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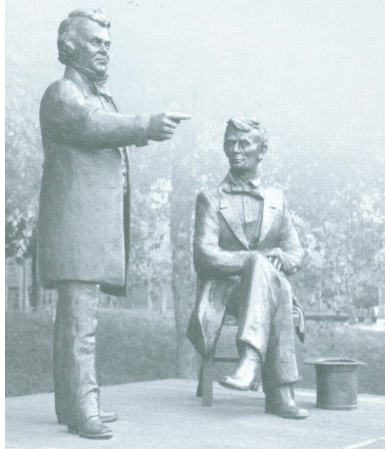
The Lincoln-Douglas Society was founded in 1929 for the purpose of perpetuating the memory of the 1858 debates between Stephen A. Douglas and Abraham Lincoln in their race for the United States Senate.

The Stump is a semi-annual publication of the Lincoln-Douglas Society.



"The Stump"

The use of the word "stump" as a metaphor for a platform for political discussion goes back to the earliest days of American history. Just as Douglas argued his political ideas "from every stump in Illinois," the Lincoln-Douglas Society seeks to share information and ideas about one of the key events in our history.



ANNUAL MEETING / CEREMONY

Monday, 27 August 2012 will be the 154th anniversary of Freeport's Lincoln-Douglas Debate. This year we will mark the anniversary with two events:

Annual Membership Meeting – 6:30 PM in Freeport Public Library. This event will feature the annual financial report and the election of members of the Board of Directors whose terms expire this year.

Annual Commemorative Ceremony – 7 PM in Debate Square [bring lawn chair]. Part of the ceremony will be the unveiling of a plaque in honor of **Robert Schmelzle**. The Society's past president **Robert Plager** will discuss the contributions of President Schmelzle to the Society. In the event of inclement weather, this ceremony will also be held in Freeport Public Library. The **Freeport NJROTC Color Guard** will present and retrieve the National Colors, as well as lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held inside Freeport Public Library.

PAINTING MYSTERY SOLVED

Thanks to two good friends of the Society, the mystery surrounding the centennial murals of the Lincoln-Douglas Debate from Union Savings Bank has been solved.

Duane Smith recognized the name "Totz" and remembered having displayed works at art shows with a "**Royce Totz**." Armed with a first name we were able to track the artist to Middelton, Wisconsin, where he lives today.

Karen Hutmacher ran down a copy of the Freeport

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Journal-Standard article from March 1958 which told of the creation of the paintings.

After contacting Mr. Totz, the following response was received:

What a pleasant surprise after more than half a century. "Lincoln-Douglas" is with us still.

In the summer of 1956 I moved from a studio in Geneva, Illinois by way of Belvidere to Rockford, became involved in the art community, entered the Rockford vicinity art show and received the first prize for a large oil painting. Architect Ed Ware saw the painting and asked if I would be interested in doing a mural for the Lincoln-Douglas Debate. Yes. After some research, I painted a small detailed study in oil which was accepted. We took this to Freeport to the Union Savings Bank, met with the president and all agreed on the size and location of the finished work. Weeks later the completed panels were taken to Freeport and installed. A very satisfying conclusion.

You can imagine my delight in learning what had become of that long ago painting. I am pleased to send you this information on how the "Debate" came into being.

Hopefully this will be helpful for your files.

Boyce Totz

It is indeed a "satisfying" conclusion to the mystery of the origin of the paintings and the artist who created them. The work has been accepted into the collection of the Stephenson County Historical Society.

The eight panels will be displayed at the annual meeting of the Lincoln-Douglas Society on 27 August which will be held at Freeport Public Library.

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NEW LINCOLN BOOKS

If there is one thing on which Lincoln buffs can count, it is a never ending stream of books on their favorite president. In case you have not had time to keep up, here are a few non-fiction titles carefully selected for your consideration (or maybe for your Christmas "Wish List"):

2012 – So far

Guelzo, Allen C. *Fateful Lighting: A New History of the Civil War and Reconstruction*. Oxford University Press, July 2012. [576 pages]

Dirck, Brian R. *Lincoln and the Constitution*. Southern Illinois University Press, May 2012.

Emerson, Jason. *Giant in the Shadows: The Life of Robert T. Lincoln*. Southern Illinois University Press, March 2012.

Simon, John Y. *The Union Forever: Lincoln, Grant and the Civil War*. University Press of Kentucky, June 2012.

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Burlingame, Michael. *Lincoln and the Civil War*. Southern Illinois University Press, September 2011.

Bush, Harold K., Jr. *Lincoln in His Own Time*. University of Iowa Press, October 2011.

Carwardine, Richard and Sexton, Jay, editors. *The Global Lincoln*. Oxford University Press, August 2011.

Harris, William C. *Lincoln and the Border States: Preserving the Union*. University Press of Kansas, September 2011.

Hogan, Jackie. *Lincoln, Inc.: Selling the Sixteenth President in Contemporary America*. Rowman & Littleton, November 2011.

Lincoln, Abraham; Library of Congress, with commentary by Douglas L. Wilson, John R. Sellers, Lloyd A. Dunlap, David C. Mearns. *Long Remembered: Lincoln and His Five Versions of the Gettysburg Address*. Leventer Press, September 2011.

Neely, Mark E. Jr. *Lincoln and the Triumph of the Nation: Constitutional Conflict in the American Civil War*. University of North Carolina Press, November 2011.

Pritchard, Myra H., and Emerson, Jason. *The Dark Days of Abraham Lincoln's Widow, as Revealed by Her Own Letters*. Southern Illinois University Press, February 2011.

Watson, Robert P., Pedersen, William D., and Williams, Frank J., editors. *Lincoln's Enduring Legacy: Perspective from Great Thinkers, Great Leaders, and the American Experiment*. Lexington Press, January 2011.

Winkle, Kenneth J. *Abraham and Mary Lincoln*. Southern Illinois University Press, October 2011.

For more Lincoln titles from recent years, go to: www.showcase.netins.net/web/creative/lincoln.html/. And poor Douglas is still ignored by current historians.

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