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President's Weekend seminar sheds light on Lincoln's legal career

Sign up for "Lincoln on the Eighth Judicial Circuit" seminar at Elmhurst Historical Museum on February 13

ELMHURST, IL – For 23 years, Abraham Lincoln rode Central Illinois' Eighth Judicial Circuit, building his law practice and his political base through his relationships with the circuit lawyers and their judge, David Davis. A team of lawyers, led by Davis, gained the Republican nomination for Lincoln at the Convention in Chicago in May of 1860. The split of the Democratic Party made the nomination tantamount to election. The circuit, with its leaders and its lawyers, was truly Lincoln's "ladder to the presidency."

In honor of President Lincoln and in celebration of President's Day, the Elmhurst Historical Museum presents an in-depth seminar on **Saturday, February 14, 2016** entitled "***Lincoln on the Eighth Judicial Circuit.***" The Lincoln seminar will feature **Mr. Guy Fraker**, a Bloomington attorney who has made an avocation of following in Lincoln's footsteps during Abe's two decades as a circuit-riding lawyer in Downstate Illinois. Fraker is the author of *Lincoln's Ladder to the Presidency: The Eighth Judicial Circuit*, and he has presented numerous programs throughout the state on Lincoln's legal career and political climb.

This special presidential learning opportunity takes place at the Elmhurst Historical Museum's Education Center, located at 120 E. Park Ave. in Elmhurst from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 for members of the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation and \$30 for non-members. Registration is available online at www.elmhursthistory.org (in the Adult Programs section). Lunch and coffee will be provided.

Bring your notebook and prepare to dive deep into this fascinating—and often overlooked—period of the intriguing president’s biography. For reservations and more information, visit www.elmhursthhistory.org or call (630) 833-1457.

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The Elmhurst Historical Museum is a department of the City of Elmhurst supported by the Elmhurst Heritage Foundation. The Museum is located at 120 E. Park Ave. in downtown Elmhurst. General admission is free with nominal fees for special programs. For more information, call 630-833-1457 or visit our web site at www.elmhursthhistory.org.

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Abraham Lincoln's legal career will be the subject of an in-depth seminar at Elmhurst Historical Museum on February 13.