

Politician

The stamp of Lincoln as a politician includes a Feb. 27, 1860, photograph of Lincoln by Mathew Brady, and shows Lincoln debating Stephen A. Douglas during their 1858 campaign for a U.S. Senate seat from Illinois.



President

The stamp featuring Lincoln as president, includes a Nov. 8, 1863, photograph of Lincoln by Alexander Gardner, and depicts Lincoln conferring with generals Ulysses S. Grant and William T. Sherman toward the end of the Civil War. The depiction is based on “The Peacemakers” (1868), a painting by George P. A. Healy.



Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commemorative Stamp Unveiling

February 9, 2009 at 10:00 am
Lincoln High School, Lincoln RI



Program

Master of Ceremonies	Randall Rosenbaum Secretary, RI Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission
Pledge of Allegiance	Lincoln High School students led by Nathan McCoart, Student Council President
National Anthem	Lincoln High School Chorus, led by Neil Letendre
Welcome	T. Joseph Almond, Lincoln Town Administrator Georgia Fortunato, Lincoln RI Superintendent of Schools Sue Stenhouse, Vice Chair, RI Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission
Remarks by RI State General Officers: Lt. Governor Elizabeth Roberts, Secretary of State A. Ralph Mollis and General Treasurer Frank Caprio (confirmed attendance)	
A Reflection on Lincoln by Lincoln	Lincoln C. Almond, former RI Governor
Unveiling	Jenny McKay-Fazzina, Postmaster, Pawtucket RI Accompanied by speakers
“The Blue & The Gray”, a medley of Civil War tunes	Lincoln High School Band, under the direction of David Enos

*A reception to follow in the
Lincoln High School Library*

Abraham Lincoln Commemorative Stamps

The 200th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln’s (1809-1865) birth will be recognized on four commemorative stamps Feb. 9, in Springfield, IL. The 10 a.m. dedication ceremony takes place at the Old State Capitol Historic Site, Representative Hall, #1 Old State Capitol Plaza, in Springfield.

The stamp art was created by Mark Summers, who is noted for his scratchboard technique, a style distinguished by a dense network of lines etched with exquisite precision. Each stamp features a different aspect of Lincoln’s life. Summers worked under the art direction of Richard Sheaff of Scottsdale, AZ.

Rail-Splitter

The stamp showing Lincoln as a rail-splitter includes the earliest-known photograph of Lincoln, dated 1846, by N. H. Shepherd, and depicts Lincoln as a youth splitting a log for a rail fence on what was then the American frontier. When he was a candidate for president in 1860, the Republican Party used the image of Lincoln as a “rail-splitter” to enhance his appeal to the workingman.



Lawyer

The stamp featuring Lincoln as a lawyer includes a photograph of Lincoln, dated May 7, 1858, by Abraham Byers, and shows Lincoln in a courtroom in Illinois, the state where he was a practicing attorney for nearly 25 years.

