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Abraham Lincoln: Beyond the Penny

"The common, homely face of 'Honest Abe' will look good on the penny, the coin of the common folk from whom he came and to whom he belongs." --Carl Sandburg

You carry his image around in your pocket but have you ever really seen the man behind the money? On September 1, 2009, the Tennessee State Library and Archives invites you to an exhibit that honors Abraham Lincoln in the Bicentennial of his birth. In 1854, Abraham Lincoln stated:

Stand with anybody that stands RIGHT. Stand with him while he is right and PART with him when he goes wrong.

So come celebrate with us as we explore the many faces of the man who stood for right.

This exhibit showcases portraits of Abraham Lincoln. It also discusses the continued use of the penny to commemorate his anniversaries (centennial, sesquicentennial and bicentennial). If you have ever wondered what "Honest Abe" looks like without his beard, this exhibit is for you.

This exhibit will run through October 29, 2009. The Tennessee State Library and Archives is located downtown at 403 7th Avenue North, across from the State Capitol. The exhibit is free and open to the public. The Tennessee State Library and Archives is open Monday through Saturday from 8:00am - 6:00pm CST, excluding state and federal holidays. Limited street parking is available for visitors near the archives building.

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