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583rd REGULAR MEETING

KENNETH J. WINKLE ON "THE VILLAGE ON THE BLUFF: NEW SALEM'S ROLE IN THE RISE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN"

Friday, September 17

(Please Note: This is the THIRD Friday of the month)

HOLIDAY INN MART PLAZA 350 NORTH ORLEANS STREET

> Cocktails at 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

\$25 - The Civil War Round Table of Chicago Members

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Entree: Chicken Kavanu or Gatch of the Day



PLEASE NOTE

Make your reservation by Monday, September 13, by calling registrar Carole Le Claire at 847-698-1438. People who attend without having made a reservation will pay a 35 walk-in charge. If you make a reservation and then find you cannot attend, please call to cancel or you will be billed for a dinner. No last-minute orders for the Catch of the Day can be honored. The chef must have at least twenty-four hours notice.

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KENNETH J. WINKLE

"The Village on the Bluff: New Salem's Role in the Rise of Abraham Lincoln"

VILLAGERS HELPED LINCOLN GROW AND MATURE

BY BARBARA HUGHETT

In the spring of 1831, Abraham Lincoln made his dramatic and celebrated first appearance in New Salem, Illinois. As a hopeful 22-year-old, Lincoln joined his stepbrother John D. Johnston and his cousin John Hanks on a raft trip down the Sangamon River bound for New Orleans. Twenty

miles downstream from Springfield, the river turns abruptly northward. Upon a high bluff overlooking this bend, on the western bank of the Sangamon, sat the little village of New Salem.

During the trip to New Orleans, Lincoln's employer, Denton Offutt, took a liking to the young

man and offered him a job clerking in a store he planned to open in New Salem. In July 1831, Lincoln left his family and resettled in the fledgling village. The villagers liked Lincoln and helped him grow and mature in various ways. "Here," Lincoln put it simply, he "rapidly made acquaintances and friends." He had "stopped indefinitely" and ended up staying for the next six years.

Lincoln had a genuine affection for the town. In 1860 he recalled that 28 years earlier he had stayed in New Salem, though unemployed and penniless, because he "was anxious to remain with his friends who had



Kenneth J. Winkle

treated him with so much generosity." "The Village on the Bluff: New Salem's Role in the Rise of Abraham Lincoln" will be the topic of Kenneth J. Winkle when he addresses The Round Table on September 17.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Winkle holds a bachelor's degree (magna cum laude with Honors) from Miami University, and

M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is currently an associate professor of history at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Prior to coming to Nebraska in 1987, he taught at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Purdue University, and Southwest Texas State University.

Winkle is a specialist in United States political and social

history. His book, The Politics of Community: Migration and Politics in Antebellum Ohio (Cambridge University Press, 1989) won the Sharlin Award of the Social Science History Association as the best social science history book of 1989. More recently, he wrote the Introduction for a new edition of Ida Tarbell's Abraham Lincoln and His Ancestors (University of Nebraska Press, 1997). He is now completing a book about the influence of New Salem and Springfield on Abraham Lincoln.

Ken Winkle has written numerous (continued on page 2)

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BATTLEFIELD PRESERVATION UPDATE

BY ROGER E. BOHN

A Mort Künstler print, "Lee's Lieutenants" will be awarded to the holder of the lucky winning ticket in a CWRT drawing on Saturday, September 18, 1999, at the Civil War Collectors Show, DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, Illinois. The print is matted and framed, 30" x 34", titled "Lee's Lieutenants, Fredericksburg, Virginia; December 13, 1862." It is signed and numbered "15/200 PG" and valued at \$395. Tickets are donations of \$5 each or three for \$10 and will be available, at the September regular meeting, from any Battlefield Preservation Committee member (Abroe, Bohn, Gibbs, Girardi, or Krolick) or from our CWRT table at the CW Collectors Show. The drawing will be held before the end of the show and the winner need not be present. Please support our efforts toward battlefield preservation.

Walt Disney established Disneyland many years ago... and he learned a great lesson. Crowds came to his theme park, but they ate and slept in the only available places: outside the park property. When Walt built Disney World in Florida, he made sure that all his theme park customers' needs could be met inside the park itself and far enough away from competition to ensure that the business would stay within that park. It would seem that the National Park Service at Gettysburg is trying to follow his lead ... and since Disney is very suc-

KENNETH J. WINKLE (from page 1) articles for professional journals and is a popular speaker on the lecture circuit. Papers he has presented recently include: "More Painful Than Pleasant: Abraham Lincoln and His Father in Family History," which was the thirteenth annual Harmon Memorial Lecture at Washburn University (1999); "The Middle-Class Marriage of Abraham and Mary Lincoln," for the American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch (1998); "Abraham Lincoln, Self-Made Man," for the twenty-fifth annual Abraham Lincoln Symposium of the Abraham Lincoln Association (1998); "Lincoln and the Politics of Community," for the Mid-America Conference (1997); and "The Second Party System in Lincoln's Springfield," for the Social Science History Association (1992).

cessful, why not? I would like to suggest that the NPS-Gettysburg is not, and should never be, another "Disney Land." Theme parks that draw huge crowds to historical locations, such as Jamestown and Williamsburg, are very successful at making money while pandering to the public's need to "appreciate our national heritage." You get a whole different feel when you visit the Historical Battlefield Park at Yorktown, for instance. That, I feel, is how it should be at Gettysburg, and the NPS should stay out of these broad commercial enterprises.

Granted, there is a perceived need to be "politically correct" these days and to cover all the interests of every visitor to a national park. There are those of us who are very interested in the civilian aspects of the battlefield area, the political machinations involved in warfare, the socioeconomic issues, and even war-time governmental structures . . . but these ancillary subjects should be pursued individually and should not be extended into the "Disneyfication" of a National Battlefield Park. The prime concern of the NPS should be to educate, inspire, and bring to life the people and events that forged this great country. An appreciation of the historical events of our own nation, the United States of America, should be the guideline for the NPS and not what can only be perceived as a desire to become a bureaucratic profitcenter. 🌣

SILENT AUCTION

A silent auction is held at each monthly dinner meeting, for books donated by late Round Table founding member Ralph G. Newman. The minimum bid is \$5 per book, with a minimum rise of \$1 per bid. Five minutes after the conclusion of the speaker's presentation, bidding will close and the last highest bid is the winner of each book. Proceeds go to benefit battlefield preservation.

The Civil War Round Table of Chicago has begun making plans for a 60th Anniversary Celebration. An all-day symposium and gala evening banquet will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2000. At the January Executive Committee meeting, a 60th Anniversary Committee was formed, with Marvin Sanderman as its chairman. An all-star cast of speakers and other special events are being planned. Look for further announcements in upcoming issues of this newsletter.

JUNE MEETING

BY LARRY GIBBS

"General 'Fightin' Tom' Sweeny" was the topic of the presentation given by Thomas P. Sweeney on June 10, before 73 members and guests at the 582nd regular meeting of the Civil War Round Table. Sweeney, a retired radiologist from Republic, Missouri, is a major supporter of The Civil War Medical Museum. He ans his wife Karen operate a Civil War museum near the northern boundary of Wilson's Creek Battlefield National Park.

Among the forgotten heroes of the Civil War, according to Sweeney, was a man who lived up to his sobriquet of "Fightin' Tom' Sweeny." A courageous soldier who fought for several different causes, Sweeny was wounded eight times in the course of his military career. Born in Ireland in 1820, he settled in New York City in 1831 and volunteered to fight in the Mexican War in 1847. He received wounds in the groin and right arm at the Battle of Vera Cruz; after the battle, his right arm was amputated. He returned to New York City, where he was given a hero's welcome. He also fought in the Indian Wars in the 1850s.

At the onset of the Civil War, Sweeny served as an officer under Union General Nathaniel Lyon in Missouri. Since he performed well in the Camp Jackson skirmish (May 10, 1861) in St. Louis, he was named a brigadier general of a reserve corps on May 12.

On August 10 of that year, General Lyon led a surprise attack at the Battle of Wilson's Creek. (This location is about ten miles west of present-day Springfield, Missouri.) When Lyon was killed in the battle, Sweeny was placed in charge. However, he was soon out of action with a wound in the thigh. Eventually, Sweeny became the colonel of the 52nd Illinois Volunteer Regiment. At 5'9" with black whiskers, he emerged as a colorful and controversial



character. As Dr. Sweeney put it, "Sweeny issued orders in three languages—English, Irish, and profanity!"

At the Battle of Shiloh (April 6, 1862), Sweeny and his regiment were stationed at a crucial place—the right end of the Sunken Road and the Hornet's Nest. When the Confederates surprised the entire Union army with a full-scale attack, Sweeny's regiment was soon left with no artillery to counteract the Rebel canonade. Colonel Sweeny, wounded three times, had to retreat. Later that day, General William T. Sherman ordered the 52nd Illinois to take a ravine, which they did. This regiment filled a hole in the left of Sherman's corps in order to avert a major disaster. The regiment performed in such a splendid fashion that Colonel Sweeny proclaimed, with justifiable pride, "The 52nd Illinois is the bravest volunteer regiment that I have ever seen!"

Tom Sweeny's regiment demonstrated great fighting ability at the Battles of Iuka (September 27, 1862) and Corinth (October 3-4, 1862) in the state of Mississippi. Because of his personal heroism in these battles, Sweeny was promoted to brigadier general by President Lincoln and Congress on November 29, 1862. The next action for the 52nd Illinois regiment occurred in the campaign to take Atlanta in the summer of 1864. This regiment fought valiantly at Snake Creek Gap and Resaca.

However, at the Battle of Atlanta (Bald Hill) on July 22, 1864, Sweeny became embroiled in a controversy. In order to avoid a major defeat, Sweeny's brigade held the extreme Union left flank. The brigade held, causing General Frank Blair to claim, "Sweeny, I congratulate you. You have saved the Army of the Tennessee!" Union General Dodge argued with Sweeny after the battle. Sweeny, who had a volatile temper, created quite a scene when he confronted Dodge with a question of Dodge's command being over five hours late to the battlefield.

Following a series of accusations, Dodge placed Sweeny under arrest for a court-martial. He was eventually vindicated of all charges and was mustered out of the army on August 24, 1865. Sweeny was involved in several Irish movements after the Civil War, and died in New York in 1892.



In June archaeologists found part of a Civil War cemetery that contained the remains of crew members of the *Hunley*, the first submarine to sink another warship. Searching for the abandoned Charleston Mariners' Cemetery, they found fourteen graves, a skull and other bones while digging at The Citadel Military College's football stadium, which was built on top of the cemetery. The cemetery included the graves of four of five members of the *Hunley's* first crew. They drowned in Charleston Harbor 136 years ago, in August 1863, when the wake from a passing ship flooded the sub's two open hatches.



A Civil War Medicine Symposium and Reenactment will be held at the Chicago Historical Society on Saturday, September 25. The Civil War Round Table of Chicago is one of five organizations co-sponsoring the event. Presenters include Eric Foner, Gordon Dammann, Betsy Estilow, and Thomas P. Lowry. The fee for attending the seminar is \$35, or \$25 for Round Table members. A boxed lunch is an additional \$10. For information, contact Lorraine Mason (312-642-5035, extension 272; mason@chicagohistory.com).

"Lincoln and His Contemporaries" is the theme of the Fourteenth Annual Lincoln Colloquium will be held on Saturday, October 9 at the University of Illinois at Springfield. Speakers include: Jean H. Baker ("Coming of Age in New Salem and Springfield: Lincoln Goes to Town"), Paul H. Verduin ("Partners for Emancipation: New Light on Lincoln, Joshua Giddings, and the Push to End Slavery in the District of Columbia, 1848-49"), John F. Marszalek ("Lincoln and Old Brains Halleck: An Effective Team?"), and Edna Greene Medford ("Lincoln and the Black community in Wartime Washington"). Also featured will be a CD-ROM presentation by the Lincoln Legal Papers Project. For information, contact Tim Townsend (217-492-4241, liho_colloquium@nps.gov).

THE NEW BOOKS

Compiled by C. Robert Douglas



Abell, Richard B. and Fay A. Gecik, eds. Sojourns of a Patriot: The Field and Prison Papers of an Unreconstructed Confederate. Southern Heritage Press. 1998. \$26.95.

Acken, J. Gregory, ed. Inside the Army of the Potomac: The Civil War Experience of Captain Francis Adams Donaldson (71st & 118th Pennsylvania). Stackpole Books. 1998. #34.95.

Alberts, Don E. The Battle of Glorieta—Union Victory in the West. Texas A&M U. Press. 1998. \$29.95.

Allen, Randall and Keith S. Bohannon. Campaigning with "Old Stonewall"—Conf. Capt. Ukanirtus Allen's Letters to his Wife. LSU Press. 1998. \$34.95.

Allison, Don, ed. Hell on Belle Isle: Diary of a Civil War POW. Faded Banner Publications. 1997. Pbk. \$15.95.

Anders, Curt. Disaster in Damp Sand: The Red River Expedition. Guild Press of Indiana. 1998. \$21.00; Pbk. \$14.95.

Armstrong, Warren B. For Courageous Fighting and Confident Dying—Union Chaplains in the Civil War. U. Press of Kansas. 1998. \$24.95.

Ballard, Michael B. A Long Shadow: Jefferson Davis and the Final Days of the Confederacy. U. of Georgia Press. 1997. Pbk. \$15.95. Original of 1985.

Barr, Alwyn. Polignac's Texas Brigade. Texas A&M U. Press. 1998. Pbk. \$12.95. Original of 1964.

Barrett, John G. Sherman's March Through the Carolinas. U. of N. Catolina Press. 1996. Pbk. \$15.95. Original of 1956.

Bartholomess, J. Boone, Jr. Buff Facings and Gilt Buttons—Staff and Headquarters Operations in the Army of Northern Virginia, 1861-1865. U. of S. Carolina Press. 1998. \$29.95.

Bassham, Ben. Conrad Wise Chapman: Artist and Soldier of the Confederacy. Kent State U. Press. 1998. \$60,00.

Baum, Dale. The Shattering of Texas Unionism—Politics in the Lone Star State During the Civil War. LSU Press. 1998. \$37.50.

Baumgartner, Richard A. and Larry M. Strayer. Kennesaw Mountain June 1864: Bitter Standoff at the Gibraltar of Georgia. Blue Acorn Press. 1998. \$27.50.

Beatty, John. The Citizen-Soldier: The Memoirs of a Civil War Volunteer. U. of Nebraska Press. 1998. Pbk. \$16.00. Original of 1879.

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The history of The Round Table, The Givil War Round Table: Fifty Years of Scholarship and Fellowship, by Barbara Hughett, is available for \$30 per copy. You may purchase the book at the monthly meeting or order it from Morningside Bookshop, 260 Oak Street, Dayton, Ohio 45401 (1-800-648-9710). Add \$2.50 for postage and handling.

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In addition to The Round Table history and The Continuing Civil War, the essays from the Fiftieth Anniversary Proceedings, the following items are available at each monthly meeting: Lapel pins, Mugs, Meeting Tapes, Civil War Buff posters and T-Shirts, CWRT T-shirts, polos, and sweatshirts.

Proceeds from the sale of these items go to support the programs of The Civil War Round Table.



Items of Interest



Founding member Elmer Gertz recently received the Chicago Bar Association's 1999 Vanguard Award for his many contributions to law and the public good. Elmer is celebrating his 93rd birthday on September 14!

The Midwest Civil War Collectors show will be held on Saturday, September 18, from 8:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. at the DuPage County Fairgrounds, 2015 Manchester Road, Wheaton. For information, contact Robert "Hawkeye" Nowak (773-539-8432, hawkeye@jvlnet.com).

"The Bloody Road to Richmond" is the theme of the 15th Annual West Coast Civil War Round Table Conference to be held on November 5 through 7 in Buena Park, California. Sponsored this year by The Civil War Round Table of Long Beach, the conference commemorates the 135th anniversary of the Overland Campaign of 1864, from the Wilderness to Cold Harbor. Speakers will include John Y. Simon, Robert K. Krick, Debbie Petite, and Jerry L. Russell. For information, call Harold Bernstein at 310-541-5047.

We are very saddened to report the death of Jean Anderson on July 8, after a brief illness. Jean was a longtime Round Table member and the wife of former President Donald Anderson. A memorial mass was held on July 17 at St. Zachary church in Des Plaines. Our deepest and most heartfelt condolences go to Don and his family.



FUTURE MEETINGS

Regular meetings are held at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza, 350 North Orleans Street, the second Friday of each month, unless otherwise indicated.

September 17: Kenneth J. Winkle, "The Village on the Bluff: New Salem's Role in the Rise of Abraham Lincoln" (This is the THIRD Friday

October 8: David Herbert Donald, Nevins-Freeman Address

October 22-24: "Looking for Lincoln" Tour November 12: Charles P. Roland, "An Antibellum Southerner Defends Slavery"

December 10: Cullom Davis, "From Court House to White House: The Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln"

January 14: Cathy Beeler, "The Battle of Monacacy"

February 11: Thomas Cartwright, "Stones River"

March 10: Craig Symonds, "The Battle of Mobile Bay"

April 14: Herbert Mitgang, topic to be announced

May 3-7: Annual Battlefield Tour (50th Annual Tour), Middle Tennessee

May 12: Robert Zeller, "The Civil War in Depth: Stereoptic Views of the Conflict"

June 9: John Y. Simon, topic to be announced

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"LOOKING FOR LINCOLN" TOUR

The Civil War Round Table of Chicago October 22-24, 1999

HUNGRARY

Friday, October 22:

Bus departs Chicago by 12:00 noon, morning local pickup spots to be announced.

Tours of Mt. Pulaski Court House and Museum; Lincoln College Museum; Dinner at Lincoln College, Address by Cullom Davis, Director of the Lincoln Legal Papers Project

Check-in at the Mansion View Inn, Springfield.

Saturday, October 23:

Lincoln Home National Historic Site—Tour Lincoln Home and neighborhood; Old State Capitol: Seminar, "What's New with Illinois Civil War Round Tables?"

Lunch, Augie's on Old State Capitol Square; View the Lincoln Collection at the Illinois State Historical Library; Tour the Old State Capitol, Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices, and Great Western Depot.

Dinner at Mansion View Inn; Address by Thomas F. Schwartz, Illinois State Historian.

Sunday, October 24:

Tour of Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery; New Salem State Park.

Lunch at Baby Bull's Restaurant; Petersburg Cemetery; David Davis home in Bloomington.

Depart Bloomington at 4:30 p.m., Arrive back in Chicago at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Our tour guide will be Brooks Davis

Cullom Davis, Director of the Lincoln Legal Papers Project, will talk about "Lincoln's Law Practice"

Thomas F. Schwartz, Illinois State Historian, will speak on "Lincoln and the Patent Office: 150 Years Later"



COST OF TOUR:

includes transportation, lodging, admission fees, and meals.

\$249 per person, double occupancy (\$25 extra for non-Round Table members)

\$299 per person, single occupancy (\$25 extra for non-Round Table members)

Reservations are limited. You are encouraged to complete and return the form below, with a deposit of \$25 per person, as soon as possible. The balance of the payment is due on October 8 (the date of the October Round Table meeting). Send your completed form, with remittance, to Carole LeClaire, Registrar, 8417 Johanna, Niles, Illinois 60714. For further information, contact Brooks Davis, 312-944-5082.



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LOOKING FOR LINCOLN TOUR October 22-24, 1999

Information on some of the sites we will visit:

Mt. Pulaski Court House, Mt. Pulaski, Illinois: One of the fourteen central Illinois court houses that made up the famous Eighth Judicial Circuit, it was built in 1848. Abraham Lincoln's first appearance at the court house was in the spring of 1849, after returning home from his one term as a United States representative in Washington.

Lincoln College Museum, Lincoln, Illinois: Lincoln College was founded on February 12, 1865, using Mr. Lincoln's name with his approval. It was the collection of Judge Lawrence B. Stringer, an 1887 graduate of what was then Lincoln University, that formed the nucleus of the Lincoln College Museum. The judge, who died in 1942, willed his vast Lincoln and Logan County history collection to his alma mater with the provision that a museum be established to house it. The museum now holds over 2,000 Lincoln, Logan County, and Illinois documents, artifacts, and memorabilia. The late Robert Todd Lincoln Beckwith, Abraham Lincoln's great grandson who died in 1985, gave the museum a number of Mary Todd Lincoln and Lincoln family items, which are on display. Other Lincoln artifacts include a table from the log-cabin home of New Salem schoolmaster Mentor Graham, upon which a young Abe Lincoln studied grammar and surveying. On display and in the museum vaults are many letters written by Lincoln, his cabinet members, and nineteenth-century leaders. The Hall of the Presidents holds documents and photographs of all the Presidents and First Ladies,

Lincoln's Home and Neighborhood, Springfield, Illinois: The Episcopal minister who married the Lincolns, the Rev. Charles Dresser, sold his five-year-old home at Eighth and Jackson Streets to them in 1844 for \$1,500, including the lot. It was enlarged several times to accommodate the Lincolns' growing family. It was rented when the family moved to Washington, never to return to it. Their son Robert gave it to the State of Illinois. The home was transferred to federal ownership in 1971 and the home and the surrounding area became the Lincoln Home National Historic Site. The entire area is closed to vehicles and is being restored to its 1860s' appearance.

Old State Capitol: The late James T. Hickey, The Round Table's 1987 Nevins-Freeman honoree, was instrumental in the restoration of this landmark building. Originally built in 1837-39, it was dismantled—stone block by stone block—in1966 and rebuilt over a public parking garage and the offices of the Illinois State Historical Library. Mr. Hickey gave the building an authentic lived-in look, down to some disorderly desks and quill pens. This was the third capitol building in Illinois, built after Lincoln and the eight other members of the "Long Nine" state

legislators successfully pushed laws moving the political center of the state from Vandalia to Springfield. The Henry Horner Lincoln Collection is housed in the Illinois State Historical Library.

Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices: The offices were originally used by the firm of Logan and Lincoln (Stephen T. Logan) before Lincoln's partnership with William Herndon began in 1843. Its location on the southeast corner of the public square opposite the Old State Capitol made research in the Capitol's law libraries convenient and a federal court room was located on the first floor. The offices and court room are restored to their 1843–52 appearance.

Lincoln Depot: The Great Western depot was the site of Mr. Lincoln's farewell address to his Springfield friends when he left to assume the Presidency. It is restored as a typical nineteenth-century station.

Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery: In 1874, Illinois Senator Richard J. Oglesby (former governor and a friend of Lincoln's) was the principal speaker at the dedication of the tomb. All of the Lincoln family—except Robert, who is buried at Arlington National Cemetery—are buried here. Also at Oak Ridge are the graves of many Lincoln contemporaries, such as Stephen T. Logan, William Herndon, John Todd Stuart, and Edward Baker.

Lincoln's New Salem: William Randolph Hearst purchased the site in 1906 and gave it to the Chautauqua Association for restoration. The project was ultimately taken over by the Civilian Conservation Corps, beginning in 1932. The Onstot Cooper Shop is the only original building, but the additional twenty-two buildings are faithful reproductions. Abraham Lincoln spent six years of his early adulthood here. Walking the grounds gives one a strong feeling of life as Mr. Lincoln lived it in the 1830s.

Oakland Cemetery, Petersburg, Illinois: Ann Rutledge, currently in favor as the early love of Abraham Lincoln's life, is buried here under a tombstone immortalized by poet Edgar Lee Masters, whose tomb is also in this cemetery.

David Davis mansion, Bloomington, Illinois: Davis, a fellow lawyer and old friend of Lincoln's from the Eighth Illinois Judicial Circuit, was very involved with Lincoln's nomination at the 1860 Republican Convention, which met at the Chicago Wigwam. Lincoln named him to the Supreme Court in 1862. Mr. Davis was no friend of Mary Lincoln as evidenced by her treatment by him when he was executor of Lincoln's will. Robert Lincoln, however, called Davis his "second father."