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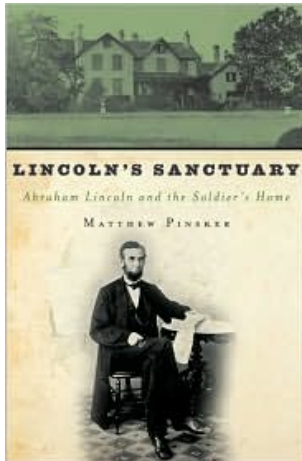
## “Lincoln’s Sanctuary” & Emancipation Proclamation on Special Display

Lincoln Bicentennial Event

THURSDAY, MARCH 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Brooklyn Historical Society

**Brooklyn, NY** – In celebration of President Lincoln’s 200<sup>th</sup> birthday, BHS and the Gilder Lehrman Institute will present a book reading and discussion on March 19 with author **Matthew Pinsker**. Mr. Pinsker will illuminate the story of Abraham Lincoln and the Soldiers' Home, a place that became a central retreat for the President. **An original copy of the Emancipation Proclamation from the BHS Collection will be on display for this very special occasion.** Special thanks to the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History for funding this event.



**WHAT: BHS and the Gilder Lehrman Institute Present a Lincoln Bicentennial Celebration:**

**A Book Talk with Author Matthew Pinsker – “Lincoln’s Sanctuary: Abraham Lincoln and the Soldiers’ Home”**

Matthew Pinsker tells the tale of the Lincoln family, who escaped the oppressive heat and equally oppressive public scrutiny of Washington each summer from 1862 to 1864. They packed their White House belongings, moved to the outskirts of the city, and took up residence in a cottage located on the grounds of the Old Soldiers' Home. “Lincoln’s Sanctuary” is a fascinating portrait of Lincoln’s stay in this place and tells the story of the President’s remarkable growth as a national leader and a private man. In honor of Lincoln’s birthday, BHS will display an original copy of the Emancipation Proclamation for this evening only. Reception to follow. RSVPs to 718-222-4111 x250 are encouraged.

**WHO:** Matthew Pinsker is the Pohanka Chair in American Civil War History and Associate Professor of American History at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania. Pinsker serves as a member of the Pennsylvania Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and was named by the Organization of American Historians as one of its distinguished lecturers.

**WHEN:** Thursday, March 19; 7:00 PM

This event is free and open to the public.

**WHERE:** Brooklyn Historical Society; 128 Pierrepont St. (at Clinton St.); Brooklyn, NY 11201

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