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## THE OUTSTANDING LINCOLN EVENTS THROUGH THE YEARS

The advisory committee of the Lincoln National Life Foundation has been making a splendid contribution to the Lincoln tradition by selecting annually in this field of interest: 1. The Book of the Year; 2. The Most Timely Editorial for Lincoln's Birthday; 3. The Most Significant Cartoon for the Week of February 12th; and 4. The Best Magazine Article for the First Quarter.

The fine reaction to these contests has encouraged the Foundation to introduce one more project, the selection of the "Outstanding Event of the Year." The occasion which surpassed all others for the past year was so widely publicized that any poll would be superfluous. The outstanding event for 1947 occurred at the Library of Congress in July, when the official papers of Abraham Lincoln became the property of the nation.

The acceptance of these papers has been so fully covered in Lincoln Lore that any further reference to it might be out of place. This issue of the bulletin will be utilized however, as far as space will permit, for submitting the outstanding event for each one of the years mentioned.

- 1874, October 14. Lincoln tomb at Springfield dedicated by President Grant.
- 1876, April 14. President Grant and Frederick Douglas at dedication of Ball's emancipation statue at Washington.
- 1878, Carpenter's famous painting of Lincoln's cabinet presented to Congress.
- 1879, Peter Studebaker provided memorial stone for Lincoln's mother's grave in Spencer County, Indiana.
- 1880, May 7. Robert Todd Lincoln provided monument to mark grave of Thomas and Sarah Johnston Lincoln buried in Coles County, Illinois.
- 1882, July 16. Mary Todd Lincoln passed away at Springfield, Ill.
- 1883, Nov. O. H. Oldroyd opened the Springfield home of the Lincolns to visitors.
- 1886, Earliest exhibition of Lincoln relics displayed in Chicago by Munson and Keyes.
- 1887, Robert Todd Lincoln presented Springfield home of his father to State of Illinois.
- 1890, March 5. Death in London of Abraham Lincoln, grandson of the President.
- 1893, August 2. First bronze statue of Lincoln erected in Europe at Edinburg, Scotland.
- 1895, June 12. Title of monument at Springfield conveyed to State of Illinois.
- 1896, Nov. 10. Government took possession of Peterson House where Lincoln died.
- 1897, Feb. 12. Lincoln Memorial University founded at Cumberland Gap, Tennessee.
- 1900, Abraham Lincoln voted a place in Hall of Fame.
- 1901, Sept. 26. Final interment of Abraham Lincoln's remains in reconstructed monument at Springfield.
- 1905, January 6. Public auction of Col. John G. Nicolay's library containing many books originally belonging to Lincoln.
- 1906, Site of New Salem purchased by William Randolph Hurst and conveyed to old Salem Chautauqua Association.
- 1907, Nov. 9. Acquisition of Lincoln's birthplace farm by Lincoln Farm Association.
- 1908, Feb. 12. First annual meeting of The Lincoln Fellowship at New York.
- 1909, Feb. 12. Nation wide Lincoln Centennial Program on February 12 featured by the laying of the cornerstone of the Lincoln Memorial Building at Hodgenville by President Theodore Roosevelt.
- 1911, Nov. 9. Dedication of the Lincoln Memorial Building at Hodgenville with address by President William Howard Taft.
- 1914, Jan. 14, 15, 16. Anderson Galleries at New York sell at auction the great Lincoln collection of Major William Harrison Lambert.
- 1916, Sept. 4. Acceptance of the Lincoln Memorial at Hodgenville by President Woodrow Wilson.
- 1917, March 31. Dedication of the much criticised Barnard's Lincoln statue at Cincinnati.
- 1918, October 5. Dedication of O'Connor's Lincoln Statue at Springfield, Ill.
- 1920, August 22. Ceremonies on presentation of Lincoln cabin replica to city of Fort Wayne by Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.
- 1921, July 6. John Drinkwater's play Abraham Lincoln opens in London for a six month's engagement.
- 1922, May 30. Dedication of the Lincoln Memorial at Washington with President Taft presiding.
- 1923, May 19. McClellan collection of Lincolniana presented to Brown Univ. by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.
- 1924, Feb. 12. Dedication of the Lincoln cabin replica on Forbes Estate, Milton, Mass.
- 1925, Feb. 12. Ford's Theatre formally opened as a Lincoln museum.
- 1926, July 26. Death of Robert Todd Lincoln, only surviving son of President Lincoln.
- 1927, July 3. Heroic bronze statue of Lincoln by Lorado Taft dedicated at Urbana, Ill.
- 1928, Feb. 12. Lincoln National Life Foundation established at Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- 1929, June 2. Dedication of Lincoln Room at Lincoln Memorial University.
- 1930, August 23. Statue of Captain Lincoln dedicated at Dixon, Illinois.
- 1931, June 17. Rededication of Lincoln's Tomb at Springfield by President Hoover.
- 1932, February 12. Dedication of the Lincoln Shrine at Redlands, California.
- 1933, Oct. 26. Restoration of New Salem and presentation of village to State by Governor Horner.
- 1934, Feb. 12. Inauguration of the Annual Boy Scout Pilgrimage to Lincoln shrines.
- 1935, June 12. Lincoln Homestead Park near Springfield, Ky., dedicated.
- 1936, June 14. Flag day ceremonies at Lincoln's birthplace with President Franklin D. Roosevelt in attendance.
- 1937, Pilgrimage and series of programs commemorating 300th anniversary of the coming of first Lincoln progenitor to America.
- 1938, June 14. Unveiling of the memorial portraying the Lincoln caravan entering Illinois, opposite Vincennes, Indiana, in 1830.
- 1939, Oct. 1. Riverside Lincoln Memorial dedicated at Troy, Indiana.
- 1940, Feb. 12. Establishment of a Post Office called Lincoln's New Salem at the rebuilt Illinois village where Lincoln lived from 1832 to 1837.
- 1941, Feb. 12. Dedication of the Henry Horner Collection of Lincolniana given to State of Illinois.
- 1942, Feb. 12. President Wells of Indiana University announces acquisition of Oakleaf Collection.
- 1943, Nov. 4. First statue of Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln dedicated at Racine.
1945. Completion of the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial at Lincoln City, Indiana.
- 1946, Nov. 19. "Dedication Day" observed as set apart by President Truman's Proclamation.
- 1947, July 26. Formal acceptance by the Library of Congress of the Abraham Lincoln official papers.