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LINCOLN PROGRAM COMES TO SHAWNEE INDIAN MISSION

Lincoln in Kansas – 10 a.m. Saturday, May 16, 2009

FAIRWAY, KS—The Kansas Historical Society announced Shawnee Indian Mission State Historic Site will host a free public program on Abraham Lincoln 10 a.m. Saturday, May 16, 2009. “Lincoln in Kansas” will be presented by historian William S. Worley in the east building of the mission, 3403 West 53rd Street. The program is part of a sesquicentennial celebration of Lincoln’s 1859 visit to Kansas and the bicentennial of his birth. This program is underwritten by The Shawnee Indian Mission Patriots and provided by the Kansas Humanities Council, a non-profit organization with over 35 years experience promoting understanding of the history and ideas that shape our lives and strengthen our sense of community.

During five cold days in December 1859, Abraham Lincoln stopped in several Kansas towns canvassing for support for his presidential run. Later he commented, “If I went West, I think I would go to Kansas.” This presentation will explore the importance of Kansas to Lincoln (and the nation) and will highlight Lincoln’s unwavering beliefs in the preservation of the Union and the containment of slavery.

William S. Worley is an adjunct professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and an historical consultant on Kansas City regional history. He holds a Ph.D. in history from the University of Kansas. Worley’s research interests focus on urban geography, the American suburb, social and community history. He joined the Kansas Humanities Council Speakers Bureau in 2007.

For more information on this program please call 913-262-0867.

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