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LOOKING AHEAD

To all Sangamon County Historical Society members and friends - welcome back for our 1991 - 1992 season! Our fall program begins with a meeting at the State Capitol on Sept. 25, followed by the fall tour on Sept. 28 and the Sixth Lincoln Colloquium on Oct. 26.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM - AN INTIMATE LOOK AT THE ILLINOIS STATE CAPITOL

Join us at the Illinois State Capitol on Wednesday, September 25, for a special evening devoted to the history and architecture of our magnificent Capitol. Mark Sorensen, Assistant Director of the Illinois State Archives, will deliver an illustrated talk and then conduct a short tour. Guests will learn about the building's 100-year history, see an exhibit that Mark developed, and get a closeup look at such marvels as the famous "lost room," the House and Senate ceilings, the rotunda, and the dome.

Mark Sorensen lives in Decatur and formerly taught high school history there. In recent years at the State Archives he has conducted research and produced historical programs and exhibits for various state facilities, including the Stratton Building, the Centennial Building, the State Library, and others. He has served on the boards of the Macon County Historical Society and the Decatur Public Library.

Note that this meeting will be on a different day and at a different location than usual:

7:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 25

Room 212, Illinois State Capitol

You may park in any of the state lots around the Capitol, but the most convenient would be the curved driveway and lot at the north end of the statehouse grounds. You must use the north entrance to the building, where you can sign in and receive directions to Room 212.

- Cullom Davis
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- 7:30 Leave Springfield from the southwest corner of the Stratton Building Parking Lot near the intersection of College and Edwards Streets.
- 9:30 Arrive at Galesburg. First, we visit the Carl Sandburg Home. Here we shall watch a film, look at displays, and have a tour of the house and its furnishings.
- 10:30 We visit the railroad museum, a few blocks from the Sandburg Home, a display of trains and other railroad artifacts at several locations.
- 11:30 - 1:00 Jumer's restaurant. We will order from the menu for our big meal of the day. The food is delicious. The tour group that ate there for our Bishop Hill tour was impressed.
- 1:00 We tour Knox College, a very old institution like Jubilee College. Yet, it is still in operation. One of the important sites is "Old Main", the oldest structure on campus and one of the most ancient "old mains" in the region.
- 2:15 The group travels to Knoxville. We tour the Old Knox County Courthouse, its grounds, and some adjoining museums, one of which is run by the Knox County Historical Society.
- 3:15 - 4:00 Enroute to Jubilee College State Park near Peoria.
- 4:00 - 5:00 We tour Jubilee College in a state park of that name. This college was founded by an Episcopal bishop. A number of years ago, we had a program on Jubilee College. Now we can see what the program was about.
- 5:00 - 5:30 Enroute to Hardee's on the north side of Peoria just off the highway.
- 5:30 - 6:30 We have supper at Hardee's. (Our schedule is flexible, since we will leave as soon as everyone is done.)
- 6:30 Leave Peoria.
- 8:00 Arrive back in Springfield.

The cost of the tour is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. This price includes all gratuities and admission fees. This tour includes many interesting sites: two colleges, two important state historical sites, two restaurants with tasty food, a railroad museum, and a museum of a sister historical society. September's early autumn will provide a comfortable tour. Please mark your calendars and sign up for this educational and entertaining trip.

Checks should be made payable to the Sangamon County Historical Society and sent or taken to: 308 East Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701 - Tel. - (217) 522-2500.

*Kim Efird
Chairman, Tour Committee*

THE SIXTH ANNUAL LINCOLN COLLOQUIUM

by George L. Painter,
Historian
Lincoln Home National Historic Site

The public is cordially invited to attend the Sixth Annual Lincoln Colloquium, in which prominent scholars will present their insights concerning Abraham Lincoln. Since its inception during 1986, the Colloquium has grown into one of the more significant national events in the field of Lincoln scholarship.

The Sixth Annual Lincoln Colloquium will be held on Saturday, October 26, at Sangamon State University in Springfield, Illinois.