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Civil War to Civil Rights Trading Cards

Springfield, IL: Trading cards have been popular with kids for generations, from images of sports figures to movie stars. Visitors to Lincoln Home National Historic Site can now earn the below six trading cards while learning about the role each listed person, place, and event played in the Civil War.

Jameson Jenkins-Find out the role Lincoln's neighbor, Jameson Jenkins, played in the Civil War as a free black, successful business man, and Underground Railroad conductor.

Reverend Francis Springer-Discover how Lincoln's neighbor, Reverend Springer, helped provide relief to thousands of war refugees, including former slaves and orphans.

Mary Lincoln-Learn about Mary Lincoln's role in supporting the charity "The Contraband Relief Association" in Washington D.C.

Emily Helm-Explore how the Civil War divided families, in this case Mary Lincoln and her sister Emily Helm.

U.S. Presidential Election Campaign Buttons-Learn about the issues and the 4 candidates who ran for the 1860 U.S. Presidency.

Old State Capitol-Discover how Abraham Lincoln honed his political skills at the Illinois capitol building during his rise to the U.S. Presidency.

Visitors can earn the six Lincoln Home Civil War trading cards by picking up a trading card activity sheet at the park's Visitor Center information desk. To complete the activity sheet, visitors will read exhibit text at 4 park locations and answer a question associated with each trading card topic. Visitors will then provide their answers to a

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park ranger who will not only reward them with the park's trading cards, but will also tell them a Civil War story about the person, place, or event pictured on each trading card. The Old State Capitol trading card can also be earned at the Old State Capitol State Historic Site.

The Lincoln Home trading cards are part of a series of 550 cards that are available at participating national parks throughout the United States. “The trading cards are vehicles for telling some ‘lesser-known’ stories – including the stories of civilians, women, African-Americans and American Indians,” said Superintendent Dale Phillips. Collectively, the cards describe the struggles we have endured as a nation to strive for freedom and equality. The trading cards are a great way to engage kids with our history as a nation, both here at Lincoln Home and throughout the United States. According to Superintendent Dale Phillips, the cards also provide an incentive to families with children to visit all parks which offer Civil War trading cards. This nationwide Civil War trading card program was launched to commemorate the Civil War Sesquicentennial and the 50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Movement. This program is one of many that provide opportunities for us to reflect upon our past, celebrate the strides we have made and look forward with commitment to achieve a more perfect union.

The Lincoln Home Visitor Center, located at 426 S. 7th Street in downtown Springfield, IL and is open every day, except Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The Old State Capitol, located in downtown Springfield at 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, is open 7 days per week from now until Labor Day. For more information about these Civil War trading cards please contact Lincoln Home at 217-391-3221 or the Old State Capitol at 217-785-7960.

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