

The Lincoln Highway Comes of Age

A Nationwide Millennium Project



**The Lincoln Highway
National Museum & Archives**

102 Old Lincoln Way West
Galion, Ohio

"The Perfect Tribute"

The Lincoln Highway
Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration
2003-2009

**140th Anniversary
Lincoln's Gettysburg Address
November 19, 2003**



Press Release

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For Immediate Release

Wednesday, November 19, 2003 marks the 140th Anniversary of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Accordingly, The Lincoln Highway National Museum & Archives is requesting school children around the world, "Learn to Look Through Lincoln's Eyes" and recite Mr. Lincoln's Address following the example set by 500,000 Illinois school children on the 50th Anniversary in 1913 as the finale to "Light Around the World", the 90th Anniversary of the Dedication of The Lincoln Highway and this years celebration of "The Perfect Tribute", a six year plan with The Lincoln Highway as the centerpiece of the upcoming Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration in 2009.

Breaking with the time of the original recitation at 3:30 pm, teachers are asked to begin at 10:48 am and read "Lincoln's Eyes" followed by the recitation The Gettysburg Address.

"Lincoln's Eyes" was written by Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior under President Wilson as a tribute to Mr. Lincoln, and was the keystone of his Americanization Program in 1920. As such, it was read aloud on October 31st at 10:48 pm followed by the ringing of The World Peace Bell in Newport, KY as the finale to "Light Around the World" the 90th Anniversary of the Dedication of The Lincoln Highway and a tribute to the fallen Fire Fighters and those lost September 11, 2001 and in the aftermath. Flight 93 crashed in Pennsylvania at 10:48 am near The Lincoln Highway.

Governors from New Jersey, Ohio, Iowa and Nebraska joined the Celebration and issued Lincoln Highway Proclamations while Fire Fighters across American hosted Community Bonfires and lit "The Sacred Fire of Liberty". Two days later, Pastors gave sermons highlighting the "Life of Lincoln". For more info go to www.lincoln-highway-museum.org/Light/Light-Index.html.

The Lincoln Highway National Museum & Archives is also pleased to announce plans for re-printing James Daugherty's beautifully illustrated book, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address last printed in 1948, as part of this historic 140th Anniversary Celebration. To view Mr. Daugherty's illustrated panels, go to www.lincoln-highway-museum.org/Gettysburg/Getty-00-Index.html

In addition, the Museum is also working on a re-print of the book, "The Perfect Tribute" by Mary Raymond Shipman Andrews and a re-release of the film adapted from the book in 1938. Originally published in 1906 the book details events leading up to the speech at Gettysburg, his initial disappointment and the final realization that it was "The Perfect Tribute".

The Lincoln Highway was the First Transcontinental Highway from New York City to San Francisco, and founded by Carl Fisher in 1913. Dubbed, "The Show Road of the World" The Lincoln Highway, was always intended to be an "Object Lesson in Road Building" and as such The World's Greatest Memorial in Honor of Abraham Lincoln to be perpetuated by each successive generation.

The Lincoln Highway Comes of Age-A Nationwide Millennium Project, and The Lincoln Highway National Museum & Archives was born under The White House Millennium Council in 1999 and charged to, "Honor the Past-Imagine the Future" and "Keep Alive...The Sacred Fire of Liberty."

Craig Harmon, founder and director of The Lincoln Highway Comes of Age and The Lincoln Highway National Museum & Archives has been on the road for over 2 years traveling The Lincoln Highway in "Spirit of the Lincoln Way" Fire Truck and spent the last year in California researching and writing "The Perfect Tribute". For interviews or Hi-Res Images, contact Mr. Harmon 24-7 on the Cell Phone at 419-566-0790 or via the web site at www.lincoln-highway-museum.org.

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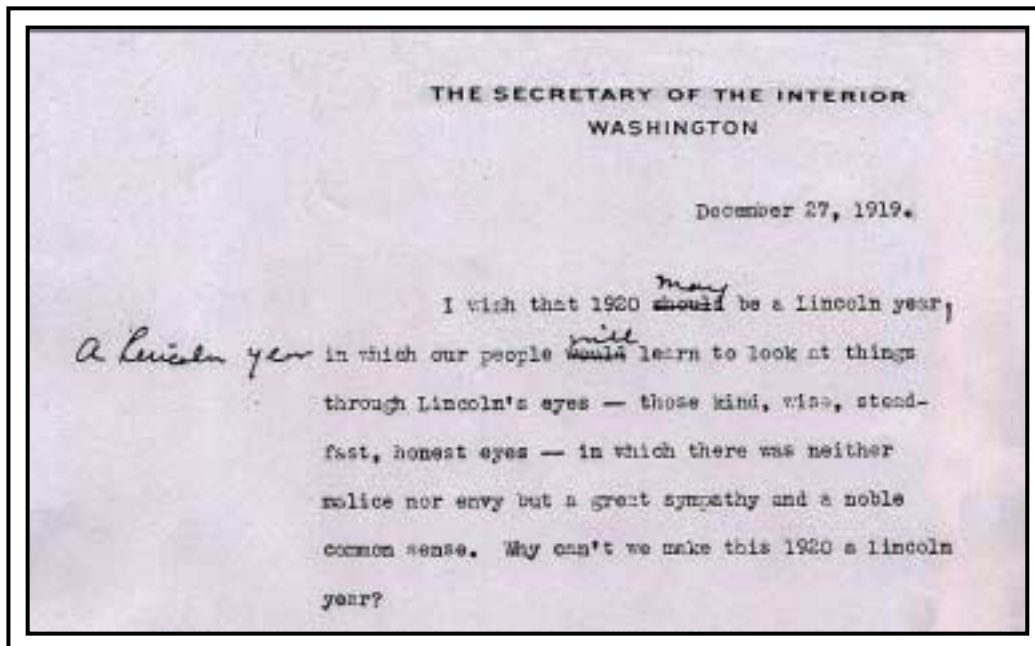
Franklin K. Lane

Secretary of the Interior

Wish and Keystone

Americanization Project

"I wish that 1920 may be a Lincoln Year,
a Lincoln Year in which our people will learn
to look at things through Lincoln's Eyes--those
kind, wise, steadfast, honest eyes--in which there was neither
malice nor envy but a great sympathy and a noble common sense.
Why can't we make this a 1920 a Lincoln Year?"



Franklin K. Lane Papers
Bancroft Library
University of California-Berkeley

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"The Perfect Tribute"

School Children Around the World
Join Together
"Learn to Look Through..."

LINCOLN'S EYES

By FRANKLIN K. LANE

I NEVER pass through Chicago without visiting the statue of Lincoln by St. Gaudens and standing before it for a moment uncovered. It is to me all that America is, physically and spiritually. I look at those long arms and long legs, large hands and feet, and I think that they represent the physical strength of this new country, its power and its youthful awkwardness. Then I look up at the head and see qualities which have made the American—the strong chin, the noble brow, those sober and steadfast eyes. They were the eyes of one who saw with sympathy and interpreted with common sense. They were the eyes of earnest idealism limited and checked by the possible and the practicable. They were the eyes of a truly humble spirit, whose ambition was not a love for power but a desire to be supremely useful. They were eyes of compassion and mercy and a deep understanding. They saw far more than they looked at. They believed in far more than they saw. They loved men not for what they were but for what they might become. They were patient eyes, eyes that could wait and wait and live on in the faith that right would win. They were eyes which challenged the nobler things in men and brought out the hidden largeness. They were humorous eyes that saw things in their true proportions and in their real relationships. They looked through cant and pretense and the great and little vanities of great and little men. They were the eyes of an unflinching courage and an unflinching faith rising out of a sincere dependence upon the Master of the Universe. To believe in Lincoln is to learn to look through Lincoln's eyes.

Current Opinion

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Around the World

Recite in Unison

Follow Example Set in 1913

Wednesday

November 19, 2003

10:48 am

LINCOLN SPEECH BY CHILDREN.

Schools of Illinois Urged by State Superintendent to Observe Memorable Gettysburg Address.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 31.—Five hundred thousand Illinois school children are expected to recite Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address on the fiftieth anniversary of that occasion, Nov. 19.

The state superintendent of schools tomorrow will address a communication to school teachers throughout the state suggesting that every child above the sixth grade in the public schools be called upon to repeat the martyred president's immortal words at 3:30 o'clock on the afternoon of the anniversary day.

Chicago Daily Tribune

November 1, 1913

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"The Perfect Tribute"

The Gettysburg Address

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure.

We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that the nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate--we can not consecrate--we can not hollow--this ground.

The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract.

The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us--that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion--that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain--that this nation under God, shall have a new birth of freedom--and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

A handwritten signature of Abraham Lincoln in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Lincoln".

**National Cemetery
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
November 19, 1863**

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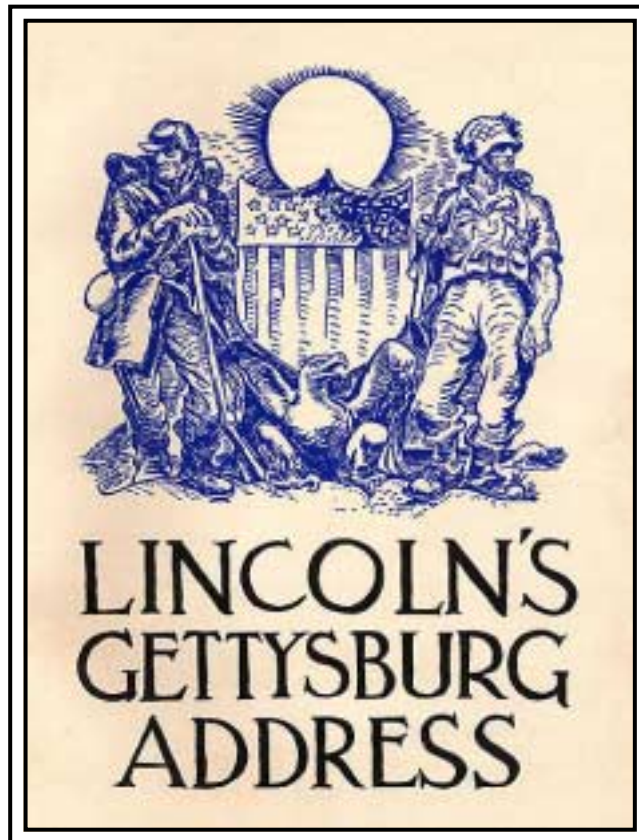
Special Anniversary Edition

Lincoln's Gettysburg Address

By James Daugherty

Preview at

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