



Friends of the Old Lincoln Courtroom & Museum

Dear Friends,

Since its inception in January of 2006, The Old Lincoln Courtroom and Museum Commission has been pleased to place more than 130 names on the Wall of Honor, which lists the names of the "Friends of the Old Lincoln Courtroom and Museum". The "Friends of the Courtroom" play a major role in supporting the operation and maintenance of the Old Lincoln Courtroom & Museum, as well funding for the Gift Shop merchandise.

The goal of The Commission is to take the existing collections, together with appropriate additions, and create interpretive exhibits which will explain the Beardstown story in a new and dynamic way. In so doing, the museum will become a viable learning and educational center within the community and the region.

This annual gift campaign has had a large impact on meeting our goals and setting manageable budgeting parameters. The Commission also endeavors to secure financial resources for the museum through grants from governmental entities and non-for-profit organizations.

The Lincoln Courtroom has a direct link to Abraham Lincoln through the Duff Armstrong trial and is included in the Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition. Visitors to Illinois may travel through its counties in a state-wide search for the Lincoln heritage. Your gifts will assist Beardstown in its role as part of that heritage.

Your name will be honorably displayed in Black Brass on a Solid Walnut Plaque consistent with your level of giving, as outlined below:

- A \$25.00 annual gift will include you among "Mr. Lincoln's Friends".
- A \$50.00 annual gift will pass "Mr. Lincoln's Bar".
- A \$100.00 annual gift will count you among "Mr. Lincoln's Barristers".
- A \$500.00 annual gift will give you access to "Mr. Lincoln's Judges Chambers".
- Larger gifts will give you a lifetime membership in "Mr. Lincoln's Supreme Court".

Please fill out the attached form and forward it with your donation or pledge to:

Friends of the Old Lincoln Courtroom & Museum
1 Pine Lane
Beardstown, IL 62618

Thank you for joining The Friends of the Old Lincoln Courtroom & Museum.

Sincerely,

The Old Lincoln Courtroom & Museum Commissioners
Suzanne McClure, Chair