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## *LINCOLN IN KANSAS* EXHIBIT SET TO OPEN ON KANSAS DAY

**9 a.m. Thursday, January 29, 2009, at Kansas Museum of History**

TOPEKA, KS— Two hundred years after his birth and 150 years after his visit to Kansas, Abraham Lincoln will be the focus of the new special exhibit, *Lincoln in Kansas*, at the Kansas Museum of History, 6425 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The exhibit, running January 29-July 26, 2009, will feature items from Lincoln's presidential campaigns, his 1859 visit to Kansas, and his assassination. The museum is open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday and 1 – 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and \$3 for students with I.D. Kansas residents receive a \$1 discount. Children five and under, current military, and KSHS, Inc., members are admitted free. For more information, call 785-272-8681 or visit [kshs.org](http://kshs.org).

Lincoln visited Doniphan, Atchison, and Leavenworth counties in northeast Kansas in late November and early December 1859, testing the waters and making connections for his future presidential campaign. Lincoln later told a young lawyer, seeking advice on where to set up practice in the West, "If I went West, I think I would go to Kansas." Among the items in the exhibit are a banner from the Lincoln-Douglas debates, a flag used in the 1860 presidential campaign, and mementoes of the assassination, including a section of the gallows on which the assassination conspirators were hanged.

The Kansas Historical Society has created a section of its website listing Lincoln events, articles, and other resources, [kshs.org/lincoln](http://kshs.org/lincoln). Visitors are encouraged to use the Lincoln database, [lincoln.kshs.org](http://lincoln.kshs.org), to enter or search places in Kansas (buildings, communities, streets, etc.) that are named for Lincoln.

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