”

**Reminder: Send in your 2026 Membership Renewal
Notice the change in Dues amount.**

Bachelor's Convention (Con't)

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, August 03, 1859 p3 c1

"The Bachelors' Convention will meet hereafter on Wednesday evening, instead of Monday as heretofore.

"Lincoln Lodge, No. 284, I. O. G. T., has changed its evening of meeting from Tuesday to Monday."

[Note: I. O. G. T. = Independent Order of Good Templars. Organized in 1851, still in existence supports a drug free life-style.]

1859 0824 p3 c1

"With the view to preparation in this respect, for every situation in which they may be placed, we urge upon young men especially, the propriety of training themselves in debating societies. Such a society now exists among us, although working under a name suggestive of almost anything else. Toward the Lincoln Bachelor's Convention, we wish to see the attention of one hundred and fifty young men of this precinct turned. The long evenings are rapidly approaching, and we hope to see the roll list doubled within one month. It is a duty in which he lives.

"This (Wednesday night, the doors of the Convention will be open to the public, and all are invited to attend. The policy of discussion, with Messrs. **W. H. Vanderhuff** and **D. L. Littler** for leaders in debate.

"During the day and evening the Secretaries will receive names of all young men desirous of membership, guaranteeing the not one sincerely withing to assist in carrying out the objects of the Convention will be rejected. The Hall (Mayfield's) will be open at seven o'clock."

1859 0831 p3 c1

"The Bachelor's Convention is still determined to discuss only living issues. To-night, a resolution endorsing **Douglas'** general principles, is up for debate. Aff: **Mr. Randolph**; Neg., **Mr. Deskins.**"

1859 0907 p3 c1

"The Bachelor's Convention will meet at the usual hour, tonight at Mayfield's Hall, for the re-discussion of the following resolution:

"Resolved, That it is the true policy of this Government to annex Cuba.

"Aff: **Mr. Vanderhuff**; Neg. **Mr. Luther.**

"The public is cordially invited to attend. Sec."

1859 0914 p3 c1

"A debate such as that of Wednesday evening last, in the Bachelor's Convention, is one which any community might be proud of. It speaks well for the intelligence and education of our young men, to whom we must look when we would know the future character of this place. The question, as previously announced, was upon the policy of any future annexation of Cuba, and the manner in which the subject was handled, and the array of facts brought forth, would have astonished any, who had attended at the organization of this Society, and not noted its progress since. The eloquent tribute of Mr. Leinbook of Atlanta, coming from a source, was highly appreciated. Seeing, as he has, the good result of the perseverance of the members of the Convention, we hope to hear of him as the leader of a similar organization in our sister city. We commend a rivalry of effort in such a matter, and will cheerfully give the young men of that place the benefit of our circulation in Atlanta, to announce their time and place of meetings, subject of debate, etc.

"The sitting of the Convention will be again open to the public to-night, and a general attendance is invited. Messrs., **Randolph** and **Fisk** are the leaders in debate."

1859 0921 p3 c1

"Lincoln Lycium – At a special meeting, on Saturday evening, the Bachelor's Convention accomplished a total change in its organization, assuming the name of Lincoln Lyceum. All persons of good moral character are eligible to membership, upon being accepted by the Lyceum and paying an admission fee of twenty-five cents. The following are the officers elect for the ensuing term of three months: President: **Wm. P. Randolph**; Vice President: **Franklin Fisk**; Secretary: **John A. Robinson**; Treasurer: **G. H. Aylworth.**

"We trust that large numbers of those who believe in 'improving the time,' will speedily become connected with the Lyceum.

"The following resolution will be discussed next Wednesday evening.

"Resolved: That it is both the right and duty of Congress to legislate upon the subject of slavery in the Territories. Aff: **Mr. Fisk**; Neg, **Mr.**

Lincoln In Ohio

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, Oct. 12, 1859

“We had the pleasure of conversing with an intelligent farmer from Ohio, on one of the days of the County Fair, who confirmed the statement we made last week relative to the great popularity of the gallant Lincoln throughout the North West. He remarked to us that no Western man was more thoroughly in the eye of the people of Ohio, and not one of her own sons more popular. Considering the history of the man, and his fearless advocacy of sound moral politics, it would be wonderful if untrue. When not

misdirected by the sleights of demagoguery, and when forming their opinions by the sober dictates of individual conscience and judgment, the masses are almost always right. A sentiment undefinable, but certain, indicates to them the man as well as the measure. And this index sentiment among the Republicans of Ohio, and not only among them, but throughout the North West, I certainly pointing to **Lincoln** as the coming man.”

In A Nut Shell

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, Oct. 19, 1859

“No man has hit upon so happy a description of the **Douglas** policy in reference to the Territories, as that given by **Lincoln** in one of his Ohio speeches, when he said that by it “Slavery may be legally excluded from a Territory in which may legally remain!” No for of words could more clearly bring out the contradiction between a belief in the **Dred Scott** decision, which legalizes slavery everywhere, and a belief, at the same time, in ‘unfriendly legislation’ Which may everywhere forbid it. This condensed statement, embodying the facts and logic of an

elaborate political theory, appeals so forcibly to popular comprehension that, as long as the contest which gave rise to it, continues, it will not be forgotten. **Douglas** owes his old competitor for many damaging illustrations, but **Lincoln** had never said anything which the small Giant will be more unwilling to forgive, than that sentence which we have quoted. It is a complete refutation of Douglasism, in a nut shell. Our Republican contemporaries will pardon us if we suggest that they will do well to ‘keep it before the people.’ – *Press and Tribune.*”

Mt. Pulaski Is Waking

Lincoln, Herald, Lincoln, Illinois Oct. 12, 1859, p3

“A town can and does exist off the Railroad. We have been very freely patronized of late by citizens of Mt. Pulaski, in the way of Job Printing. Now one of the most entertaining of her business men, **James W. Frackelton**, Esq. sends an/ Advertisement which appears to-day. Mr. F. has won his position and reputation, as a merchant by long continued exertion, with the closest attention to business. We recommend his Cash Store to the patronage of an appreciative public, assuring all that they will be dealing with an honest, energetic, high-minded man.”

COME AND SEE THE
Farmers Store!
JAS. W. FRACKELTON
OF MT. PULASKI, ILL.,
is now receiving an
ENTIRE NEW STOCK OF
DRY GOODS
A splendid assortment,
GROCERIES,
BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS,
CLOTHING,
Queensware, Hardware, &c., at his old stand,
which he offers to a generous public
Cheap for Cash or Produce.
He is determined to sell his Goods on the
above terms, for a less profit, than they have
ever been sold out of St. Louis, and invites
all to come and see for themselves.
**REMEMBER, THERE ARE NO
OLD GOODS ON HAND.**
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Elopement Extraordinary

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, Dec. 14, 1859 p3

“A rather amusing incident, which transpired on Sugar Creek, about ten miles from this place, cam to our ears yesterday. We regret that our feeble pen can never do justice to the subject, but nevertheless we shall do what we can toward it

“In the locality aforesaid, dwelled a happy family, consisting of father, mother, daughter of fifteen, and a small collection of youngsters. Said family take the papers. And having read of the direful consequences of elopements, social engagements, & etc., have naturally looked forward to the time when their daughter should go through with that terrible ordeal, the selection of a husband. Lately, ‘gentle Annie’ has been visited by a youth of twenty genial summers, whose occupation in that region is the rather unusual one of book agent, patent right dealer, cattle buyer, grain trader, &c., in a small way – a business of late not very profitable. The parents of our Annie had not supposed that she would introduce any troublesome matrimonial notions into the house for some years to come, but of late have had their suspicions aroused and they – mischievous ones – were especially delighted with the perplexity of their elders. Mother liked Frank – he was such a clever fellow; and father had read several instances, in newspaper stories, of broken-hearted daughters dying of the consumption, which he thought very undesirable. Time rolled on; mother gravely admonished Annie of the insanity of her course, to which Annie as gravely assented, and guessed she would tell Frank not to come by anymore. But, mother objected, that would be to harsh and unfeeling; so Frand continued to come. But how were their wished to be gratified? Hardly bold enough to propose to the old folk outright, some other method must be resorted to, to procure a decision of the question between them. Well, a course was determined on to bring matters to a crisis.

“Nest day mother picked a scrap of paper from the floor, which in alarm was carried to father. This is what the paper said: ‘The wagon will be her at 2 A.M. The down train leaves at 7.

They ask no questions and require no license in Missouri. F.’ Father was astonished, but cautious. Mother reflected what a nice wedding party she had always counted on for Annie; father thought what a smart fellow Frank would be about the farm. ‘But they’re so young.’ Mournfully they resolved to watch the youngsters. Slowly the day passed. Annie was very busy fixing some old dresses, slower passed the hours of night. Finally the old fashioned clock in the hall struck the hour of two, Breathless listened the old folks, for ten long minutes. Rattle, rattle, came a wagon and team to the gate, and signal sounded under Annie’s window. Annie passed into the hall, and opened the front door. After the usual salutation, came a parley. ‘Hadn’t we better take something to eat.’ They proceeded to the pantry. Annie handed out a sausage, a piece of gingerbread, a cubic inch of cheese, and a doughnut, naming each article in a high key as it was handed out. (The old folks thought they heard something like half-suppressed laughter.) ‘Hadn’t we better take some dishes for housekeeping?’ A cracked tea-pot, a saucer, two old plates, (it wouldn’t do to spoil a set.) two forks, a knife, (handle broken, a revolutionary bowl &c., were appropriated, not very quietly, but with humorous remarks interspersed. Frank remarked, that he had five dollars to buy furniture with, which they judged amply sufficient to buy bureau, chairs, carpets, beds, and cradle. This last was to much for the old folks. Doors banged, and the ringing voices of the parents declaimed together:

“Father. – ‘Going to Missouri are you?’

“Mother. – ‘Going to live on sausage and gingerbread?’

“Father. - ‘Setting up housekeeping on five dollars?’

“Mother. – ‘What a nice tea set you have there?’

“And so, the words came thick and fast; while they, the cause of all this commotion merely sank upon the floor to laugh – to laugh like the gods are supposed to laugh, like the winds and waters

laugh, like the trees of the forest laugh. Father and mother stopped to look on with astonishment, slowly the truth crept into their minds, and the 'sell' was apparent. Mother took Frank by the ear and led him unresistingly to a bedroom, and locked him in, and father did the same for Annie.

'Next morning the reunited family took breakfast together, and after due consideration, the young folks were informed that they could do as they please. So next April (probably on the 1st) there will be a wedding on Sugar Creek and we shall attend.'

Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, Dec. 14, 1859, p3

"**Mrs. Colby Knapp**, Lady Manager for Logan County of the **Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association**, requests us to notify the Assistant Lady Managers appointed by her, that she is desirous of having all the collection books, with the amount collected, sent in to her by the 16th of January next. Every Assistant will please write their name plainly on their collection books.

"For the convenience of those in the north and east part of the county the books and money can be left with **Mrs. R. B. Latham** or **Mrs. W. D. Wyatt**, in Lincoln."

Notes: "The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association was the first national historic preservation organization and is the oldest women's patriotic society in the United States having been established in 1853. Its pioneering efforts in the field of preservation set an important precedent and have served as a model for many.

"The Mount Vernon Ladies' Association and founder **Ann Pamela Cunningham** rescued **George Washington's** historic estate. The trailblazing organization Cunningham created was a feat born out of integrity, determination, and bravery.

"If the men of America have seen fit to allow the home of its most respected hero to go to ruin,

why can't the women of America band together to save it?" Ann Pamela Cunningham, 1853.



Ann Pamela Cunningham

<https://www.mountvernon.org/preservation/mount-vernon-ladies-association>

Atlanta Items.

H. N. Estabrook, Contributor.

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, Feb. 29, 1860.

"We propose, in a summary manner, to give to the readers of the Herald a description of Atlanta – its condition and prospects. Atlanta is situated on the St. Louis, Alton & Chicago, R.R., in the northern part of Logan County. Its area is about

one square mile. – Some people will wonder why Atlanta is yet so small, considering the richness of the surrounding country? In answer, we must say that Atlanta was laid out in the Spring of 1853, giving it an existence of only seven year at its

next anniversary. Like all railroad Towns, it has had its ups and downs. – The hard times, which commenced in the Fall of 1857, had its effect on Atlanta, as well as all other towns throughout the country, and, so far as we are capable of judging, it has stood the shock as well as any of our Western towns. Business, during the last six months, has been rather brisk, as may be seen from the number and nature of the business houses now in operation. The following are those engaged in the Dry Goods business:

“E. R. Hickox (formerly A. J.). Ludlam & Co., Eichberg & Bro., Wm. L Kinne, G. S. Thompson, Shores & Haws, Dunham & Maltby.

“We shall probably have one or two more firms opening in the same business in the course of six months.

“The following named persons are engaged in the Grocery trade, all of whom are doing a very fair business:

“L. & R. James, R. Dengston, H. Armington, Mason & Howser, C. Capps, James Johnson, Hicks & Bro.; Wren & Watson, - Brance, Bakers and Grocers.

“Of hardware Merchants, we have two. Vix:

“James Christie and James Killen,

“Grain Merchants:

“Dills & Howser, H. Armington, R. T. Gill, A. J. Ludlam, C. Cameron.

From time to time articles appeared in newspapers that brought to mind things that happened in the past. We find such an article in an 1886 Lincoln Herald telling of significant events that happened in Logan County in 1860

Some Events of 1860.

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois Feb. 04, 1886, p7

“The following are from the old file of the Herald previously spoken of:

“A shoemaker named **John Renner** shot and instantly killed at Middletown on February 15, an Irishman named **James Rockford**. The murderer took to the woods and seems to have escaped for good, for there is no subsequent Mention of him, although the paper of the following week is

“Nelson is our only jeweler, and he is doing very well.

“In the Druggist business, are –

“S. Minturn and B. Been.

“Saddlers, and Harnes Makers:

“W. P. Hunt and J. A. Mills

“Lumber Merchants:

“E. H. Tuttle and S. H. fields.

“We have but one Merchant Tailor:

“Charlie Strathman.

“Saloon Keepers:

“D. Tutiz, D. Hues, Nick -----

“Our Attorneys are not very numerous, only numbering five, viz:

“J. H. January (took a partner lately)

“G. H. Estabrook, A. J. Turley, ----Mann, L. Beason.

“Justices and Notary Publics:

“J. H. Ball and W. E. Dicks,

“Banker: **D. Kern.**

“Mechanics: **Fuller & Haise, Tidd & Mead, W. Hunter, John Bowers, Henry Carpenter, L. S. Allen, ----Sandford.**

“Blacksmiths & Wagon-makers:

“John Mitz, A. F. Angel, R. Dudey, John Hoblit, Philip Wimer.

“Next we shall give a list of the churches & schools.”

missing from the file. The account of the murder fills barely 17 lines.

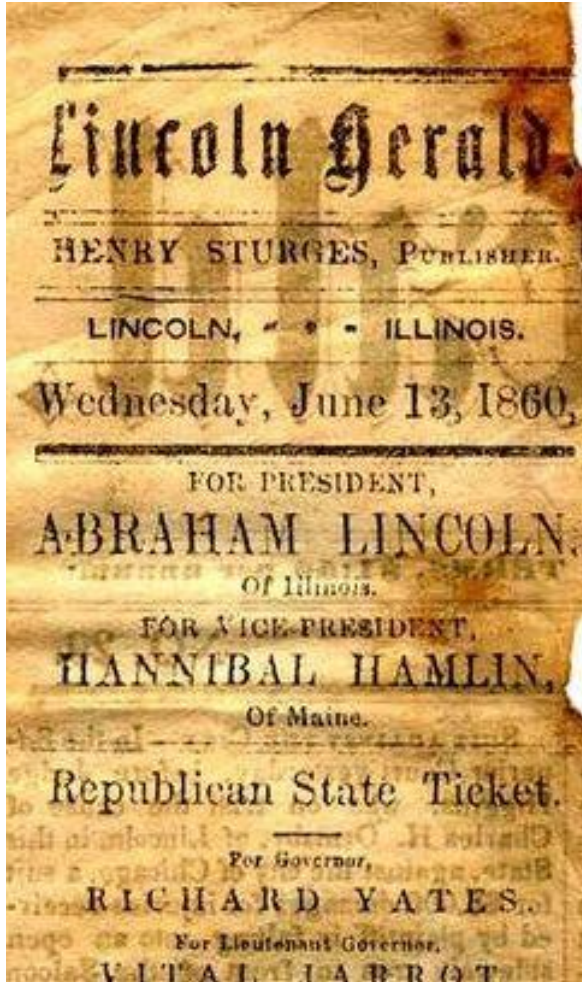
“A statement of the financial condition of the county was published in March, signed ‘**John T. Jenkins**, clerk,’ showing the assets above indebtedness to the amount of \$17,467, a notable contrast to our present financial condition.

“The Herald of March 21, was in mourning for the death of **Governor Bissell.**

“The teachers in the Atlanta schools for the spring of 1860 were: **S. A. Briggs, Miss Marian H Sayward, Mrs. Emily S. Briggs and Misses C. Farr and Estelia M. Hughes.**

“**Pegram & Son** were ‘daily receiving their new stock of goods’ in March.

“**Mary Boren**, a girl of 6 years, and daughter of **Mr. Ezra Boern**, was almost instantly killed by being run over by a wagon in April.



“In May the Herald hoisted the names of ‘**Hon. Abe Lincoln**’ and ‘**Hon. Hannibal Hamlin**’ as its candidates for president and vice president. There was also talk of forming ‘rail fence club.’

“The Herald of June 13 speaks of **C. H. Ormsby**, then of Lincoln but afterwards of Atlanta, as recovering \$1,000 damages for injuries

received from falling into an opening in a Chicago sidewalk in September preceding.

“The **Good Templars** of Lincoln and Atlanta held a picnic at Lawndale in June.

“The paper abounded with political matter during the summer and local events did not receive much attention.

“On the 13th of July a little son of **Thomas Lindsey** died from apoplexy caused by standing on his head.

“A pole-raising occurred at Postville July 26, when **William McGalliard** was the speaker and received for the Wide Awakes a flag presented by the ladies of Postville.

“The Republican county convention was held August 16. **Wm. Beesley** was chairman and **David Kern**, secretary. Of the Lincoln delegation, **W. B. Broadwell, John Thomas, Michael Hinrichsen, Albert McCallister and Joseph Reed**, at least two are dead and not one is living in Lincoln. Twelve candidates were named for sheriff, the nomination going to **A. B. Nicholson**.

“The population of the town in 1860, by the census was given as follows by **A. Mayfield**: Lincoln 1,679; Postville, 311; Atlanta, 1,140; Mt. Pulaski, 634; Elkhart, 320; Lawndale, 84; the county 14,316.

“The issue of September 12 contained an account of the loss of the **Lady Elgin** by a collision near Chicago, when 300 persons were drowned.

“At the September term of the court there were 557 civil cases, 147 chancery cases and 62 criminal cases. A much larger number than we have now.

“Both the fairs were held in October, the Atlanta society holding the first fair.

“In October **John Ott** was arrested for the **Orendorff** murder, on Delavan prairie in Tazwell county.

“**Wm. P. Bates** was chairman of the committee for sending relief to the destitute of Kansas in November.

“The election of **Lincoln** was announced in a joyous editorial beginning with the words, ‘Freedom has Triumphed!’

“In the same issue the opinion was expressed that South Carolina and Georgia ‘could not be hired to go out of the Union.

“**Lincoln’s** majority over **Douglas** in the county was 176 in a vote of 3,372. **Bell** received 28 votes and **Breckenridge** 4.

Lawyer and Witness.

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois Jan. 25, 1860, p1.

“A story is told of a very eminent lawyer in this city receiving a severe reprimand from a witness on the stand whom he was trying to browbeat. It was an important issue and in order to save his case from defeat, it was necessary that Mr. A---- should impeach the witness. He endeavored to do it on the ground of age. The following dialogue ensued:

“Lawyer, - How old are you?

“Witness – Seventy-two years.

“Lawyer – Your memory, of course is not so brilliant and vivid as it was twenty years ago, is it?

“Witness – I do not know that it is.

“Lawyer – State some circumstances which occurred, say twelve years ago and we shall be able to see how well you remember.

“Witness – I appeal to your honor if I am to be interrogated in this manner, it is ----.

“Judge – You had better answer the question.

“Lawyer – Yes, sir; state it.

“Witness – Well sir, if you compel me to do it, I will. About twelve years ago you studied in judge B--- office, did you not?

“Lawyer – Yes.

“Witness – Well, sir, I remember your father coming into my office and saying to me ‘Mr. D---, my son is to be examined to-morrow, and I wish you would lend me fifteen dollars to buy him a suit of clothes.’ I remember from that day to this, he has never paid me that sum. That, sir, I remember as though it was but yesterday.

“Lawyer (considerably abashed), ‘That will do sir.

“Witness – I presume it will.”

Atlanta Items.

H. N. Estabrook, Contributor

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, June 27, 1860, p2

“Constitution of the Republican **Wide Awakes** of Atlanta.

“Art. I. – For the purpose of presenting the Republican cause and aiding in the election of the Republican ticket, State as well as National, the undersigned form themselves into an organization, which shall be known at the ‘Republican Wide Awakes of Atlanta.’ The Wide Awakes being vindicators of Republican principals, and seeking to promote the success of the same, cordially invite all young men, who are willing to endorse the sentiments of the Republican party, to become members, and we pledge ourselves to be governed by the rules and regulations of the Association.

“Art. II. – The officers of the association shall be a Captain, 1st and 2nd Lieutenants, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall perform the duties usually devolving upon such offices.

“Art. III. – Every person becoming a member of this association shall provide himself with a cap and cape and torch, or pay into the Treasury the sum of \$2.00 which shall entitle him to those equipments.

“Art. IV. – Each member shall hold himself in readiness to take part in torch-light processions during the Presidential Campaign – to perform escort duty – to attend all night meetings and grand rallies of the party and act as a vigilance committee on election day.

“Art. V. – Each member shall bear his equal portion of the expenses of the association; but no assessment shall be made except by vote of the association and no money shall be drawn from the treasury except upon the written order of the Captain.

“Art. VI. – Each member pledges his honor that on all occasions of drill or parade, he will refrain from using profane language, intoxicating drinks or any noisy demonstrations: That he will implicitly obey the order of his officers, and comport himself in a decent and respectful manner.

“Art. VII. – This association shall be and continue until the election of the Republican National nominees.

“The following resolution was adopted:

“*Resolved.* – That we now proceed to sign the constitution; that voters only be allowed to sign it,

and that after all thus qualified have affixed their signatures, propositions from minors to become members may be received and it shall require two thirds vote to receive them; and hereafter all applicants for membership shall be received under the same rule.

“The above Constitution and resolution were unanimously adopted on the 12th day of June. The following officers were elected.

“**H. N. Estabrook**, Captain.

“**M. L. Fuller**, 1st Lieutenant.

“**Thomas Camerer**, 2nd Lieutenant.

“**J. H. Ball**, Secretary.

“**W. G. Whitehurst**, Treasurer.

“Some thirty signatures were affixed to the Constitution.”

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, July 25, 1861 p3 c2

“Our correspondent, **H. N. Estabrook**, of Atlanta, has gone to the war. – **Capt. George Estabrook**’s company left for Cairo yesterday.

They are a fine-looking set of boys and will fight bravely for their country.”

Death of Capt. H. N. Estabrook.

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, Oct., 1862 p3 c1

“We regret – deeply regret to learn the sad intelligence of the death of **Captain H. N. Estabrook**, of Co. “D” of the 7th Ill. Infantry, killed in the last sanguinary battle of Corinth. He

was a brother of **Capt. G. W. Estabrook**, of Atlanta, and was a good officer, and a brave soldier. His many friends will learn of his death with pain and regret.”

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LCGHS wishes to thank the following people who have made donations to the Society during the past year. Perhaps it was a monetary donation, a donation of family records, a donation of time, or some other donation to make us a better Society. Thank you all and we wish you well.

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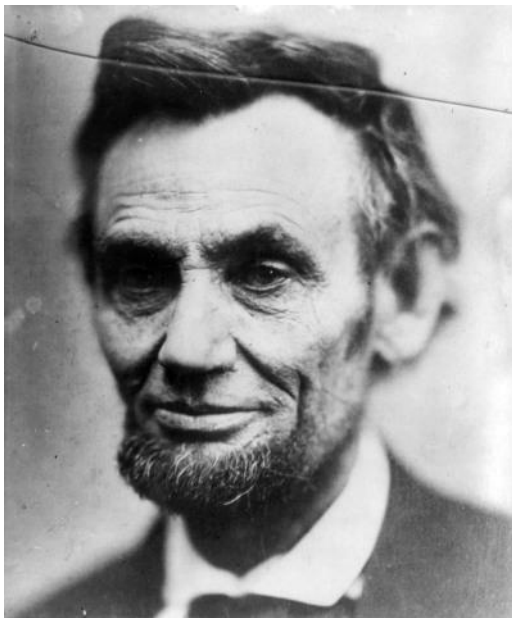
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*“I do the very best I know how –
the very best I can; and I mean
to keep doing so until the end.” -
Abraham Lincoln*

*“If the end brings me out all
right, what's said against me
won't amount to anything. If the
end brings me out wrong, ten
angels swearing I was right
would make no difference.” -
Abraham Lincoln*

*In great contests each party claims to act in accordance with the will
of God. Both may be and one must be wrong. A. Lincoln, September 2,
1862.*

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It has been interesting to me how Logan County and the towns within it promoted themselves during the 19th and early 20th centuries. The following information about Lincoln came from an unknown source. The pages were cut from a larger book that was likely printed during the early years of the 20th century. Although a date for the publication is not known we can surmise that it was between 1895, the date of Mr. Latham's death, and 1902, because there is no mention of the Carnegie library or the new courthouse. I hope you find it as interesting as I have.

BOOKS

A Deeper Dive Into the Better Government Council of Logan County, Illinois, Fuller – 2021. \$35+\$5 S/H.

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1999 Logan Co. Courthouse
2000 Lincoln City Hall
2001 Lincoln Public Library
2002 Abraham Lincoln Mem. Hospital
2004 Lincoln College
2005 Logan Co Courthosue
2006 Earl Hargrove Chapel LCC

2007 The Arcade Building
2008 Logan Co. Courthouse
2009 Logan Co. Courthouse
2010 Lincoln Woman's Club
2013 A. Lincoln's 1858 Speech
2015 Knapp, Chesnut, Becker Building, Middletown, IL

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The following duplicate books are available for purchase from LCG&HS. High school, college yearbooks & Directories sell for \$5 each + \$5 S/H and include:

Lincoln: 1920; 1921; 1922; 1923; 1924; 1925;
1926, 1927; 1928; 1929; 1930; 1931; 1932;
1933; 1934; 1935; 1936; 1937; 1939; 1940;
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Lincoln City Directories \$10 ea.: 1934; 1941;
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Emden – 7.5 in: 1871-1971
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Abraham Lincoln -150th Birthday
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Lincoln Sesquicentennial: 1818-1968
Logan Co. Fair - 50th Anniv.
Mt. Pulaski Methodist Church - 10in

Mt. Pulaski Stahl's Siltenial: 1836-1961
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Odd Fellows Home; 1967
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If you want our assistance in your research, indicate the Surnames and/or any information you already have that will help in our search (i.e., dates, places of birth, death, etc.). For members, \$15 for initial research is requested. Non-members, please call 217-732-3200 for research fees.

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LCGHS requires a \$20 donation for an initial search of a surname, which includes going through several indexed collections, in our library. Standard Logan County Histories are included in the search. (Note: A membership of \$20 includes the quarterly publication, Roots and Branches, sent by email. Members are also eligible to get access to the Research portion of our website, which is restricted to members only.)

If, after receiving the results of the initial search, you decide you would like LCGHS to conduct further research, we ask \$20 per research hour plus the costs of mailing, the costs of photos and the amount we have to pay for documents from the Court House plus \$2 per document (if we pay \$5 for a death record, you pay \$7, since we go to the court house, look up the name in the indexes and fill out the request form.)

For additional research, you decide the number of hours by the amount of the check you send (\$60 will be requesting 3 hours of research.) In addition, you will be billed for documents, photos and copy fees.

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