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Perspectives on the Emancipation Proclamation at President Lincoln's Cottage

Lincoln scholars and government officials will present unique perspectives on the Emancipation Proclamation at the site of the document's development.

Washington, D.C. – President Lincoln's Cottage, a site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, will host "Emancipation at 150: The Impact of the Emancipation Proclamation," a panel discussion in recognition of the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation. This free panel presentation is open to the public and is co-sponsored by President Lincoln's Cottage and the United States Commission on Civil Rights. The panel takes place on January 3, 2013 from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm at President Lincoln's Cottage. RSVP is required and space is limited. Interested attendees should call 202-829-0436 x31232 by 5 pm on Thursday, December 27 to reserve a space.

The panel will feature U.S. Department of State Ambassador Luis CdeBaca, Professor Spencer Crew, Professor Allen Guelzo, and Professor Lucas Morel. The panel compliments another project co-sponsored by President Lincoln's Cottage and the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, an anthology featuring a dozen essays contributed by scholars. The anthology will be available as a free eBook in early 2013.

"President Lincoln's Cottage has been labeled the "cradle" of the Emancipation Proclamation, because of the key role this site played in Lincoln's development of that document," said Erin Carlson Mast, Director of President Lincoln's Cottage. "We are honored to host this program with the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights." Martin R. Castro, Chairman of the United States Commission on Civil Rights remarked that "the Emancipation Proclamation has brought to fruition the promise of this nation to so many, and we are proud that the Commission has collaborated with President Lincoln's Cottage on this historic anthology and its companion symposium."

President Lincoln developed the Emancipation Proclamation while living at the Cottage in the summer of 1862, making it the authentic place for understanding Lincoln's ideas on slavery and emancipation. In addition to "Emancipation at 150," President Lincoln's Cottage is offering scholarly programs, special tours, and celebratory events to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation. A rare, original copy of the Emancipation Proclamation signed by Lincoln is on display in the Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center at President Lincoln's Cottage through February 2013. More information on Emancipation Proclamation-related programming at President Lincoln's Cottage can be found at www.lincolncottage.org/EP150.

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President Lincoln's Cottage, located in northwest Washington, DC, is a site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. President Clinton declared the site a National Monument in 2000 and it opened to the public for the first time in 2008, providing Americans with unparalleled insight into the Emancipation Proclamation and Abraham Lincoln's visionary leadership during the Civil War. Hours of operation: The Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center is open 9:30am-4:30pm Mon-Sat, 10:30am-4:30pm Sunday. Tour of the Cottage are available daily. For more information on President Lincoln's Cottage, visit: www.lincolncottage.org

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