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REVIEW:

Lincoln's Last Hours
by Charles A. Leale, M.D.
Copyright, 1909 by Charles A. Leale, M.D.
(b. March 26, 1842 – d. June 13, 1932)

A presentation to the New York
Commandery of the *Military Order of the
Loyal Legion of the United States*,
February 1909.

There are five free versions online:

- <http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/24088>,
- <http://www.manybooks.net/titles/lealec2408824088.html>,
- <http://www.archive.org/details/lasthours00lealrich>,
- <http://www.freefictionbooks.org/books/1/19591-lincolns-last-hours-by-charles-augustus-leale>,
- <http://www.thelincolnlegacy.com/timeline/hours.htm>

The 35 page monograph is also available at *itunes* and *Amazon.com* (Print version & Kindle edition)

Dr. Charles Augustus Leale was only 23 when called upon at *Ford's Theater* on April 14th, 1865 to be the first physician to attend to the dying president Abraham Lincoln. He had graduated only two months before from *Bellevue Hospital Medical College* in New York City. He was then "a Commissioned Officer in the Medical Department of the U. S. Army, having been appointed from my native State, New York, and was on duty as Surgeons in charge of the Wounded Commissioned Officers' Ward at the U. S. Army General Hospital, Armory Square, Washington, D. C." At the age of 67, he would publically tell in detail his role that evening and how he helped to extend Lincoln's life by approximately 9 hours. Dr. Leale's first person description of that dreadful night and early morning is plainly spoken and forthright as he, an obviously most observant diagnostician, explains his medical judgments and choice of medical (con't, page 5)

Welcome to our new *Lincoln Society of Dayton* newsletter.

You, too, can contribute to the newsletter.

Do you have photographs of our events?

Would you like to write an article about one of your Lincoln interests?

Would you like to review a Lincoln movie, documentary, play, opera, music, or book?

Any suggestions?

Please contact: Karen Campbell to make your submissions: Karencampbell46@yahoo.com

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- Ohio Chautauqua 2011: *The Civil War*
- Lakewood: June 22 - 26
- Westerville: June 30 - July 4
- Lima: July 6 - 10
- Chester: July 12 - 16
- Coshocton: July 19 - 23
- More Information: http://www.ohiohumanities.org/?page_id=9



Dr. Charles A. Leale

MONTHLY EVENTS OF THE LINCOLN SOCIETY OF DAYTON:

At the Patterson Homestead, Dayton, Ohio ~ 2 PM
First Sundays of the Months (except July & September)

The *Lincoln Society of Dayton* began hosting a series of twelve videos with discussion in January of 2011. The videos are "*Mr. Lincoln :The Life of Abraham Lincoln*" taught by Professor Allen C. Guelzo of Gettysburg, Ohio. The presentations for the remainder of the year are:

- o June 5th ~ The Great Debates
- o July ~ No Program
- o August ~ *Annual Old Fashioned Ice Cream Society* (see below)
- o September 11th ~ Lincoln and Liberty, Too
- o October 2nd ~ The Uncertain President
- o November 6th ~ The Emancipation Moment
- o December 4th ~Lincoln's Triumph

ANNUAL LINCOLN SOCIETY OF DAYTON'S
August 21st, 2011 ~ *Old Fashioned Ice Cream Social* ~ 4 PM
on the Great Lawn ~ Patterson Home

1815 Brown Street
Dayton, OH 45409-2414
(937) 222-9724

<http://www.daytonhistory.org/destinations/patterson-homestead.htm>

MIDWESTERN LINCOLN EVENTS:

June 12 *Lincoln in Song* with Chris Vallillo and Grammy nominated percussionist Rocky Maffit performing live at Lincoln Amphitheatre's stage for one special night.. Lincoln City, Indiana.
<http://lincolnamphitheatre.org/plan-your-visit/abraham-lincoln-in-song-chris-vallillo/>

June 13 *The Trent Affair: Lincoln Dodged a Bullet* with presenter: Howard Strouse, Indianapolis, Indiana.
<http://www.indianapoliscwrt.org/>

June 19 *2011 Civil War Lecture Series ~ Mr. Lincoln's Camera Man An Afternoon with Matthew Brady* - Portrayal by Mark Holbrook 2:00p.m. Historic Roscoe Village Visitor Center, 600 N. Whitewoman St. Coshocton, Ohio
<http://www.visitcoshocton.com/events.html>

July 16-17 Lincoln's Bloomington Festival in Downtown Bloomington ~ Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the start of the Civil War. The McLean County Museum of History, David Davis Mansion, Burr House and Vrooman Mansion, and other sites will host Civil War re-enactors, traditional craft demonstrations, children's activities, musical performances, talks and tours.
<http://www.mchistory.org/newsandevents.php>

August 7 *Civil War Lecture Series ~The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln The Hunt for John Wilkes Booth* - Portrayal by Steve Long 2:00p.m. Historic Roscoe Village Visitor Center, 600 N. Whitewoman St, Coshocton
<http://www.visitcoshocton.com/events.html>

August 19-27 *Our American Cousin* ~ Friday and Saturday evenings with a Sunday Matinee. Evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m. CDT. Matinee begins at 2:00 p.m. CDT

<http://lincolnamphitheatre.org/plan-your-visit/our-american-cousin/>

LINCOLN & CIVIL WAR SYMPOSIUM AND CONFERENCES:

Ohio Goes to War: The Sectional Crisis and the Fight for Freedom ~ The conference, scheduled for 8-10 September 2011, will be held at *Cleveland State University* in Cleveland, Ohio. Friday night, Sept. 8, will feature plenary speaker John Stauffer of *Harvard University*, author of the prize-winning book The Black Hearts of Men: Radical Abolitionists and the Transformation of Race and GIANTS: The Parallel Lives of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. Saturday at lunchtime features Christine Dee of *Fitchburg State University* and editor of *Ohio's War: The Civil War in Documents*. Both talks are free and open to the public. U.S. Grant biographer Brooks Simpson will lead a teacher workshop on Saturday.

<http://www.h-net.org/announce/show.cgi?ID=182282>

Events at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum in Springfield, Illinois:

<http://www.alplm.org/>

"THE CONSPIRATOR" PROPS FROM NEW LINCOLN ASSASSINATION FILM ON DISPLAY AT THE ALPLM

When Mar 29 - Aug 1, 2011

Where Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum

Description "THE CONSPIRATOR" PROPS FROM NEW LINCOLN ASSASSINATION FILM ON DISPLAY AT THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM Produced by the American Film Company, founded by Joe Ricketts and Directed by Robert Redford Hollywood meets history in Springfield, Illinois March 29 through May 5 as props from the new historical drama "The Conspirator," produced and directed by Robert Redford, will be displayed in the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. The film about the trial of a woman accused of being part of the planning for the Lincoln assassination opens in theaters April 15, the 146th anniversary of Lincoln's death. It stars Robin Wright as Mary Surratt, the woman on trial; James McAvoy as her attorney; and Kevin Kline as Secretary of War Edwin Stanton.

ILLINOIS ANSWERS THE CALL: BOYS IN BLUE - A CIVIL WAR EXHIBITION

When Apr 12 - Dec 30, 2011

Where Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library

Description Weekend Library exhibit viewing is free and open to the public Drawn from the Library's vast collection of original Civil War photographs, artifacts, sheet music, and letters, this exhibit illustrates Illinois' initial response to the call-to-arms at the outbreak of the Civil War. Regiments featured include: 1st-17th Cavalry 1 and 2nd Light Artillery 7th-55th Illinois Infantry A collage highlighting a soldier from each of these units is also included. The exhibit is presented in groupings that include: Chaplains Musicians Generals Dead and Wounded

TEAM OF RIVALS - Exhibit

When Fri, July 1, 9am - 5pm

Where Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum

Description Lincoln's Cabinet at the Crossroads of War - A Civil War Sesquicentennial Exhibition October 14, 2010 - January 16, 2012 Commemorate the beginning of the Civil War Sesquicentennial with a visit to the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum for its one-of-a-kind temporary exhibition. What is it like to be President... when faced with a decision for war? This exhibition takes you inside the highest levels of the United States government as Abraham Lincoln and his cabinet struggle with the momentous issue of war. Restricted to the information they possessed at the time, you will confront the perplexities and options they faced during the first weeks of Lincoln's presidency - and decide for yourself if they made the right choices. A combination of compelling artifacts, images, and

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audio/visual presentations introduces you to the powerful personalities who advised the President and brings to life those fateful days when a divided nation teetered on the brink... then toppled into the dark abyss of civil war... For additional information, visit:

http://www.alplm.org/events/team_of_rivals.html

“ONE DESTINY” Thu, July 21, 1:30pm – 2:30pm

Where Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum - Union Theater

Description "One Destiny" was commissioned and originally performed at Ford's Theatre in Washington, D.C. The play takes place in April, 1865 on the stage of Ford's Theatre, a few days after the assassination of President Lincoln. Harry Hawk, one of the most famous comedic actors of his day, and Harry Ford, a manager of Ford's Theatre, meet and revisit the events of that night, April 14, 1865. The show that night was the popular comedy, *Our American Cousin*, and Hawk was onstage when John Wilkes Booth shot President Lincoln. Ford and Hawk portray several characters in this moving and theatrical performance. The performance lasts 35 minutes. There is a brief Question and Answer Session immediately following."

RECOMMENDED WEBSITES:

- Smithsonian-National Museum of American History:
"Abraham Lincoln: An Extraordinary Life", online exhibit
http://americanhistory.si.edu/exhibitions/small_exhibition.cfm?key=1267&exkey=696&CFID=13225841&CFTOKEN=66026966
- Library of Congress:
 - "Abraham Lincoln Papers at the Library of Congress", online exhibit (*American Memory*)
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/alhtml/malhome.html>
 - "Mr. Lincoln's Virtual Library", online exhibit (*American Memory*)
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/alhtml/alhome.html>
 - "With Malice Towards None", online exhibit
<http://myloc.gov/Exhibitions/lincoln/Pages/Default.aspx>
- Gilder-Lehrman Institute of American History:
 - "Lincoln, Douglas, and Their Historic Debates", online exhibit
<http://www.gilderlehrman.org/collection/online/lincolndouglas/index.html>
 - "Lincoln and the Emancipation Proclamation", online exhibit
<http://www.gilderlehrman.org/collection/online/emancipation/index.html>
 - "Wilberforce, Lincoln, and the Abolition of Slavery", online exhibit
<http://www.gilderlehrman.org/collection/online/wilberforce/index.html>
 - Abraham Lincoln page: *Historians on Lincoln* (webcasts & articles in "History Now Quarterly Journal")
<http://www.gilderlehrman.org/institute/lincoln.html>
- The Chicago History Society & the Gilder Lehrman Institute:
 - "A House Divided: American in the Age of Lincoln", online exhibit
<http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/ahd/index.html>

ONLINE AUDIO & VIDEO LECTURES:

See *Lincoln Society of Dayton* video lectures at :

<http://www.viddler.com/explore/ahelous3/tags/lincoln/>

- "Year of Meteors: Stephen Douglas, Abraham Lincoln, and the Election that Brought on the Civil War" presented by Douglas R. Egerton (*Virginia Historical Society*)
http://www.vahistorical.org/news/lectures_egerton.htm
- "Mary Surratt and the Plot to Kill Abraham Lincoln" presented by Kate Clifford Larson (Forum Network: NPR & PBS)

<http://forum-network.org/lecture/mary-surratt-and-plot-kill-abraham-lincoln>

- “John Stauffer: Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln” (Forum Network: NPR & PBS)
<http://forum-network.org/lecture/john-stauffer-frederick-douglass-and-abraham-lincoln>
- “Seth Grahame-Smith: Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter” (Forum Network: NPR & PBS)
<http://forum-network.org/lecture/seth-grahame-smith-abraham-lincoln-vampire-hunter>
- “The Lincoln Lectures: How Lincoln Beat the Odds” presented by Gary Ecelbarger (National Archive)
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZD0ztD9-6y8>

LINCOLN IN MEDIA TODAY:

Movies:

In 2001, Steven Spielberg acquired the rights to Doris Kearns Goodwin's biography of Lincoln, *Team of Rivals*. The movie has not yet been made.

National Treasure 2: Book of Secrets (2007) is a fictional film which concerns the assassination of Lincoln.

Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (2009) The statue of Lincoln at the Lincoln Memorial comes alive.

Abraham Lincoln, Vampire Hunter (2010) is a novel by Seth Grahame-Smith, in which Lincoln makes it his life's goal to destroy all vampires in the United States. In 2011, the movie version is being produced for a 2012 release.

The Conspirator, the movie, (2011) deals with the assassination of Lincoln, and the trial of the conspirators, and, chiefly, the guilt or innocence of Mary Surratt.

REVIEW: “Lincoln’s Last Hour” (con’t. from page 1):

treatments. This was not, however, the first time he had shared in writing the events of that historic event. In 2008, an eight page letter by Dr. Leale dated May 28, 1865, which he had written to Dr. Dwight Dudley of Maine, was auctioned and sold. It had been part of the *John Lattimore Collection of Lincolniana*. The letter was sent from “*Armory Square, U. S. Army General Hospital*”. In the letter he talks about the night and morning of Lincoln’s death but also comments on the trial of the conspirators. This version is, of course, a very rare and very early primary description of the events of the assassination (see web site: <http://historical.ha.com/c/item.zx?saleNo=6014&lotNo=61139#Photo>) . Leale also made a report of his experience to the *Butler Committee of the House of Representatives* on July 21, 1867. Dr. Leale went on to have a very distinguished career (*Who’s Who in New York City*, 3rd Edition, 1907, p. 819):

“ . . . post-grad. studies in Europe, 1866: m. 1867. Rebecca Medwin Copcutt . . . was consulting physician at last illness of President Garfield. Investigated Asiatic cholera in Europe & America: devoted life to poor. In epidemic of 1866; studied epidemics, cerebrospinal meningitis 1874. and many epidemics and causes of typhoid fever in Brooklyn and N. Y. City; devised system by which, in midsummer, thousands of mothers and sick children of N. Y. C. were daily given salt water baths on trips of floating hospital to waters of Atlantic Ocean; conceived the idea and urged construction of recreation piers In N. Y. C.: suggested and planned summer hospitals for children on superstructure of wharves; urged doubling area of Bellevue Hosp. and Its reconstruction in 1895; devoted 15 summer vacations to gratuitous care of poor mothers with sick children. Author: Chronic Diseases Among the Children of N. Y. I City; Prenatal Diseases; Surgery of the Lungs; Sunstroke of Infants; Observatories In Asiatic Cholera . . . ”

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE LINCOLN SOCIETY OF DAYTON

This organization was founded to

- *Commemorate* Lincoln's visit to Dayton in 1859
- *Educate* our community about this pivotal time in our history and Lincoln's vital role in saving our nation and his ongoing impact on our lives
- *Inspire* all ages to follow his example of compassion, patriotism, equality and justice for all
- *Build* upon the recent restoration of the Old Court House and downtown renewal efforts.

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NEWS ABOUT THE LINCOLN STATUE ~ Our goal is to place a statue of Lincoln in front of the old *Montgomery County Courthouse* in Dayton, Ohio to commemorate his visit on September 17th, 1859.

The next meeting of the *Lincoln Society of Dayton Statue Committee* will be on Monday, June 6th, 2011 at 10:30 AM at the *Engineers Club* in the library, 110 E. Monument Ave., Dayton, OH, 45402.

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