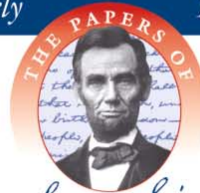


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"a great honor and a great labor" A. Lincoln, October 26, 1863

BOMAN JOINS PROJECT AS ASSISTANT EDITOR

In January, Dr. Dennis K. Boman joined the Papers of Abraham Lincoln as an assistant editor. Boman holds a Ph.D. in American History from the University of Missouri-Columbia, where he completed his dissertation under the direction of Dr. Noble Cunningham Jr. Boman also holds two Master's degrees from the University of Missouri-Columbia—one in classical studies and the other in ancient history. A native of Kansas, he received a B.A. in classical studies from Wichita State University.

Dr. Boman joins the project from Eastern Michigan University, where he taught American history and western civilization courses. He has also been a faculty member at several other colleges and universities. He is the author of *The Life of Abiel Leonard: Eminent Jurist and Passionate Unionist*



(Edward Mellen, 2002), a biography of a Missouri attorney whose legal career has interesting parallels to Lincoln's own law practice. Boman has also written a biography of Hamilton R. Gamble, the chief justice of the Missouri Supreme Court and Missouri's Civil War governor, and the manuscript is under review by Louisiana State University Press.

With Assistant Editor Glenna Schroeder-Lein, Boman has devoted his attention to the search phase of Series II and Series III of the Papers of Abraham Lincoln. Together with two research and editing fellows, they are implementing the extensive mail survey to locate all documents written by or to Abraham Lincoln. They are also updating and maintaining the database and physical files through which the project maintains control over the ever-increasing number of documents.

WEEKS AND STABLER CHOSEN AS FIRST RESEARCH AND EDITING FELLOWS

Through a national search last fall, a search committee chose Dr. Jim Weeks and Mr. Scott Stabler as the first Papers of Abraham Lincoln Research and Editing Fellows. The fellowships began in January and continue through June 2003. Funding for the fellowships comes from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Center for Governmental Studies at the University of Illinois at Springfield. Each fellow works with the Papers of Abraham Lincoln for three days each week, gaining a better appreciation for the craft of historical documentary editing. Fellows spend the remaining

two days working on their own research projects, using the collections of the Illinois State Historical Library and other repositories in Springfield.

Dr. Jim Weeks received his Ph.D. in American History from Penn State University in 2001. Princeton University Press is publishing his dissertation as *Gettysburg: Memory, Market, and an American Shrine* in May of this year. Weeks also holds a Master's in Library Science from the University of Pittsburgh, and an M.A. and B.A. from Penn State University. He is the author of



Jim Weeks



Scott Stabler

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LAST SURVIVING UNION WIDOW DIES

On January 17, 2003, (Lucy) Gertrude Grubb Janeway (born July 3, 1909), the last surviving widow of a Union Civil War veteran, died at the age of ninety-three at her home in Blaine, Tennessee. In December 1994, Assistant Editor Glenna Schroeder-Lein, then a Tennessee resident, visited Gertrude Janeway with Janeway's physician, Dr. Bob Fehr. Bedridden, the widow lived alone in a small cabin with a single light bulb and a couple of electrical outlets. She could reach essentials from her bed, and a visiting nurse came daily to care for her. Janeway was cheerful and alert, but clearly knew very little about her husband's military career, which had taken place decades before she was born. Her husband, John W. Janeway (c1846-1937), was a native East Tennessean who joined the 14th Illinois Cavalry in 1864, although he had never been in Illinois. According to Gertrude Janeway, he was nineteen and on the way to the local grist mill one morning when he encountered troops of the 14th Illinois, who were recruiting to fill their depleted ranks with the Unionists whom Abraham Lincoln had always believed inhabited the area. Excited at the prospect of adventure, Janeway joined immediately, using the name John W. January to keep his family from pursuing him.

An inquiry into his Civil War career led to a startling discovery—two John W. Januarys in the same Illinois regiment.

Gertrude Janeway's husband was mustered into Company E of the regiment on June 24, 1864, in Cleveland, Tennessee. The 14th Illinois joined Gen. William T. Sherman's troops in Georgia as part of Gen. George Stoneman's cavalry. They participated in

Stoneman's raid on Macon, Georgia, the purpose of which was to cut a railroad line and then free Union prisoners of war being held by the Confederates at Macon and Andersonville. Confederate cavalry under Joseph Wheeler overpowered the raiders at the Battle of Hillsboro or Sunshine Creek on July 31, 1864, and captured many Union troopers. January apparently escaped, only to be captured early on the morning of August 3, when Confederates surprised the exhausted Union cavalymen, who were sound asleep. One Confederate shot January through the hat, his closest brush with death, Gertrude reported. January said that he was held at a place called "Chattahoochee" until he was paroled at Savannah, Georgia, on November 30, 1864, and sent to Camp Parole in Maryland, where he arrived on December 10. Two days later he received a thirty-day furlough. It is not clear from his conflicting compiled service records whether he returned to his company or not.

About 1872 January/Janeway married Martha Ann Stalsworth in Grainger County, Tennessee. The couple had ten children between 1875 and 1894 and resided in Missouri from at least 1880 to 1894. Janeway may have spent some time in California before he returned to East Tennessee in the mid-1920s. A widower, he began to court Gertrude's mother, Halley (or Hallie) Grubb, a widow in her late forties. However, Janeway



**Gertrude Janeway
in 1998**

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The other John W. January, born in Ohio in 1846, was mustered into Company B of the 14th Illinois Cavalry on March 28, 1864, in LaSalle County, Illinois. Wheeler's Cavalry captured him in the action on July 31, 1864, and sent him to prison at Andersonville, Georgia, and Florence, South Carolina. During his imprisonment, malnutrition, scurvy, and gangrene damaged his feet to such an extent that he amputated them himself with a penknife because none of the army doctors would perform the operation. January survived and arrived in New York weighing forty-five pounds. He



John W. January after His Release from Andersonville Prison

Photo courtesy of the Illinois State Historical Library.

spent seven months under treatment in a hospital and recovered well. In 1880, he was a farmer living in Minonk, Illinois, with his wife and five children.



**John W. January with
Prosthetic Legs at a
Meeting of Former
Prisoners of War
(c. 1880s-90s)**

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**John and Gertrude
Janeway
in 1928**

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soon became interested in sixteen-year-old Gertrude, and they courted for several years because her mother would not let her marry until she turned eighteen.

On June 9, 1927, nearly one month before Gertrude's eighteenth birthday, she and Janeway drove out to find the preacher. He was working in his field and married them there in the middle of the road. Janeway was eighty-one years old. They were married until January 1937, when he died of pneumonia at the age of ninety-

one. Every month until her own death, Gertrude Janeway received his Civil War pension check of \$70 from the federal government.

*Glenna Schroeder-Lein
Assistant Editor*

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several articles and was most recently a scholar in residence at the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission in 2002.

Mr. Scott Stabler is a doctoral candidate at Arizona State University. He is currently writing a dissertation entitled "Race, Reaction, Policy, and Perception: A Tri-cultural Study of Postbellum America through the Life of General O. O. Howard" under the direction of Dr. Brooks Simpson. Stabler received an M.A. in History from the University of Houston and a B.A. from Baylor University. A native of Texas, Stabler has taught history at the university, college, and high school levels, and has been a coach and a professional baseball umpire.

STAFF & PROJECT NEWS

Glenna Schroeder-Lein's review article of an edited version of Catharine E. Beecher and Harriet Beecher Stowe's *The American Woman's Home* appeared in the December 2002 issue of *Documentary Editing*.

In February, Director Daniel Stowell and Editorial Board member Cullom Davis attended a meeting of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission in Washington, D.C. Congress established the commission to explore ways to commemorate the 2009 bicentennial of Lincoln's birth. Stowell and Davis are members of the Commission's Advisory Committee. Editorial Board members David Herbert Donald and Phillip S. Paludan are also members of the Advisory Committee but were unable to attend this meeting.

The project acknowledges with deep appreciation a generous donation from J. M. Lloyd.

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Dr. Leslie S. Rowland is the Director of the Freedmen and Southern Society Project and Associate Professor of History at the University of Maryland. Dr. Rowland received her Ph.D. from the University of Rochester in 1991. She is the author or editor of eight books, including four volumes of *Freedom: A Documentary History of Emancipation, 1861-1867* (Cambridge, 1982-1993), one of which won the J. Franklin Jameson Prize for historical editing from the American Historical Association. In 1998-99, she served as the president of the Association for Documentary Editing.



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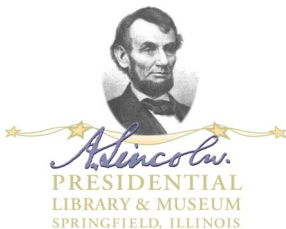
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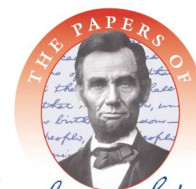
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