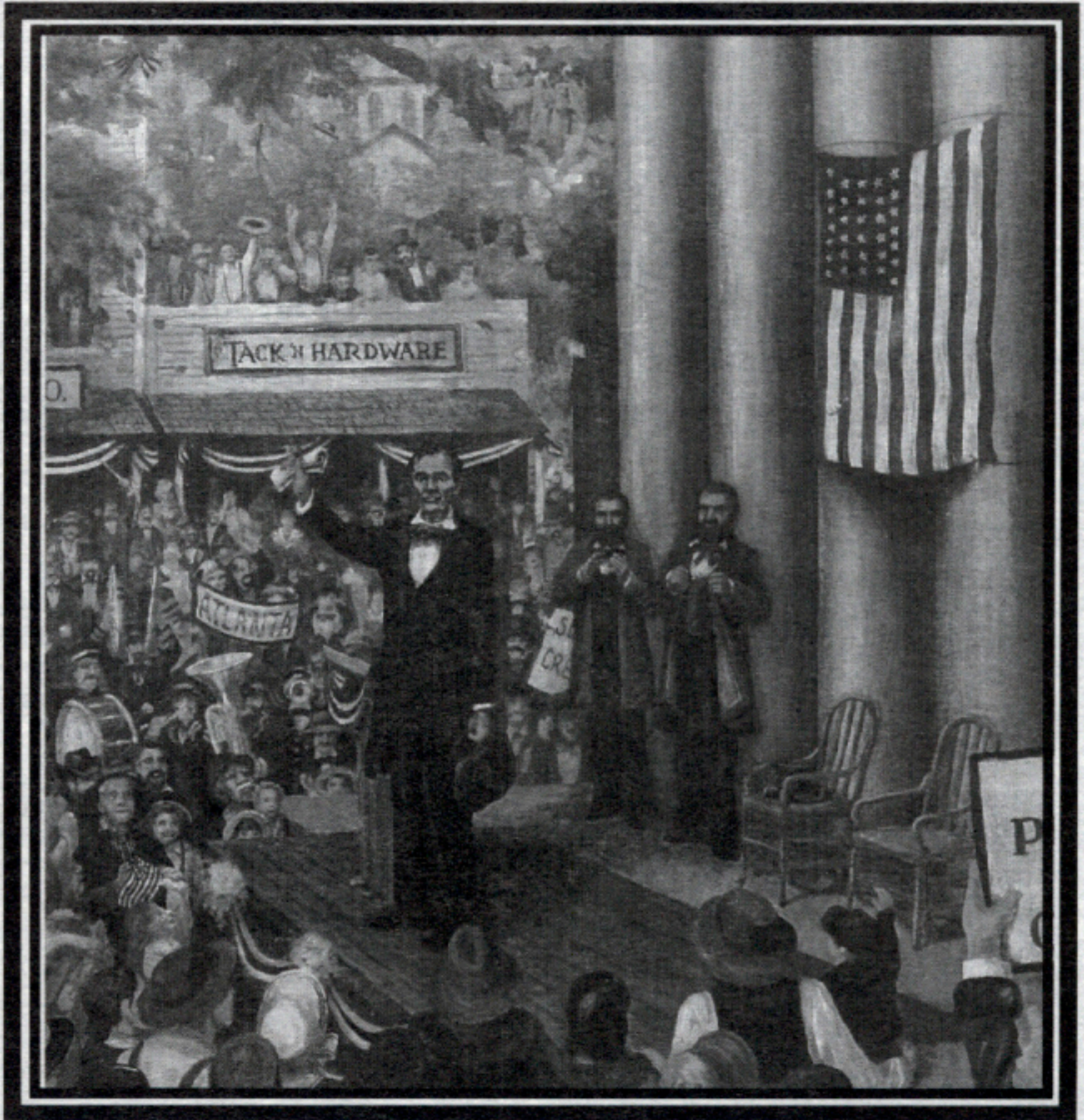


The Abraham Lincoln Statue Committee

Supported by

The Logan County Genealogical & Historical Society



"Lincoln Rally's the People" (bronze statue) will commemorate his speech made on October 16, 1858, on the Logan County Courthouse Lawn. This event which drew over 5,000 people was indicative of Logan County's support for Abraham Lincoln.

Abraham Lincoln provided Lincoln, IL, a legacy when the town in 1853 was named after him and christened by him. The friends he acquired during his career as an Eighth Judicial Circuit rider and the people he inspired in Logan County and beyond became the building blocks of the communities in our county. This might be a small area but it is large in history and culture.

Many activities and events have been held to commemorate this great American figure. From buildings to signage, artifacts have found their home in our distinguished area. As an area designated on the National Register of Historic Places, gratification comes from sharing our heritage with all those who enter within our domain.

Lincoln being the county seat of Logan County is provided with the Logan County Courthouse and its beautiful grounds as the center of town. On those grounds a Civil War Monument, a Veteran's Memorial, a civil war cannon, an informational kiosk, and an Eighth Judicial marker noting one of Abraham Lincoln's location for practicing law. He also served as judge on several occasions.

What is needed to fill the void is having a life size statue depicting one of his important roles as a spokesman and statesman representing "we" the people. Please join in our endeavors to provide this bronze statue, full of life and love for his roots and supporters.

The Abraham Lincoln Statue Committee will begin fundraising in 2013 with a goal of \$48,000.00 for the Life Sized Bronze Statue of Lincoln as depicted below.



Funding for the project is being sought from several sources

- **Grant applications** continue to be submitted and donations are being accepted.
- **Fund raisers** will be held to allow for contributions and donations. February will be the first fundraise with future events in the months ahead as needed.
- **Sponsorships** with a plan of giving includes the following: (Specified by the Abraham Lincoln Statue Committee.)

Friends of Lincoln

Hickox.....	Up to \$100.00
Davis	Up to \$500.00
Olgesby	Up to \$1,000.00
Parks.....	Up to \$2,500.00
Latham	Up to \$5,000.00
Gillett.....	Up to \$10,000.00

Checks are Payable to LCGHS (Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society) and sent to 114 North Chicago Street, Lincoln, IL 62656 LCGHS is a 501 (C) (3) organization; donations are tax deductible. Group contributions are accepted.

On October 16, 1858, the day following the final Lincoln-Douglas debate at Alton, Abraham Lincoln, at the encouragement of Logan County Republicans, gave a speech to a crowd of 5,000 citizens from all parts of Logan County. The Republicans of Logan County were afraid that the Democrats of Logan County were making a strong showing in the upcoming elections. Lincoln was invited to make a speech to give the Republican candidates more of an advantage in the election of 1858. About fifty wagon loads of people came from the Logan County area. The speech took place on the courthouse square in Lincoln. A reenactment of the speech was organized by Main Street Lincoln for the 150th anniversary of the speech and occurred in 2008. A video of the reenactment is available.

The Logan County Genealogical & Historical Society, through its Abraham Lincoln Statue Committee, plans to have a statue created and installed on the grounds of the Logan County Courthouse in Lincoln. The statue will commemorate the speech made by Abraham Lincoln on October 16, 1858. Accompanying this statue will be signage that will explain the reason for the statue, the speech and contain an image of a painting commissioned by Main Street Lincoln, which now can be found at Lincoln College. Permission for placing the statue on the courthouse grounds has been given by the Logan County Board and the statue has been included in plans for the redevelopment of the courthouse grounds.

Main Street Lincoln donates toward the Abraham Lincoln Statue. Individuals who donate \$100 will receive a limited edition print of a painting of the speech. Each corporation that donates \$500 will receive a framed limited edition of the print.