

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL ASSESSMENT FORM**

Type of Memorial (check all applicable)

Monument with Sculpture without Sculpture with Cannon standalone Cannon
 Historical Marker Plaque Other (flag pole, G.A.R. buildings, stained glass windows, etc.)

Affiliation

GAR MOLLUS SUVCW WRC ASUVCW
 LGAR DUVCW Other

If known, record name and number of post, camp, corps, auxiliary, tent, circle or appropriate information of other groups:

General Benjamin Pritchard, Camp 20-Department of Michigan

Original Dedication Date New Monument Please consult any/all newspaper archives for a local paper's article that would have information on the *first* dedication ceremony and/or other facts on the memorial. Please submit a copy of your findings with full identification of the paper & date of publication. Thank you.

Location

The Memorial is *currently* located at:

Street/Road address or site location Statue to be located in Bronson Park, 200 S. Rose St., Kalamazoo MI
 GPS Coordinates N 42.2903 and N 85.5853

City/Village &/or Township Kalamazoo
 County Kalamazoo State Michigan Zip Code 49007

The front of the Memorial faces: North South East West

Government Body, Agency, or Individual Owner

Name Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Institute (to be donated to the City of Kalamazoo)
 Dept./Div. _____
 Street Address 2037 Quail Cove Road
 City Kalamazoo State MI Zip Code 49009
 Contact Person Cameron Brown Telephone (269) 625-0275 ext _____

Is Memorial on the National Register of Historic Places Yes No ID # if known _____
Bronson Park Historic District is listed in the National Register Information System under item number 83000855

For Monuments with/without sculpture:

Physical Details

Material of Monument or base under a Sculpture or Cannon = Stone Concrete Metal Other
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Granite

Material of the Sculpture Stone Concrete Metal Other Is it hollow or solid? _____
 If known, name specific material (color of granite, marble, etc.) Bronze life-size statue of Abraham Lincoln

Environmental Setting

(The general vicinity and immediate locale surrounding a memorial can play a major role in its overall condition.)

Type of Location

Cemetery Park Plaza/Courtyard "Town Square" Post Office
 School Municipal Building State Capitol Courthouse College Campus
 Traffic Circle Library Other: _____

General Vicinity

Rural (low population, open land) Suburban (residential, near city) Town Urban / Metropolitan

Immediate Locale (check as many as may apply)

Industrial Commercial Street/Roadside within 20 feet Tree Covered (overhanging branches)
 Protected from the elements (canopy or enclosure, indoors) Protected from the public (fence or other barrier)

Any other significant environmental factor Statue and base to be located in the center of Bronson Park, a minimum of one hundred feet from the nearest street and with no overhanging trees within close proximity


[To detail the condition of a monument used the addendum form for *Monument's Condition*]

Supplemental Background Information

In addition to your on-site survey, any additional information you can provide on the described Memorial will be welcomed. Please label each account with its source (author, title, publisher, date, pages). Topics include any reference to the points listed on this questionnaire, plus any previous conservation treatments - or efforts to raise money for treatment.

Addendums attached to this electronic file are the *Monument's Condition* and the *Narrative* forms. Only the *Monument's Condition* form is required if you are requesting grant money using form CWM-62 *SUVCW Memorial Grant Application Form and Instructions*.

Thank you.

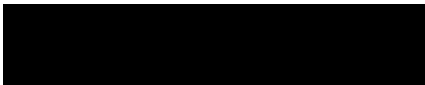
Inspector Identification _____ Date of On-site Survey August 27, 2020
Your Name Gary Swain
Address 697 Wynding Oaks
City Kalamazoo State MI Zip Code 49006
Telephone 

Are you a member of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R.? If so, which one?

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War-General Benjamin Pritchard, Camp 20-Department of Michigan

Please send this completed form to:

Walt Busch, PDC, Chair
1240 Konert Valley Dr.
Fenton, MO 63026



Thank you for your help, and attention to detail.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR – CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS COMMITTEE.

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ADDENDUM – NARRATIVE

[Generally used to record the text of monuments, but may be used for any other useful information, such as if the monument has been moved or if you have information about the day of dedication. May repeat use of page as often as necessary.]

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County Kalamazoo

State Michigan

Zip Code 49007

TEXT

Planned original life-size bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln to commemorate his August 27, 1856 visit to Kalamazoo, Michigan where he spoke at a political rally for John C. Fremont, the first Republican candidate for president. This was the only occasion where Mr. Lincoln addressed an audience in Michigan, and the only time that he left Illinois that year.

Inspector's Name Gary Swain

Date March 28, 2021

January 18, 2021

Pete Hritsko, PDC, Chair
SUVCW Monuments Grant Committee
12710 Darrow Road
Vermilion, OH, 44089-9365

Dear Brother Pete:

Enclosed please find our application request for grant funding from the SUVCW's Memorial/Monument Grant Fund for the Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Institute's Lincoln Memorial Statue project. This effort has the full support and backing of Department of Michigan Commander Terry McKinch.

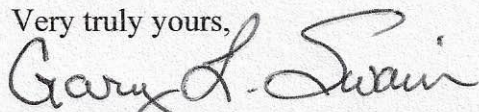
As a member of Camp #20 and a board member of the Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Institute (KLI), I can attest that this project has achieved broad community support and is a favored project of Camp #20. Additionally, March to the Sea Camp, #135, Centreville, has actively embraced this project as well. A little over a year ago, the KLI organized a penny drive fundraiser in Kalamazoo County public schools and hundreds of students, teachers and parents participated in support of the "Bring Lincoln Back to Kalamazoo" campaign. We sincerely believe that if we can teach these young people the importance of studying history and the American Civil War, we can teach them perspective and values and help elevate the public discourse of our day.

In summary, we fully support the KLI's effort to place a privately funded instructional and educational statue of Abraham Lincoln in Kalamazoo's Bronson Park where Mr. Lincoln spoke in 1856. To supplement this application, we have included some material provided by the KLI that helps explain the statue project and the KLI's associated Lincoln legacy plans. We are also enclosing three complimentary copies of a "word portrait" of Abraham Lincoln created from the words of Lincoln's Kalamazoo speech. Please know the KLI is a Michigan 501(C)3 non-profit corporation.

Your consideration of our request would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you have any questions. My cell number is [REDACTED]

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty, I remain

Very truly yours,



Gary Swain, Department of MI Junior Vice Commander (PCC)
General Benjamin Pritchard, Camp #20-Dept. of Michigan
697 Wynding Oaks
Kalamazoo, MI 49006

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL FUND REQUEST
(FORM CWM #62)**

REQUESTOR INFORMATION (Please print or type)

CAMP AND DEPARTMENT NAME: General Benjamin Pritchard, Camp #20-Dept. of Michigan
 NAME/ TITLE OF CONTACT PERSON: Gary Swain-Department of MI Junior Vice Commander (PCC)
 ADDRESS: 697 Wynding Oaks
 CITY: Kalamazoo STATE: MI ZIP CODE: 49006
 PHONE(S): [REDACTED]
 SIGNATURE: _____

NAME OF MEMORIAL/MONUMENT Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Memorial Statue

NAME, NUMBER & STREET ADDRESS OF CEMETERY OR OTHER LOCATION

Bronson Park, 200 S. Rose Street, Kalamazoo, MI 49007
 LOCATION DESCRIPTION (i.e. corner of 3rd and Lincoln St) Located in Bronson Park Historic District, Kalamazoo, MI between S. Rose, S. Park, W. South, and Academy Streets. (The district has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1983. NRIS ID# 83000855.)

GPS N 42.2903 W 85.5853 City Kalamazoo State MI ZIP 49007

WAS FORM CWM-61: GAR MONUMENTS/CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS ASSESSMENT SUBMITTED? Y ___ N X

___ EXISTING MONUMENT X NEW MONUMENT ___ LAST SOLDIER PROJECT

RESTORATION COST \$ N/A AMOUNT RAISED \$ \$94,000 REQUESTED \$ \$2,000

CHECK PAYABLE TO: Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Institute, c/o Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20

ADDRESS: 697 Wynding Oaks
 CITY: Kalamazoo State: MI ZIP CODE: 49006

Memorial Grant Committee Use Only					
Grant Request # _____			Amount Approved \$ _____		
Approve	Deny	Table	Name Committee Member	Signature	Date

Check box, sign, date & return completed email to Committee Chair, who will send to National Treasurer for payment.

MONUMENT/ MEMORIAL INFORMATION

WHEN WAS IT BUILT: Yet to be built WHO OWNS IT: To be given to the City of Kalamazoo once up.

WHO IS FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE? Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Institute

ARE MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS AVAILABLE? No FROM WHERE: _____

ARE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDS AVAILABLE? Yes FROM WHERE: \$94,000 has been raised from the community toward a goal of \$150,000. Some pledges are yet pending.

WAS A GRANT FROM THE SUVCW PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED FOR THIS PROJECT? _____

DATE: _____ AMOUNT: _____

DESCRIBE THE WORK THE GRANT IS NEEDED FOR (Be specific, use continuation sheet if needed)
For the sculpting of an informative educational bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln to be placed in Kalamazoo's Bronson Park where he spoke at a mass rally on August 27, 1856. The broader purpose of the statue project is to build on Kalamazoo's unique Lincoln legacy that includes his visit and speech, teaching young people the value of history, especially the period leading up to and including the American Civil War.

WHO EVALUATED THE NEED FOR THE WORK AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? Broad based exploratory steering committee including former legislators, education and business leaders.

WHO WILL DO THE DESCRIBED WORK, AND WHAT ARE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS? An experienced sculptor will be selected from designs submitted from a national "call to artists" competition.

WHO WILL RECEIVE FUNDS IF GRANTED? Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Institute

LIST WHAT THE CAMP/DEPARTMENT HAS AND/OR WILL DO TO ACCOMPLISH THE PROJECT
Dept. of MI Commander McKinch issued Dept. Order #4 in Aug. 2020 establishing a special committee to promote the statue project with specific instruction to MI camps to support this "Lincoln Memorial endeavor." Additionally, Camps 20 and 135 brothers have and are working to raise funds for this project. Both camps have donated funds and will continue to support this effort.

December 14, 2020
For Immediate Release

Contact: Cameron S. Brown

Michigan Commander McKinch Supports Kalamazoo Lincoln Statue Effort

An Abraham Lincoln statue in Edinburgh, Scotland was featured on the cover of last spring's issue of the *Banner*. This prompted Brothers Gary Swain and Cameron Brown to bring to the attention of Dept. of Michigan Commander Terry McKinch their efforts to place a privately funded bronze statue of Lincoln in Kalamazoo's Bronson Park where Mr. Lincoln spoke on August 27, 1856. Kalamazoo was the only place in Michigan where Abraham Lincoln made a public appearance, and the only time he left Illinois that year.

In addition to both being SUVCW members, Brothers Swain and Brown are members of the Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Institute (KLI), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization spearheading a community-wide effort to raise funds for the Kalamazoo Lincoln statue. The group has raised \$94,000 toward their goal of \$150,000 and has received approval by the Kalamazoo City Commission to place the instructional memorial statue in the city's downtown park.

In response to the efforts of the Kalamazoo group, Commander McKinch issued Department Order #4 last August that established a special committee to help advance the statue project with specific instruction to all Michigan camps to support this "Lincoln memorial endeavor." Brother Charles Worley PDC of the March to the Sea Camp, #135, Centreville was assigned as

—More—

The broader focus of the Kalamazoo group is to use Lincoln's 1856 visit and extant speech to teach young people the value of history. In addition to the Lincoln statue, the KLI is developing educational resources and planning a biennial symposium with guest speakers and art and essay contests for area youth. "Helping young people develop leadership skills in the mold of Lincoln is one of our central goals," Brother Swain says.

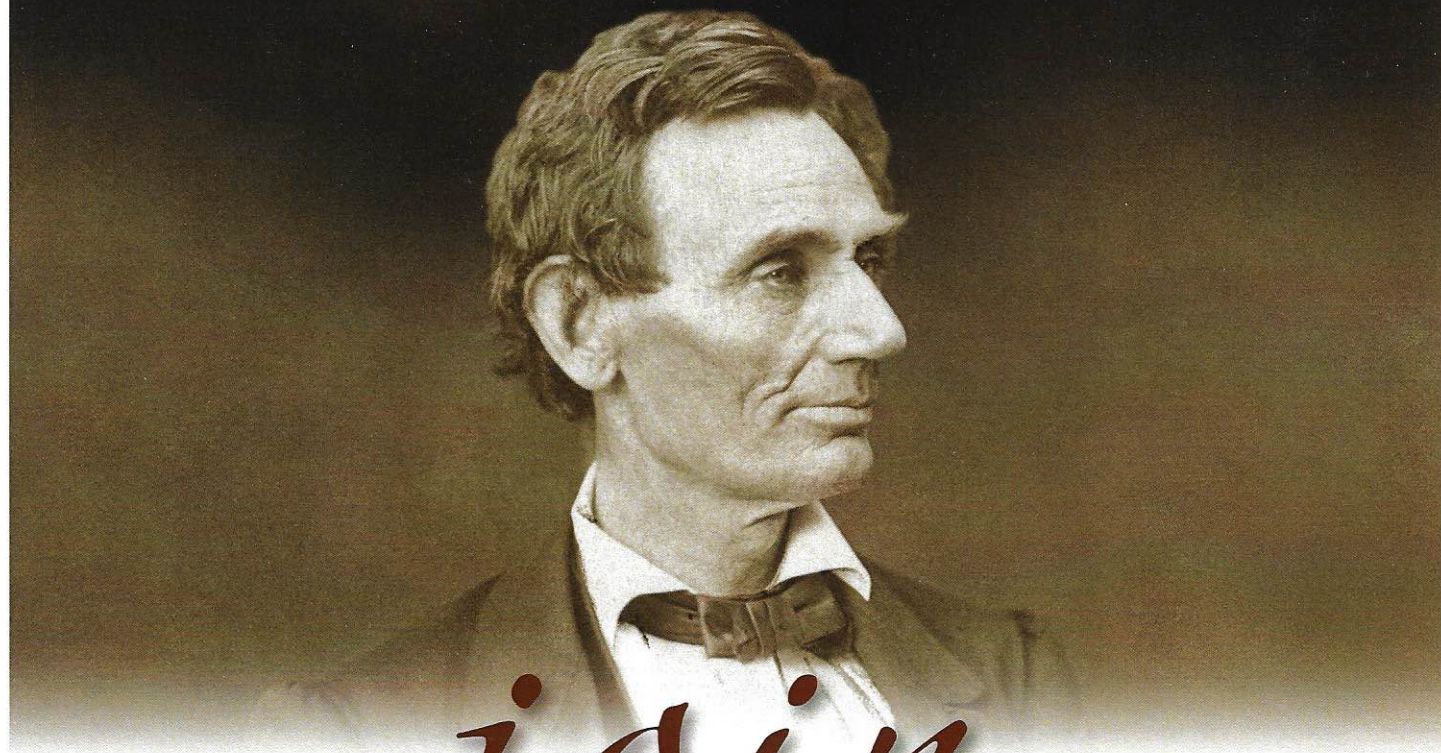
Noted Lincoln scholar Louis A. Warren called Lincoln's *Kalamazoo Speech* his "transitional pronouncement" that anticipated the full rhetorical and thematic elements found in Lincoln's more famous *House Divided Speech* two years later. Brother Brown serves as the institute's president and is emphatic about the importance of the group's efforts. "Kalamazoo is an important venue for advancing the purposes and ideals of the SUVCW," Brown says. "We do understand these are trying times. All the more reason to teach children the lessons of history and the inspiring life story of Abraham Lincoln. We have found that Lincoln is often a young child's gateway to American history. Young people come to appreciate how attractive honesty can be because Lincoln is so tangible to them. Understanding the devastating cost of over 600,000 lives to save the Union and end slavery is a sobering truth of history we must teach each generation."

Kalamazoo was the only place in Michigan where Abraham Lincoln made a public appearance, and when he spoke in Kalamazoo, he was little known. The local paper even misspelled his name. Fast forward four years later, with Michigan's help, Kalamazoo's unknown visitor was elevated to the highest office in the land. The Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Institute believes it is time to bring Lincoln back to Kalamazoo, and they believe camp members throughout Michigan

can help make that happen. Brother Worley's committee will be reporting back to Commander McKinch with their proposal to help the SUVCW Department of Michigan promote this unique project. In the meantime, individual camps and members can donate online at KalamazooLincolnInstitute.org. Checks can be made payable to Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Institute and mailed to 2037 Quail Cove Dr., Kalamazoo, MI 49009.

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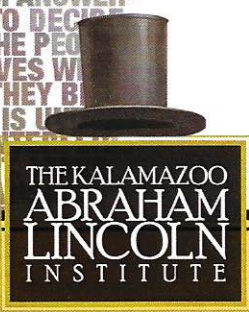
Bring
Abraham Lincoln
BACK TO KALAMAZOO!



Join
THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO RAISE FUNDS
For a Statue of
Abraham Lincoln
in Bronson Park where he spoke on August 27, 1856.

You may donate online at www.KalamazooLincolnInstitute.org

Sponsored by the Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Institute / a Michigan 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation



A Picture is Worth 2,790 Words.

Award-winning artist Richard Schlatter of Battle Creek has used the 2,790 words of Lincoln's Kalamazoo Speech to create a one-of-kind Lincoln Portrait based on Alexander Hesler's 1860 photo of presidential candidate Abraham Lincoln. Famous for his "tousled hair" Lincoln photo, Hesler took four photos of Lincoln on June 3rd, 1860 while in Springfield, Illinois—nearly four years after Lincoln spoke in Kalamazoo. The use of Hesler's photo as a template for Schlatter's "word" portrait shows a clean-shaven Lincoln as he would have appeared when he stepped off the train in Kalamazoo on August 27, 1856. When Lincoln saw Hesler's photos, he remarked, "That looks better and expresses me better than any I have ever seen; if it pleases the people I am satisfied."

Richard Schlatter is no stranger to the artistry of creating the likeness of Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Schlatter's previous Lincoln work resulted in his receiving the Grand Rapids ArtPrize 2017 Popular Vote Grand Prize Award for his 12-foot-high portrait of Lincoln made of 24,500 Lincoln pennies. This monumental work is on public display at the Battle Creek Community Foundation's downtown Battle Creek office.

Schlatter has more than an artist's eye for Lincoln, he has an appreciation for Lincoln's legacy that is contagious. He is fond of quoting author Andrew Ferguson's summation of our 16th president:

"Lincoln is an icon of the nation's founding propositions of human equality and self-governance. Statues and monuments of Lincoln dot the American landscape because of an implicit sense—or hope—that so long as he endures in our memory, so will his nation and its self-government endure."

"That, in a few words, says it all," Schlatter affirms. And that too speaks for the Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Institute's reason for building on Kalamazoo's Lincoln legacy. Please visit us online at KalamazooLincolnInstitute.org.

The Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Institute
A Michigan 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Corporation
KalamazooLincolnInstitute.org

...QUESTION TWO YEARS AGO—WHEN, AND HOW ARE THEY TO DO IT? NOT MANY WEEKS
...DOUGLAS HOW IT COULD BE DONE. DOUGLAS IS A GREAT MAN—AT KEEPING FROM ANSWER-
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...OUR SOUTHERN BROTHERS DO NOT DIFFER FROM US, THEY
...STITUTION OF SLAVERY, THAT MAKES THE BREACH BETWEEN
...OR FOUR YEARS; THEY INTERMARRY; THEIR FAMILY TIES AR
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...HINK THIS IS A STRONG CARD THAT THE NEBRASKA PARTY HA
...RD ARE OPPOSED TO THE ADMISSION OF SLAVERY INTO
...O DIFFER FROM THE MAJORITY. I WANT TO ASK THE BUCHA
...ANY PRESENT, WHY NOT VOTE FOR THE MAN WHO IS ACAIN
...LY LIKE BUCHANAN'S. I UNDERSTAND THAT, BY THE NEBRAS
...THE TERRITORIES. EXAMINE, IF YOU PLEASE, AND SEE IF T
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...SIDENT, HE WOULD HAVE ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER—HE WOU
...E SO, THERE COULD BE NO MIDDLE WAY, YOU WHO HATE S
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...QUESTION? 'WELL,' SAYS BUCHANAN, 'IT IS NONE OF OUR B
...VERAL REASONS WHY I THINK IT IS OUR BUSINESS, BUT LET
...SONS BEFORE, BUT THEY ARE STILL OF USE, BY OUR CONSTI
...PORTION TO OUR NUMBERS, AND IN COUNTING THE NUMBE
...AVES ARE COUNTED AS 2 PEOPLE. THE STATE OF MAINE HA
...F CONGRESS, IN STRENGTH SOUTH CAROLINA IS EQUAL TO H
...E PEOPLE, AND 32,000 TO BOOT! AND IS THAT FAIR? I DON'
...PUT IN FORCE WHEN THE EXIGENCIES OF THE TIMES DEMAN
...NDED, NOW, ONE MAN IN SOUTH CAROLINA IS THE SAME AS
...SHOULD HAVE TWICE AS MANY MEN IN CONGRESS AS SOUTH
...HAT ANY MAN IN SOUTH CAROLINA HAS MORE INFLUENCE
...TODAY THAN ANY TWO NOW BEFORE ME. THE SAME THING
...ATES, THOUGH IT MAY NOT BE IN THE SAME PROPORTION. IT
...T BE DENIED, THAT IN ALL THE FREE STATES NO WHITE MAN IS
...TE MAN OF THE SLAVE STATES, BUT THIS IS IN THE CONSTI
...AND UP TO IT. THE QUESTION, THEN, IS, 'HAVE WE NO INTER
...HE WHITE MAN OF THE NORTH SHALL BE THE EQUAL OF THE
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...TRIPLE ALIVE? SHALL WE SAY, 'LET IT BE?' NO—WE HAVE AN INT
...GOVERNMENT, AND WITHOUT THIS INTEREST, IT IS WORTH NO
...LY THE RICHMOND ENQUIRER, THE SOUTHERN VIEW OF THE
...EY DEFEND IT ON PRINCIPLE, THEY INSIST THAT THEIR SLAV
...DO THESE MEN HAVE OF NORTHERN LABORERS! THEY THIN
...E MAN WHO LABORED FOR ANOTHER LAST YEAR, THIS YEA
...E MEN DON'T UNDERSTAND WHEN THEY THINK IN THIS MAN
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...IS A NORTHERN PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT, PIERCE
...S, TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT. HE RES
...— "HE DIDN'T MEAN THAT!" THEN WHY DIDN'T HE SPEAK WHAT HE DID MEAN? WHY DID NOT HE SPEAK WHAT HE OUGHT TO HAV
...SHOULD THEN HAVE KNOWN WHERE TO HAVE FOUND HIM. IT IS SAID WE EXPECT TO ELECT FREMONT BY NORTHERN VOTES. CERTAINL
...RENTLY, DOES NOT BUCHANAN EXPECT TO BE ELECTED BY SOUTHERN VOTES? FILLMORE, HOWEVER, WILL GO OUT OF THIS CONTE
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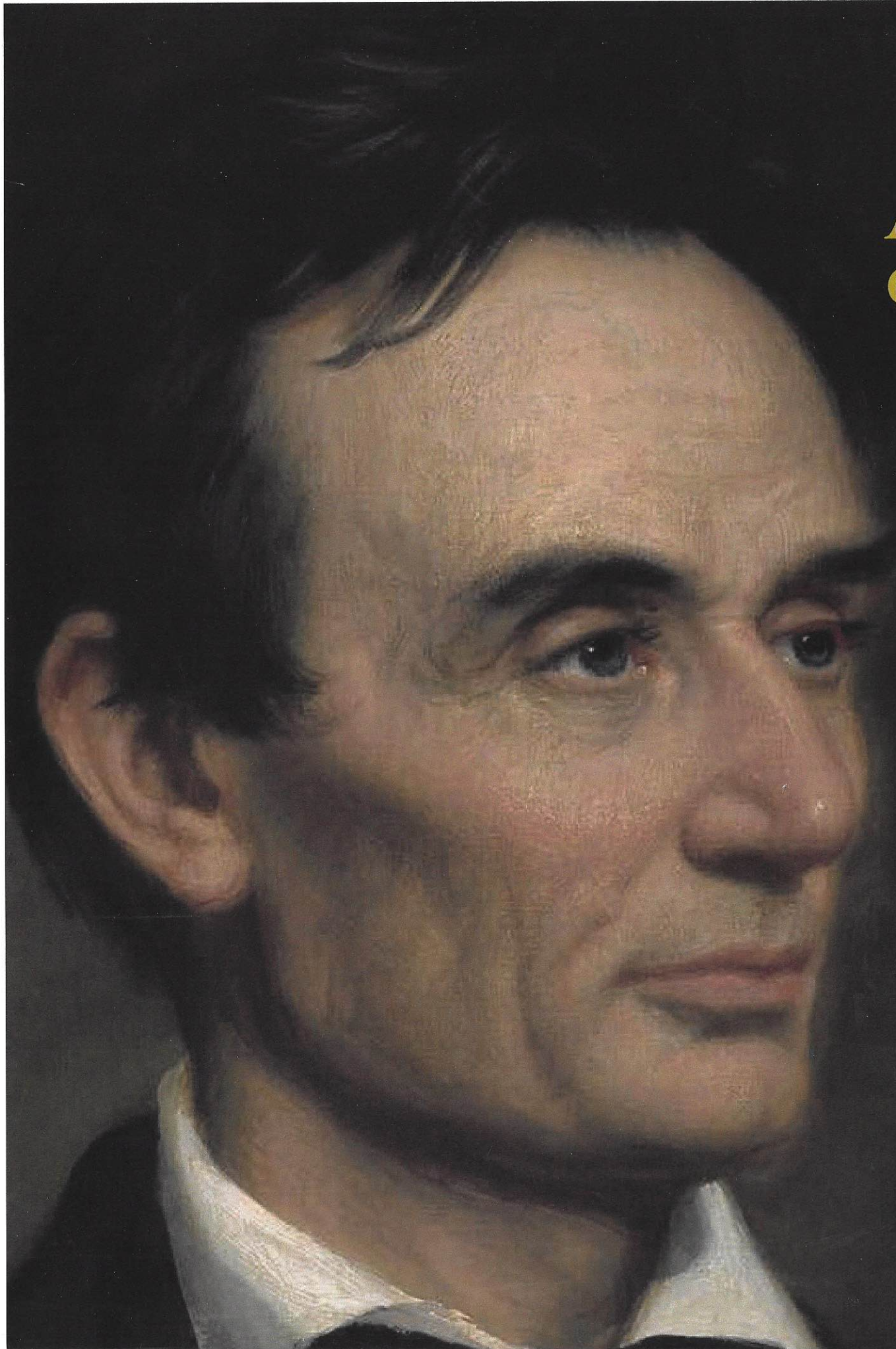
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"FELLOW COUNTRYMEN:
UNDER THE CONSTITUTION
OF THE UNITED STATES ANOTHER PRESIDENTIAL
CONTEST APPROACHES US, ALL OVER THIS LAND—
THAT PORTION, AT LEAST, OF WHICH I KNOW MUCH—THE
PEOPLE ARE ASSEMBLING TO CONSIDER THE PROPER COURSE TO
BE ADOPTED BY THEM. ONE OF THE FIRST CONSIDERATIONS IS TO
LEARN WHAT THE PEOPLE DIFFER ABOUT. IF WE ASCERTAIN WHAT WE DIFFER
ABOUT, WE SHALL BE BETTER ABLE TO DECIDE. THE QUESTION OF SLAVERY AT THE
PRESENT DAY, SHOULD NOT ONLY BE THE GREATEST QUESTION, BUT VERY NEARLY THE
SOLE QUESTION. OUR OPPONENTS, HOWEVER, PREFER THAT THIS SHOULD NOT BE THE CASE.
TO GET AT THIS QUESTION, I WILL OCCUPY YOUR ATTENTION BUT A SINGLE MOMENT. THE QUES-
TION IS SIMPLY THIS: SHALL SLAVERY BE INTO NEW TERRITORIES, OR NOT? THIS IS THE NAKED
QUESTION. IF WE SHOULD SUPPORT FREMONT SUCCESSFULLY IN THIS, IT MAY BE CHARGED THAT WE
WILL NOT BE CONTENT WITH RESTRICTING SLAVERY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, IF WE SHOULD CHARGE
THAT JAMES BUCHANAN, BY HIS PLATFORM, IS BOUND TO EXTEND SLAVERY INTO THE TERRITORIES, AND
THAT HE IS IN FAVOR OF ITS BEING THUS SPREAD, WE SHOULD BE PUZZLED TO PROVE IT. WE BELIEVE IT, NEVER-
THELESS, BY TAKING THE ISSUE AS I PRESENT IT WHETHER IT SHALL BE PERMITTED AS AN ISSUE, IS MADE UP
BETWEEN THE PARTIES, EACH TAKES HIS OWN STAND. THIS IS THE QUESTION: SHALL THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES PROHIBIT SLAVERY IN THE UNITED STATES? WE HAVE BEEN IN THE HABIT OF DEPLOREING THE FACT THAT SLAVERY
EXISTS AMONG US, WE HAVE EVER DEPLORED IT, OUR FOREFATHERS DID, AND THEY DECLARED, AS WE HAVE DONE IN LATER
YEARS, THE BLAME RESTED UPON THE MOTHER GOVERNMENT OF GREAT BRITAIN, WE CONSTANTLY CONDEMN GREAT BRITAIN
FOR NOT PREVENTING SLAVERY FROM COMING AMONGST US, SHE WOULD NOT INTERFERE TO PREVENT IT, AND SO INDIVIDUALS
WERE ABLE TO INTRODUCE THE INSTITUTION WITHOUT OPPOSITION. I HAVE ALLOUDED TO THIS, TO ASK YOU IF THIS IS NOT EXACTLY
THE POLICY OF BUCHANAN AND HIS FRIENDS, TO PLACE THIS GOVERNMENT IN THE ATTITUDE THEN OCCUPIED BY THE GOVERNMENT
OF GREAT BRITAIN—PLACING THE MATION IN THE POSITION TO AUTHORIZE THE TERRITORIES TO REPEAL IT, FOR REFUSING TO ALLOW
THEM TO HOLD SLAVES, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOUR ATTENTION, TWO GENTLEMEN TO TELL ME WHEN THE PEOPLE OF KANSAS ARE GOING
TO DECIDE, WHEN ARE THEY TO DO IT? I ASKED THAT QUESTION TWO YEARS AGO—WHEN, AND HOW ARE THEY TO DO IT? NOT MANY WEEKS
AGO, OUR NEW SENATOR FROM ILLINOIS ASKED DOUGLAS HOW IT COULD BE DONE, DOUGLAS IS A GREAT MAN—AT KEEPING FROM ANSWERING
QUESTIONS HE DON'T WANT TO ANSWER, HE WOULD NOT ANSWER, HE SAID IT WAS A QUESTION FOR THE SUPREME COURT TO DECIDE,
IN THE NORTH, HIS FRIENDS ARGUE THAT THE PEOPLE CAN DECIDE AT ANY TIME, THE SOUTHERNERS SAY THERE IS NO POWER IN THE PEOPLE,
WHATEVER, WE KNOW THAT FROM THE TIME WHITE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ALLOWED IN THE TERRITORY THEY HAVE BROUGHT SLAVES WITH
THEM, SUPPOSE THE PEOPLE COME UP TO VOTE AS FREELY AND WITH AS PERFECT PROTECTION AS WE COULD DO IT HERE, WILL THEY BEAT
LIBERTY TO VOTE THEIR SENTIMENTS? IF THEY CAN, THEN ALL THAT HAS EVER BEEN SAID ABOUT OUR PROVINCIAL ANCESTORS IS UNTRUE,
AND THEY COULD HAVE DONE SO. ALSO, WE KNOW OUR SOUTHERN FRIENDS SAY THAT THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT CANNOT INTERFERE,
THEY COULD AS TRULY SAY, IT IS AMONGST US—WE CANNOT GET RID OF IT, BUT I AM AFRAID I WASTE TOO MUCH TIME ON THIS POINT, I TAKE
IT AS AN ILLUSTRATION OF THE PRINCIPLE, THAT SLAVES ARE ADMITTED TO THE TERRITORIES, AND WHILE I AM SPEAKING OF KANSAS,
HOW WILL THAT OPERATE? CAN MEN VOTE TRULY? WE WILL SUPPOSE THAT THERE ARE TEN MEN WHO GO INTO KANSAS TO SETTLE, NINE
OF THESE ARE OPPOSED TO SLAVERY, ONE HAS TEN SLAVES, THE SLAVEHOLDER IS A GOOD MAN IN OTHER RESPECTS; HE IS A GOOD
NEIGHBOR, AND BEING A WEALTHY MAN, HE IS ENABLED TO DO THE OTHERS MANY NEIGHBORLY KINDNESSES, THEY LIKE THE MAN,
ALTHOUGH THEY DON'T LIKE THE SYSTEM BY WHICH HE HOLDS HIS FELLOWMEN IN BONDAGE, AND HERE, LET ME SAY THAT IN IN-
TELLECTUAL AND PHYSICAL STRUCTURE, OUR SOUTHERN BROTHEREN DO NOT DIFFER FROM US, THEY ARE, LIKE US, SUBJECT TO
PASSIONS, AND IT IS ONLY THEIR DIOUS INSTITUTION OF SLAVERY THAT MAKES THE BREACH BETWEEN US, THESE TEN MEN OF
WHOM I WAS SPEAKING, LIVE TOGETHER THREE OR FOUR YEARS; THEY INTERMARRY, THEIR FAMILIES ARE STRENGTHENED, AND
WHO WONDERS THAT IN TIME, THE PEOPLE LEARN TO LOOK UPON SLAVERY WITH COMPLACENCY? THIS IS THE WAY IN WHICH SLAVERY
IS PLANTED, AND GAINS SO FIRM A FOOTHOLD, I THINK THIS IS A STRONG CARD THAT THE NEBRASKA PARTY HAVE PLAYED, AND
WON UPON, IN THIS GAME, I SUPPOSE THAT THIS CROWD ARE OPPOSED TO THE ADMISSION OF SLAVERY INTO KANSAS, YET IT
IS TRUE THAT IN ALL CROWDS THERE ARE SOME WHO DIFFER FROM THE MAJORITY, I WANT TO ASK THE BUCHANAN MEN, WHO
ARE AGAINST THE SPREAD OF SLAVERY, IF THERE BE ANY PRESENT, WHY NOT VOTE FOR THE MAN WHO IS AGAINST IT? I UNDER-
STAND THAT MR. FILLMORE'S POSITION IS PRECISELY LIKE BUCHANAN'S, I UNDERSTAND THAT, BY THE NEBRASKA BILL, A DOOR
HAS BEEN OPENED FOR THE SPREAD OF SLAVERY IN THE TERRITORIES, EXAMINE, IF YOU PLEASE, AND SEE IF THEY HAVE EVER
DONE ANY SUCH THING AS TO SHUT THE DOOR, IT IS TRUE THAT FILLMORE TICKLES A FEW OF HIS FRIENDS WITH THE
NOTION THAT HE IS NOT THE CAUSE OF THE DOOR BEING OPENED, WELL; IT BRINGS HIM INTO THE QUESTION, HE TRIES TO
GET BOTH SIDES, ONE BY DENOUNCING THOSE WHO OPENED THE DOOR, AND THE OTHER BY HINTING THAT HE DOESN'T CARE
A FIG FOR ITS BEING OPEN, IF HE WERE PRESIDENT, HE WOULD HAVE ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER—HE WOULD EITHER RESTRICT
SLAVERY OR NOT, OF COURSE IT WOULD BE SO, THERE COULD BE NO MIDDLE WAY, YOU WHO HATE SLAVERY AND LOVE
FREEDOM, WHY NOT AS FILLMORE AND BUCHANAN ARE ON THE SAME GROUND, VOTE FOR FREMONT? WHY NOT VOTE FOR
THE MAN WHO TAKES YOUR SIDE OF THE QUESTION? 'WELL,' SAYS BUCHANAN, 'IT IS NONE OF OUR BUSINESS,' BUT IS
IT NOT OUR BUSINESS? THERE ARE SEVERAL REASONS WHY I THINK IT IS OUR BUSINESS, BUT LET US SEE HOW IT
IS. OTHERS HAVE URGED THESE REASONS BEFORE, BUT THEY ARE STILL OF USE, BY OUR CONSTITUTION WE ARE
REPRESENTED IN CONGRESS IN PROPORTION TO OUR NUMBERS, AND IN CONGRESS WE HAVE THE POWER TO GIVE
US OUR REPRESENTATIVES, THREE SLAVES ARE COUNTED AS TWO PEOPLE, THE STATE OF MAINE HAS SIX REPRESENT-
ATIVES IN THE LOWER HOUSE OF CONGRESS, IN STRENGTH SOUTH CAROLINA IS EQUAL TO HER, BUT STOP!
MAINE HAS TWICE AS MANY WHITE PEOPLE, AND 32,000 TO BOOT! AND IS THAT FAIR? I DON'T COMPLAIN
OF IT, THIS REGULATION WAS PUT IN FORCE WHEN THE EXIGENCIES OF THE TIMES DEMANDED IT, AND
COULD NOT
HAVE BEEN AVOIDED, NOW, ONE MAN IN SOUTH CAROLINA IS THE SAME AS TWO MEN
HERE, MAINE SHOULD HAVE TWICE AS MANY MEN IN CONGRESS AS SOUTH CAROLINA,
IT IS A FACT THAT ANY MAN IN SOUTH CAROLINA HAS MORE INFLUENCE AND POWER
IN CONGRESS TODAY THAN ANY TWO NOW BEFORE ME, THE SAME THING IS TRUE OF
ALL SLAVE STATES, THOUGH IT MAY NOT BE IN THE SAME PROPORTION, IT IS A TRUTH
THAT CANNOT BE DENIED, THAT IN ALL THE FREE STATES NO WHITE MAN HAS THE EQUAL
OF THE WHITE MAN OF THE SLAVE STATES, BUT THIS IS IN THE CONSTITUTION, AND
WE MUST STAND UP TO IT, THE QUESTION, THEN, IS, 'HAVE WE NO INTEREST AS TO
WHETHER THE WHITE MAN OF THE NORTH SHALL BE THE EQUAL OF THE WHITE MAN
OF THE SOUTH?' ONCE WHEN I USED THIS ARGUMENT IN THE PRESENCE OF DOUG-
LAS, HE ANSWERED THAT IN THE NORTH THE BLACK MAN WAS COUNTED AS A
FULL MAN, AND HAD AN EQUAL VOTE WITH THE WHITE, WHILE AT THE SOUTH THEY
WERE COUNTED AT BUT THREE-FIFTHS, AND DOUGLAS, WHEN HE HAD MADE
THIS REPLY, DOUBTLESS THOUGHT HE HAD FOREVER SHUT THE OBJECTION,
HAVE WE NO INTEREST IN THE FREE TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES—THAT
THEY SHOULD BE KEPT OPEN FOR THE HOMES OF FREE WHITE PEOPLE? AS
OUR NORTHERN STATES ARE GROWING MORE AND MORE IN WEALTH AND
POPULATION, WE ARE CONTINUALLY IN WANT OF AN OUTLET, THROUGH WHICH
IT MAY PASS OUT TO ENRICH OUR COUNTRY, IN THIS WE HAVE AN INTEREST—A
DEEP AND ABIDING INTEREST, THERE IS ANOTHER THING, AND THAT IS THE MATURE
KNOWLEDGE WE HAVE—THE GREATEST INTEREST OF ALL, IT IS THE DOCTRINE, THAT
THE PEOPLE ARE DRIVEN FROM THE MAXIMS OF OUR FREE GOVERNMENT, THAT DES-
PISE THE SPIRIT WHICH FOR EIGHTY YEARS HAS CELEBRATED THE ANNIVERSARY OF OUR
NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE, WE ARE A GREAT PEOPLE, WE ARE EIGHTY YEARS OLD, WE STAND
AT ONCE THE WONDER AND ADMIRATION OF THE WHOLE WORLD, AND WE MUST ENQUIRE WHAT
IT IS THAT HAS GIVEN US SO MUCH PROSPERITY, AND WE SHALL UNDERSTAND THAT TO GIVE UP
THAT ONE THING, WOULD BE TO GIVE UP ALL FUTURE PROSPERITY, THIS CAUSE IS THAT EVERY MAN
CAN MAKE HIMSELF, IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT SUCH A RACE OF PROSPERITY HAS BEEN RUN NOWHERE
ELSE, WE FIND A PEOPLE ON THE NORTHEAST, WHO HAVE A DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT FROM OURS, BEING
RULED BY A QUEEN, TURNING TO THE SOUTH, WE SEE A PEOPLE WHO, WHILE THEY BOAST OF BEING FREE, KEEP
THEIR FELLOW BEINGS IN BONDAGE, COMPARE OUR FREE STATES WITH EITHER, SHALL WE ENQUIRE THAT WE HAVE
NO INTEREST IN KEEPING THAT PRINCIPLE? SHALL WE ENQUIRE THAT WE HAVE NO INTEREST IN THE MAINTENANCE
OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE GOVERNMENT, AND WITHOUT THIS INTEREST, IT IS WORTH NOTHING, I HAVE NOTICED
IN SOUTHERN NEWSPAPERS, PARTICULARLY THE RICHMOND ENQUIRER, THE SOUTHERN VIEW OF THE FREE STATES, THEY INSIST
THAT SLAVERY HAS A RIGHT TO SPREAD, THEY DEFEND IT ON PRINCIPLE, THEY INSIST THAT THEIR SLAVES ARE FAR BETTER OFF THAN
NORTHERN FREEMEN, WHAT A MISTAKEN VIEW DO THESE MEN HAVE OF NORTHERN LABORERS! THEY THINK THAT MEN ARE ALWAYS TO REMAIN
LABORERS HERE—BUT THERE IS NO SUCH CLASS, THE MAN WHO LABORED FOR ANOTHER LAST YEAR, THIS YEAR LABORS FOR HIMSELF, AND NEXT
YEAR HE WILL HIRE OTHERS TO LABOR FOR HIM, THESE MEN DON'T UNDERSTAND WHEN THEY THINK IN THIS MANNER OF NORTHERN FREE LABOR, WHEN
THESE REASONS CAN BE INTRODUCED, TELL ME, DO YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN KEEPING THE TERRITORIES FREE FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF FREE LABORERS,
I PASS, THEN, FROM THIS QUESTION, I THINK WE HAVE AN EVER GROWING INTEREST IN MAINTAINING THE FREE INSTITUTIONS OF OUR COUNTRY, IT IS SAID THAT OUR
PARTY IS A SECTIONAL PARTY, IT HAS BEEN SAID IN HIGH QUARTERS THAT IF FREMONT WERE ELECTED, THE UNION WOULD BE DISSOLVED, I BELIEVE IT (AT ONE TIME) AND YET THE SOUTH
DOES SO THINK! I BELIEVE IT! IT IS A SHAMEFUL THING THAT THE SUBJECT OF SO MUCH TALKED OF, SHOULD BE SO EASILY BROUGHT UP, AND VICE-PRESIDENT AT ONE TIME? AND YET THE
UNION HAS NOT BEEN DISSOLVED, WHY, AT THIS VERY MOMENT, THERE IS A NORTHERN PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT, PIERCE AND KING WERE ELECTED, AND KING DIED WITHOUT EVER TAKING HIS
SEAT, THE SENATE ELECTED A NORTHERN MAN FROM THEIR OWN NUMBERS, TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT, HE RESIGNED HIS SEAT, HOWEVER, AS SOON AS HE GOT THE JOB OF MAKING
A SLAVE STATE OUT OF KANSAS, WAS NOT THAT A GREAT MISTAKE? (A VOICE:—'HE DIDN'T MEAN THAT!') THEN WHY DIDN'T HE SPEAK WHAT HE DID MEAN? WHY DID NOT HE SPEAK WHAT HE OUGHT TO HAVE
SPOKEN? THAT WAS THE VERY THING, HE SHOULD HAVE SPOKEN MANLY, AND WE SHOULD THEN HAVE KNOWN WHERE TO HAVE FOUND HIM, IT IS SAID WE EXPECT TO ELECT FREMONT BY NORTHERN VOTES, CERTAINLY,
WE DO NOT THINK THE SOUTH WILL ELECT HIM, BUT LET US ASK THE QUESTION, DIFFERENTLY DOES NOT BUCHANAN EXPECT TO BE ELECTED BY SOUTHERN VOTES? FILLMORE, HOWEVER, WILL GO OUT OF THIS CONTEST
THE MOST NATIONAL MAN WE HAVE, HE HAS NO PROSPECT OF HAVING A SINGLE VOTE ON EITHER SIDE OF MASON AND DIXON'S LINE, TO TROUBLE HIS POOR SOUL ABOUT, WE BELIEVE THAT IT IS RIGHT THAT SLAVERY
SHOULD NOT BE TOLERATED IN THE NEW TERRITORIES, YET WE CANNOT GET SUPPORT FOR THIS DOCTRINE, EXCEPT IN ONE PART OF THE COUNTRY, SLAVERY IS LOOKED UPON BY MEN IN THE LIGHT OF DOLLARS AND CENTS,
THE ESTIMATED WORTH OF THE SLAVES AT THE SOUTH IS \$1,000,000,000, AND IN A FEW YEARS, IF THE INSTITUTION SHALL BE ADMITTED INTO THE TERRITORIES, THEY WILL HAVE INCREASED FIFTY PER CENT IN VALUE,
OUR ADVERSARIES CHARGE FREMONT WITH BEING AN ABOLITIONIST, WHEN PRESSED TO SHOW PROOF, THEY FRANKLY CONFESS THAT THEY CAN SHOW NO SUCH THING, THEY THEN RUN OFF UPON THE ASSERTION THAT HIS
SUPPORTERS ARE ABOLITIONISTS, BUT THIS THEY HAVE NEVER ATTEMPTED TO PROVE, I KNOW OF NO WORD IN THE LANGUAGE THAT HAS BEEN USED SO MUCH AS THAT ONE, 'ABOLITIONIST,' HAVING NO DEFINITION, IT HAS
NO MEANING UNLESS TAKEN AS DESIGNATING A PERSON WHO IS ABOLISHING SOMETHING, IF THAT BE ITS SIGNIFICATION, THE SUPPORTERS OF FREMONT ARE NOT ABOLITIONISTS, IN KANSAS ALL WHO COME THERE ARE
PERFECTLY FREE TO REGULATE THEIR OWN SOCIAL RELATIONS, THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A MAN THERE WHO WAS AN ABOLITIONIST—FOR WHAT WAS THERE TO BE ABOLISHED? PEOPLE THERE HAD PERFECT FREEDOM TO
EXPRESS WHAT THEY WISHED ON THE SUBJECT, WHEN THE NEBRASKA BILL WAS FIRST PASSED, OUR FRIENDS IN THE SOUTH, WHO SUPPORT BUCHANAN, HAVE FIVE DISUNION MEN TO ONE AT THE NORTH, THIS DISUNION
IS A SECTIONAL QUESTION, WHO IS TO BLAME FOR IT? ARE WE? I DON'T CARE NOW YOU EXPRESS IT, THIS GOVERNMENT IS SOUGHT TO BE PUT ON A NEW TRACK, SLAVERY IS TO BE MADE A RULING ELEMENT IN OUR
GOVERNMENT, THE QUESTION CAN BE AVOIDED IN BUT TWO WAYS, BY THE ONE, WE MUST SUBMIT AND ALLOW SLAVERY TO TRIUMPH, OR, BY THE OTHER, WE MUST TRIUMPH OVER THE BLACK DEMON, WE HAVE CHOSEN
THE LATTER MANNER, IF YOU OF THE NORTH WISH TO GET RID OF THIS QUESTION, YOU MUST DECIDE BETWEEN THESE TWO WAYS—SUBMIT AND VOTE FOR BUCHANAN, SUBMIT AND VOTE THAT SLAVERY IS A JUST AND GOOD
THING AND IMMEDIATELY GET RID OF THE QUESTION; OR UNITE WITH US, AND HELP US TO GET RID OF IT, WE WOULD ALL LIKE TO HAVE THE QUESTION DONE AWAY WITH, BUT WE CANNOT SUBMIT, THEY TELL US THAT WE ARE
IN COMPANY WITH MEN WHO HAVE LONG BEEN KNOWN AS ABOLITIONISTS, WHAT CARE WE HOW MANY MAY FEEL DISPOSED TO LABOR FOR OUR CAUSE? WHY DO NOT YOU, BUCHANAN MEN, COME IN AND USE YOUR INFLU-
ENCE TO MAKE OUR PARTY RESPECTABLE? HOW IS THE DISSOLUTION OF THE UNION TO BE CONSUMMATED? THEY TELL US THAT THE UNION IS IN DANGER, WHO WILL DIVIDE IT? IS IT THOSE WHO MAKE THE CHARGE? ARE THEY THEMSELVES
THE PERSONS WHO WISH TO SEE THIS RESULT? A MAJORITY WILL NEVER DISSOLVE THE UNION, CAN A MINORITY DO IT? WHEN THE NEBRASKA BILL WAS FIRST INTRODUCED INTO CONGRESS, THE SENSE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY WAS
OUTRAGED, THAT PARTY HAS EVER PRIDED ITSELF, THAT IT WAS THE FRIEND OF INDIVIDUAL, UNIVERSAL, FREEDOM, IT WAS THAT PRINCIPLE UPON WHICH THEY CARRIED THEIR MEASURES, WHEN THE KANSAS SCHEME WAS CON-
CEIVED, IT WAS NATURAL THAT THIS RESPECT AND SENSE SHOULD HAVE BEEN OUTRAGED, NOW I MAKE THIS APPEAL TO THE DEMOCRATIC CITIZENS HERE, DON'T YOU FIND YOURSELF MAKING ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THESE
MEASURES, WHICH YOU NEVER WOULD HAVE MADE BEFORE? DID YOU EVER DO IT BEFORE THIS NEBRASKA BILL COMPELLED YOU TO DO IT? IF YOU ANSWER THIS IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, SEE HOW A WHOLE PARTY HAVE BEEN TURNED
AWAY FROM THEIR LOVE OF LIBERTY! AND NOW, MY DEMOCRATIC FRIENDS, COME FORWARD, THROW OFF THESE THINGS AND COME TO THE RESCUE OF THIS GREAT PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY, DON'T INTERFERE WITH ANYTHING IN THE
CONSTITUTION, THAT MUST BE MAINTAINED, FOR IT IS THE ONLY SAFEGUARD OF OUR LIBERTIES, AND NOT TO DEMOCRATS ALONE DO I MAKE THIS APPEAL, BUT TO ALL WHO LOVE THESE GREAT AND TRUE PRINCIPLES, COME, AND KEEP
COMING! STRIKE, AND STRIKE AGAIN! SO SURE, AS GOD LIVES, THE VICTORY SHALL BE OURS.

"...come to
the rescue
of this great
principle of
equality."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

KALAMAZOO SPEECH — AUGUST 27, 1856



A Gift of History

On the morning of August 27, 1856, a clean-shaven 47-year-old Abraham Lincoln left Chicago on the Michigan Central Railroad bound for Kalamazoo. He had been invited to speak at a political rally that afternoon in what is now Bronson Park where upwards of 10,000 people had gathered.

Little known outside his home state of Illinois, he was one of many speakers that day, and by a stroke of good fortune, his speech was reported verbatim in the Detroit Daily Advertiser—preserving for all time what we know today as Lincoln's Kalamazoo Speech. Four years later, Michigan voters helped elect this once obscure visitor to Kalamazoo our nation's 16th president. Lincoln's Kalamazoo visit was his only public appearance in Michigan—a gift of history no other Michigan community can claim!

The Plan

Lincoln's Kalamazoo visit is an untapped resource with the potential to add significant cultural and educational value to Kalamazoo. His 1856 visit and speech in Bronson Park offers the community an opportunity to transform a unique historical asset into an ongoing educational enrichment. Moreover, Kalamazoo's Lincoln connection provides fertile ground for developing inclusive studies that encompass issues of race and equality in America, and so a three-part Lincoln-legacy plan has been proposed highlighting the placement of a Lincoln statue in Bronson Park. Here is the plan:

- 1) Place a privately-funded bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln in Bronson Park;
- 2) Promote educational programs instructive of Lincoln's 1856 visit; and
- 3) Explore ways to foster leadership development inspired by the life and legacy of Abraham Lincoln with a focus on youth.

The Value of Legacy

Abraham Lincoln's legacy of character, achievement and leadership has tremendous potential as an educational tool. His story is a safe place for kids to learn about America and her struggles for freedom. Everything from ethics and elocution to the value of literacy and the importance of hard work, honesty, and personal responsibility can be drawn from the life of Lincoln. The values of equality, fairness, and mercy are all illustrative of the Lincoln legacy.

Abraham Lincoln is common ground. He crosses all political divides. He is often a child's first introduction to American history: the log cabin, the beard, and stovepipe hat. Children can appreciate how attractive good character can be because Lincoln is tangible to them.

The Challenge

While Abraham Lincoln is most often associated with historic sites in Illinois and Washington, D.C., Kalamazoo is fortunate to be the one venue in Michigan where Mr. Lincoln made a public address. The challenge is how best to capitalize on Lincoln's historic visit in an ongoing and instructive way.

Progress Report . . . a 501(c)(3) Non-profit Corporation

In early December of 2013, the Kalamazoo City Commission approved the steering committee's request to place a privately-funded bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln in Bronson Park. Specific site location was approved by the city commission in July of 2016. Initial approval by the Kalamazoo Parks and Recreation Board added the stipulation that an endowment fund be established for the statue's maintenance.



Bringing Lincoln Back to Kalamazoo

Why place a statue of Abraham Lincoln in Bronson Park? The answer is simple: it adds value! More than a piece of statuary art, a Lincoln statue in Bronson Park will provide a visual reminder of Lincoln's historic visit, and an anchor for the Kalamazoo Lincoln-legacy plan.

Why was Mr. Lincoln in Kalamazoo? The answer is a launch pad for understanding the deep undercurrents of race in America. In studying the life of Lincoln, we can learn about America at the most transformative time in our history. Lincoln's story is America's story, and uniquely Kalamazoo's story too. We welcome Mr. Lincoln's return!

Building on Past Commemorations

The Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Institute builds on at least three local commemorations celebrating Abraham Lincoln's 1856 visit. The first was the 1956 centennial celebration sponsored by the Kalamazoo County Historical Society, and the Civil War Round Table of Michigan. That was followed by another commemoration in 1996 hosted by the newly opened Kalamazoo Valley Museum. A sesquicentennial celebration of Lincoln's visit was held in 2006 and was organized through the efforts of then State Senator Thomas M. George with support from the Kalamazoo Valley Museum, the City of Kalamazoo, and the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo. And in August 2016, the steering committee itself hosted a well-attended commemorative event at the Kalamazoo Public Library in celebration of the 160th anniversary of Lincoln's visit.

In the spring of 2017, the Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Project Steering Committee incorporated as a Michigan non-profit corporation and received its 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS in December of the same year. The name Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Institute was officially adopted in the fall of 2020.

Reaching Out and Moving Forward!

The Kalamazoo Abraham Lincoln Institute Board of Directors is reaching out to local community leaders and organizations and other area nonprofits to enlist support for its Lincoln statue project. We have reviewed the archival record of the community effort that led to the successful drive to place a statue of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on the north side of Kalamazoo, and we hope to model the best practices that made that collaborative effort possible.

As we move forward, our Lincoln legacy plans envision a biennial Kalamazoo Lincoln Symposium with visiting scholars and speakers, and art and essay contests for local youth.

The enrichment this activity will bring to the Kalamazoo community will complement the educational and cultural benefits offered by the Air Zoo, WMU's Medieval Institute's International Congress on Medieval Studies, and the Gilmore International Keyboard Festival—all unique to Kalamazoo. Coincidentally, the Gilmore Festival was founded on the simple idea to honor the memory of one man. And now his legacy spans the globe. Success springs from small beginnings!

Additional plans include collaborating with Michigan's 37 other Lincoln-related sites such as the Henry Ford in Dearborn, and with Pure Michigan to advance Michigan's Lincoln Remembrance Trail to a state-of-the-art mobile tour using the latest technology as portals for access—building on work begun by the Michigan Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Committee.

Our Mission Statement: To enrich the cultural life of Kalamazoo by creating educational programs that model the example of Abraham Lincoln.

Our Vision Statement: Training young minds through the lens of history with instruction in leadership development inspired by the life and legacy of Abraham Lincoln.

Website: www.KalamazooLincolnInstitute.org

George Peter Alexander Healy, *Abraham Lincoln*, 1860, oil on canvas.

**SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR
CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL FUND REQUEST**
(FORM CWM #62)

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NAME, NUMBER & STREET ADDRESS OF CEMETERY OR OTHER LOCATION

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