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PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S COTTAGE At the soldiers' home



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President Lincoln's Cottage Expands Digital Offerings with Release of First E-book

Newly digitized anthology expands access to the latest scholarship on the Emancipation Proclamation.

Washington, D.C. – President Lincoln's Cottage released its newest publication in e-book format, offering readers a fresh alternative for consuming history. *Emancipation at 150* is an anthology featuring different takes on the Emancipation Proclamation from a dozen leading Lincoln historians and government officials, produced in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and in partnership with the United States Commission on Civil Rights. The anthology is sold at select online retailers, including the Amazon Kindle store and the iTunes book store, and is also available in PDF format as a free download from <u>www.lincolncottage.org/ep150</u>.

"Publishing *Emancipation at 150* in an e-reader compatible format enables us to more effectively share this research with mobile audiences worldwide," says Erin Carlson Mast, Executive Director of President Lincoln's Cottage. "Our award-winning online interactive programs, designed as distance learning tools for K-12 students, have received national recognition for excellence. Creating e-book versions of our publications is a natural step forward in expanding access to critical history. As the site where President Lincoln—a president who embraced technology—developed the Emancipation Proclamation, it is fitting that our first digital publication focuses on that seminal document. We look forward to producing more educational and historical e-book publications."

Nationally renowned Civil War scholars, including Dr. Allen Guelzo, Dr. Chandra Manning, Dr. Edna Medford, and Dr. Matthew Pinsker, contributed essays to the anthology. *Emancipation at 150* is part of a year-long commemoration of the Emancipation Proclamation sesquicentennial at President Lincoln's Cottage. Other programs produced for the sesquicentennial included the display of an original, signed copy of the Emancipation Proclamation, an Emancipation-themed tour of the Cottage, a panel discussion featuring *Emancipation at 150* authors, and a New Year's Eve party honoring the Watch Night tradition.

Emancipation at 150 is available for \$2.99 from the following retailers:

- Amazon: <u>http://www.amazon.com/Emancipation-150-Impact-Proclamation-ebook/dp/B00DQUCVY4/</u>
- Barnes and Noble: <u>http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/emancipation-at-150-president-lincolns-cottage/1115948004?ean=9781483502083</u>

- iTunes Bookstore: <u>https://itunes.apple.com/us/book/emancipation-at-150/id668678313</u>
- Kobo: <u>http://store.kobobooks.com/en-US/ebook/emancipation-at-150</u>
- Sony: <u>https://ebookstore.sony.com/ebook/president-lincoln-s-cottage/emancipation-at-150/_/R-4000000000001080610</u>

President Lincoln's Cottage, "the Cradle of the Emancipation Proclamation," is located on the grounds of the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, DC. While living here for more than a quarter of his presidency, Abraham Lincoln bonded with soldiers and veterans, made crucial decisions about the Civil War, and, most notably, developed the Emancipation Proclamation his first summer in residence. His daily commute put him in regular contact with wounded soldiers and self-emancipated men, women, and children. Today, the site offers an intimate, never-before-seen view of Abraham Lincoln's presidency and private life, and new perspectives on the influential ideas Lincoln developed while living here.

Hours of operation: The Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center is open 9:30am-4:30pm Monday-Saturday and 10:30am-4:30pm Sunday. Cottage tours are on the hour, 7 days a week. For more information on President Lincoln's Cottage, visit: <u>www.lincolncottage.org</u> or call 202-829-0436.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation, a privately-funded non-profit organization, works to save America's historic places. President Lincoln's Cottage is a site of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. For more information, visit: <u>www.preservationnation.org</u>.