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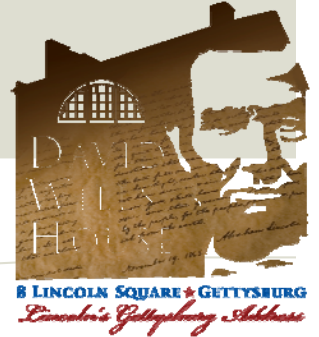
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A NEWSLETTER CELEBRATING THE DAVID WILLS HOUSE
AND THE ENDURING SPIRIT OF GETTYSBURG.

"What a magnificent dedication to an amazing and honored President of our Country. We were so pleased to see what has been done to this great monument to Gettysburg.— Hershey, PA

Welcome!

Welcome to the inaugural issue of "Legacy" a newsletter celebrating the David Wills House. In trying to reach a name fitting for such a moving museum we arrived upon the word "Legacy." This museum seems to embody the word. Obviously the museum relates the legacy of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, but it also relates the legacy of the town of Gettysburg, its importance to the unity of America as well as the enduring spirit of the town's citizens. This museum is also a dedication to the enduring legacy of the National Park Service to preserve our nation's American heritage. It is also a legacy to all of you who have helped to make this museum a reality.

The museum itself opened to record crowds, over 5,000 people in 5 days. A testament to the hard work and anticipation of this project.

I feel honored to have the privilege of managing such an exciting and meaningful museum. I have seen how museums can change perspectives, outlooks and even lives. It is truly an incredible experience to work in an institution that embodies such a true legacy to our American story.

-Jennifer A. Roth
Museum Manager



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Grand Opening!

The Museum opened on February 12, 2009, Lincoln's 200th Birthday. Many dignitaries celebrated the day and helped to cut the ribbon opening this new institution in Gettysburg. The museum was open free to the public Thursday the 12th through Monday February 16th. Just over 5000 visitors enjoyed touring this beautiful museum. Lines wrapped around the building and people braved the cold, and by all accounts, the museum was well worth the wait.



On February 11, 2009 donors, sponsors, volunteers and friends to the David Wills House were able to come together to celebrate the completion of this magnificent project. Over 250 individuals came together at the Gettysburg Hotel for an evening of music, food and many thanks for a job well done. Special preview tours of the house allowed a first look at the long labored project.

Celebrating & Rekindling “A Few Appropriate Remarks”

A special Thank you was held on February 11th for those who truly made the museum a reality.

Much of the special evening was due to the generous donations of many sponsors including our top

David Wills

Sponsors, Country Inn & Suites by Carlson and The Gettysburg Hotel .

Musical Entertainment was provided by Evergreen Shade. A beautiful art display highlighted the creativity of local students. Several speakers thanked those in attendance for their continued generosity and their dedication to

preserving this historical gem in Gettysburg.

This is a must see in Gettysburg.

-BOSTON, MA

Of the guests in attendance several descendants of the Wills family were able to join in the celebration of the museum and see the various objects from their private family collections on display for the first time.

A very special thanks to all who helped to make this evening and all the opening events a true success. –Thank You!

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