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**“Lincoln’s Long Shadow: Statues, Monuments and Landscapes”
A Brown Bag Lecture by Thomas Mackie**

PROGRAM: “Lincoln’s Long Shadow: Statues, Monuments and Landscapes”

DATE: Noon, Wednesday, January 11, 2012

LOCATION: East Tennessee History Center
601 South Gay Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

ADMISSION: FREE | Attendees are encouraged to bring a “brown bag” lunch

Knoxville, Tennessee—As part of the East Tennessee Historical Society’s Brown Bag Lecture Series, Thomas Mackie will present “Lincoln’s Long Shadow: Statues, Monuments and Landscapes” at noon, Wednesday, January 11, 2012, in the auditorium of the East Tennessee History Center, located at 601 South Gay Street.

Abraham Lincoln has become one of the most memorialized figures in world history. Geographer Wilber Zelinsky once said that “with the arrival of Abraham Lincoln, we witness the full peopling of the loftiest chamber of the American pantheon.” In his lecture, William Mackie will discuss Lincoln’s legacy and how even if a visitor never read a single speech by Lincoln or visited one of many Lincoln collections around the United States, he would still see physical proof of the impact left from this man’s life.

Thomas Mackie is the Director of the Abraham Lincoln Museum at Lincoln Memorial University. With over 25 years of experience, Mr. Mackie is a long-term veteran in both conventional history education and in history museums. His current research considers the commemoration and interpretation of Lincoln through exhibitions and museum programming. Mr. Mackie is presently completing work on his Ph.D. from Western Michigan University in U.S. history with a concentration in public history.

The lecture is a part of the series of book discussions and brown bag lectures accompanying the feature exhibition *Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War* at the Museum of East Tennessee History through January 13, 2012 and co-sponsored by the East Tennessee Historical Society and the Knox County Public Library. Admission to the Lincoln exhibition and also the museum’s feature exhibition *Voices of the Land: The People of East Tennessee* is free during the run of the Lincoln exhibit.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Guests are invited to bring a lunch. Drinks will be available.

The Museum of East Tennessee History is operated by the East Tennessee Historical Society and is located in the East Tennessee History Center at 601 South Gay Street in downtown Knoxville across from the Tennessee Theatre. For more information about this event or to schedule an interview or site visit, please contact Cherel Henderson at either 865-215-8823 or 865-335-0888 or by e-mail at cherel@eastTNhistory.org.

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