



# Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library And Museum Wins Grant To Digitize Lincoln Images

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*‘Picturing Lincoln’ will make images available worldwide*

SPRINGFIELD – The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum is launching an ambitious new project to digitize thousands of rare and delicate Lincoln images so they can be preserved forever and shared worldwide.



SURREAT.



BOOTH.



HAROLD.

War Department, Washington, April 20, 1865,

 **\$100,000 REWARD!**

# THE MURDERER

Of our late beloved President, Abraham Lincoln,  
**IS STILL AT LARGE.**

**\$50,000 REWARD**

Will be paid by this Department for his apprehension, in addition to any reward offered by Municipal Authorities or State Executives.

**\$25,000 REWARD**

Will be paid for the apprehension of JOHN H. SURREATT, one of Booth's Accomplices.

**\$25,000 REWARD**

Will be paid for the apprehension of David C. Harold, another of Booth's accomplices.

**LIBERAL REWARDS** will be paid for any information that shall conduce to the arrest of either of the above-named criminals, or their accomplices.

All persons harboring or secreting the said persons, or either of them, or aiding or assisting their concealment or escape, will be treated as accomplices in the murder of the President and the attempted assassination of the Secretary of State, and shall be subject to trial before a Military Commission and the punishment of DEATH.

Let the stain of innocent blood be removed from the land by the arrest and punishment of the murderers.

All good citizens are exhorted to aid public justice on this occasion. Every man should consider his own conscience charged with this solemn duty, and rest neither night nor day until it be accomplished.

**EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.**

**DESCRIPTIONS.**—BOOTH is Five Feet 7 or 8 inches high, slender build, high forehead, black hair, black eyes, and wears a heavy black mustache.

JOHN H. SURREATT is about 5 feet 9 inches. Hair rather thin and dark; eyes rather light; no beard. Would weigh 145 or 150 pounds. Complexion rather pale and clear, with color in his cheeks. Wore light clothes of fine quality. Shoulders square; cheek bones rather prominent; chin narrow; ears projecting at the top; forehead rather low and square, but broad. Parted his hair on the right side; neck rather long. His lips are firmly set. A slim man.

DAVID C. HAROLD is five feet six inches high, hair dark, eyes dark, eyebrows rather heavy, full face, nose short, hand short and fleshy, feet small, instep high, round bodied, naturally quick and active, slightly closes his eyes when looking at a person.

**NOTICE.**—In addition to the above, State and other authorities have offered rewards amounting to almost one hundred thousand dollars, making an aggregate of about **TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.**

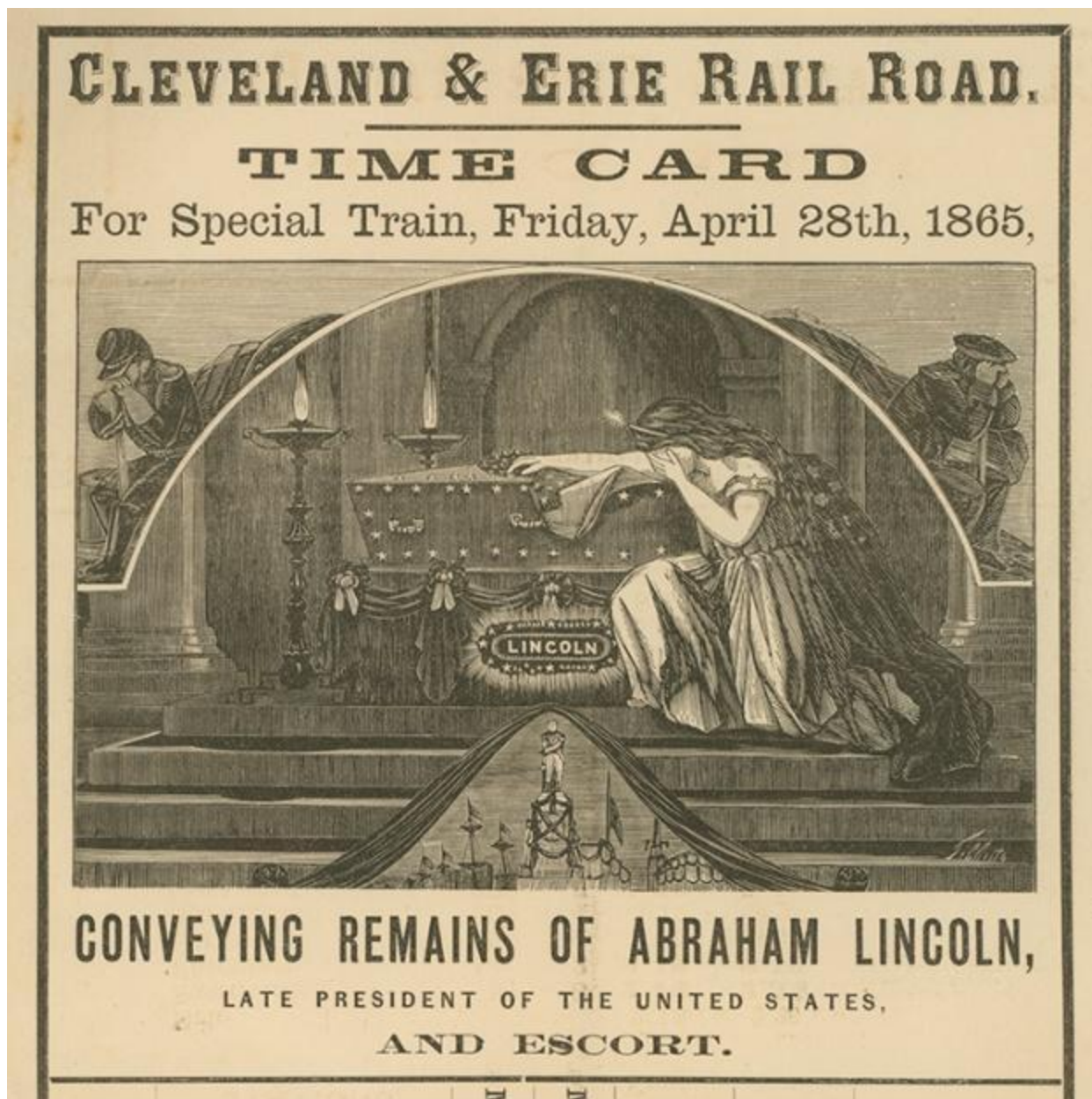
The “Picturing Lincoln” project has been awarded a \$100,000 grant by the Illinois State Library, a division of the Illinois Secretary of State’s Office. The images will be made available to the public through the office’s [Illinois Digital Archives](#).

“This is an exciting project that will put top-quality Lincoln images in the hands of researchers, students, and history fans,” said Christina Shutt, director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. “We want to thank Secretary of State Jesse White and the staff at the Illinois State Library for their support.”

Picturing Lincoln will create digital versions of 7,896 individual items, from posters to photographs to stickers. The work will begin with hundreds of “broad­sides,” or posters, such as the one announcing a \$100,000 reward for President Lincoln’s killer.

Other items to be digitized include a Lincoln family photo album, a schedule for the train carrying his body to Springfield for burial, and the only surviving photograph of Lincoln’s body lying in state.

“The depth and breadth of the collection is astounding and contains one-of-a-kind items not held in any other repository in the world,” project director Megan Klintworth, an ALPLM iconographer, wrote in the grant application. “By digitizing these materials, researchers and students from across the globe will be given unfettered access to the triumphs and tragedies that befell both the Lincoln family and the nation.”



The next step in the project is to select a vendor to make digital images of the material. The scanning process is expected to start early in 2022. The images will be available in resolutions up to 600 dpi.

The Picturing Lincoln project will complement the presidential library and museum's [Papers of Abraham Lincoln](#), which is annotating and publishing all documents written by Lincoln or to him.

The presidential library will also use the digitized images to create educational resources, such as lesson plans and teaching guides. These will be available for free.

The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum uses a combination of rigorous scholarship and high-tech showmanship to immerse visitors in Lincoln's life and times.

The library holds an unparalleled collection of Lincoln books, documents, photographs, artifacts and art, as well as some 12 million items pertaining to all aspects of Illinois history.

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