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Welcome back from the summer hiatus! Our program chairman Polly Myers, has a number of most interesting meetings planned for our 1990-1991 season.

On Tuesday, September 18, we will meet at 7:00 P.M. in the Carnegie Room at Lincoln Library to begin our new year. Our program will be presented by Mr. Kinahan Rule, a descendant of one of our early settlers, James Hunter, who came to Springfield about 1828. Mr. Rule will give an oral history of this pioneer family, and will show some of the memorabilia from their early days in our area. Mr. Rule is a realtor with the local firm of Rule-Voyles.

We're looking forward to resuming our regular meetings and learning more about our pioneer settlers. Refreshments will be served following the program. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

STILL LOOKING AHEAD - THE LINCOLN COLLOQUIUM - OCTOBER 20

An important event for our Society each year is the Lincoln Colloquium. We have been one of the co-sponsors since its first session five years ago. The event has drawn an increasing number of registrants each year, and last year, 1989, people from nine states attended. Because of our co-sponsorship of the Colloquium, we are encouraging more members to attend. While general attendance has increased, SCHS participation has been somewhat disappointing.

Further details will appear in the October HISTORICO. Lincoln Home National Historic Site Historian George L. Painter has provided the following information for us.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL LINCOLN COLLOQUIUM

The Fifth Annual Lincoln Colloquium, of which Lincoln Home National Historic Site is the principal sponsor, will take place on Saturday, October 20, 1990, at Sangamon State University in Springfield, Illinois. Since its inception during 1986, the Colloquium has grown into one of the most significant national events in the field of Lincoln scholarship. Speakers in 1990 will include Edwin C. Bearss, Chief Historian of the National Park Service; William E. Gienapp, Professor of History at Harvard University; Robert W. Johannsen, J. G. Randall, Distinguished Professor of History at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Harold Holzer, co-author of The Lincoln Image and other pioneering works on Lincoln iconography; and Mark E. Neely, Jr., Director of the Lincoln Museum in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Each year, the papers presented at the Colloquium are published in a booklet which has been widely praised for its attractive

appearance and scholarly content; following the event, registrants will receive a copy of the booklet through the mail.

Registration for the conference will start at 11:15 a.m. The Colloquium will begin at 11:45 a.m. and conclude at approximately 5:00 p.m.; a luncheon is included.

In addition to Lincoln Home National Historic Site, other co-sponsors of the Colloquium include Eastern National Park and Monument Association, the Sangamon County Historical Society, and the Lincoln Group of Illinois; Sangamon State University will be the official host.

The registration fee is \$17.00 a person, which includes a luncheon. Checks should be made payable to Eastern National Park and Monument Association, with the word "Colloquium" written on the "Memo" line of the check. Advance registration will facilitate the planning of the event; please mail your registration fee to Lincoln Colloquium, Lincoln Home National Historic Site, 413 South Eighth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701-1905.

Anyone wishing to obtain further information regarding the Fifth Annual Lincoln Colloquium is welcome to call Lincoln Home National Historic Site at (217) 492-4150; please ask for Historian George Painter.

You are cordially invited to participate in this stimulating conference, which will enrich your understanding of Abraham Lincoln and his place in history.

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Please save the following dates for SCHS meetings. Details will be given in a later HISTORICO. All of these dates are on Tuesdays.

1990: November 20, December 18
1991: January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16,
May 16, June 18 (Annual Meeting)

A LOOK BACK - THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Society's Annual Dinner Meeting was a gala occasion, held at the Illini Country Club on June 19. Program Chairman Bette Franke had made plans which included not only a social hour and fine dinner, but also musical entertainment, several interesting displays, and some awards. Especially featured guests were the past presidents, of whom twenty were in attendance, including the first president of our Society, John T. Trutter (1961). During the social hour we were entertained by harpist Mary Tobermann, and had the opportunity to view historic slides taken by the late Reverend A. Ray Grummon as well as a collection of publications by SCHS authors. As gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Carl D. Franke, Jr., persons attending the meeting were given packets containing reprints of many articles from the HISTORICO and its forerunners, dating back to 1961, as well as booklets in tribute to George Cashman (edited by Edward Pree) and a 150th Anniversary Chatham Presbyterian Church history by Jane Stout. The annual business meeting followed, with President Joyce Sandage presiding. The meeting was opened by Polly Roesch's singing of the National Anthem. Awards were presented to Dr. Floyd Barringer and Patricia Henry. Dr. Barringer, our long-time historian, was the recipient of a newly-established award in memory of our chief founder, Frank R. Sullivan. Mrs. Henry's plaque was for eleven years of service as editor of the HISTORICO. A large plaque in honor of all Society presidents - those in the future as well as the 29 past - was unveiled by Cullom Davis. The treasurer's report by John Macpherson showed our total cash assets in all accounts to be \$21,890.22. The slate of nominees for the Society's officers and Board of Directors was presented by nominations chairman Floyd