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**ABRAHAM LINCOLN**

A 50-Year Private  
Collection

by Dwight Schaaf

March 4- June 11

**ANNUAL HARD TIMES**

**BEAN SUPPER**

Tuesday, April 18

4:30 - 7 P.M.

Community Building

# GREENTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## Abraham Lincoln Exhibit

**When:** March 4 – June 11, 2017 Saturdays and Mondays from 1:00-4:00 P.M. Sundays 2:00-4:00 P.M.

**Where:** Greentown Historical Specially at 103 East Main St. in Greentown, IN 46936

**Meet:** The Collector, Dwight Schaaf, at the Grand Opening on March 4 & 5 and April 15 from 1:00-5:00 P.M.

Abraham Lincoln was our 16th President from 1861-1865. He was one of four presidents assassinated while in office. Mr. Schaaf stated: The impact Lincoln made on our country is unrivaled. Dwight Schaaf's love of all things "Lincoln" isn't just because of his grandmother giving him a scrapbook of Lincoln at the age of 14. It is not that Lincoln was our most known president but because of what Mr. Lincoln stood for: his honesty, his integrity and simply the man he was. If you read some of Mr. Lincoln's letters, he was a most eloquent writer and revealed what was in his heart. A man you could respect.





Dwight Schaaf

(cont'd) Another prized piece is the replica of Lincoln's life mask and hands from the original cast made by Leonard Volk in 1860 during Lincoln's campaign for the U.S. Senate. You will notice the cast of Lincoln's right hand is noticeably larger than his left hand, swollen due to shaking hands with those he greeted while campaigning. There are many other novelty items including a \$5 bill, playing cards, a rare 3 x 4 foot velvet painting dated 1934, reportedly by a circus painter, a large mosaic puzzle from original photos of the Civil War that make a portrait of Lincoln, and many other unique items.

Admission is free and the facility is handicap accessible. Public and home schooled students are welcome. Hours by appointment may be made by contacting Mr. Schaaf at 765-438-1186 or 628-2035 or the history center 765-628-3800 and [greentownhistory@comcast.net](mailto:greentownhistory@comcast.net)

## Annual Hard Times Bean Supper

What a way to celebrate the end of tax season! The annual Hard Times Bean Supper will be held in the Community Building at the Fairgrounds on Tuesday, April 18 from 4:30 - 7 P.M. The homemade bean soup, fresh baked corn bread, and delicious desserts will be served for a free will offering. Come join us for this fund raiser for the historical society of Greentown. Please mark your calendars, and stop by for a social event that will leave you fully satisfied.



## Greentown Red Men Lodge

The Greentown Red Men Lodge -Mondamin Tribe #270 participated in the Bulgin revival meeting in Kokomo according to newspaper reports dated December 11 and 19, 1917. With brother lodges from Windfall, Russiaville, Kokomo, Galveston, and Miami, they appeared in full regalia. Dr. Bulgin said, "I thought they looked not half bad or nearly so ferocious as I expected." They drew applause of the assemblage for their singing, which was the best.

Dr. E. J. Bulgin of North Carolina held evangelistic services daily from November 5 to December 23, 1917 in a huge wooden structure built for these meetings. The Bulgin Tabernacle was filled each night by thousands of the faithful and curious. Many nights the "Sunshine Chorus," of about several hundred children, sang with enthusiasm from the choir loft.

Most nights a specific group was featured such as the Masonic Lodge and all the major church denominations in the city. On the night dedicated to the Methodists, many of them braved the cold and marched from the Grace Methodist Church to the tabernacle near Central School (now a parking lot). After the meetings were over, the building was used as a temporary high school and later demolished.

On Christmas Day, 1917 the Greentown Red Men Lodge performed a program for their families at the Star Theatre located on North Meridian Street in Greentown. The program was quite lengthy, consisting of various music scores, a devotional, movies, a speech, and a supper.

The Greentown Red Men Lodge at that time had a membership of over 100 men. If you have family stories, letters, or diaries naming local people known to have attended these meetings, please contact Joyce at the History Center (765-628-3800) or Jean Simpson (765-860-13870).



Heather Jenkins, Paula Shrock, & Rachel Jenkins



Bruce Shrock & Heather Jenkins

## Volunteers Appreciated

Heather Jenkins works for FCCI Insurance Co., which encourages employees to donate four volunteer hours per year to an organization of their choice. She volunteered at the historical society from 11 to 3 on Friday, March 3 in photo archives going through the Jenkins Studio negatives, which are numerous. She chose this date because it was the 5th anniversary of her father's death. We thank and appreciate all of our hard-working volunteers.

## Hours of Operation

The Greentown Historical Society is open Saturdays from 1-4; Sundays from 2-4; and Mondays from 1-4 P.M. There are no exhibits in January and February. GHS is open on Mondays only in July.

## Greentown Historical Society Newsletter

The next publication of this newsletter is scheduled for June. Please submit any articles of interest or pictures to Kim Patton at [1kim.patton@gmail.com](mailto:1kim.patton@gmail.com) or call or text at (502) 235-2757.

## Our Mission

- To promote public awareness and appreciation of the unique history of Eastern Howard County, Indiana and its citizens
- To carry out historical research, preservation, and education
- To provide the public with meaningful heritage experiences