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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – Illinois Wesleyan will host a Civil War Era encampment on the lawn of The Ames Library as part of Bloomington's third annual Lincoln Festival on Saturday, July 16 and Sunday, July 17. The festival celebrates the role of the Twin Cities in Abraham Lincoln's path to the White House.

The 10th Illinois Volunteer Cavalry Regiment will reenact Civil War Era military and civilian life on Illinois Wesleyan's campus, including scheduled demonstrations such as saber tactics, bugle calls, horses and tack, and a nurse's perspective on the era's "Creepy Crawly Things in Medicine."

Also during the festival, an original play by two Illinois Wesleyan faculty members, "The Affray: Lincoln's Last Murder Case," will be performed in three sold-out shows at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and at 1 p.m. Sunday at the [McLean County Museum of History](#) (200 N. Main St., Bloomington).

Written by R. Forrest Colwell Professor of American Literature Robert Bray and Emeritus Professor of Theatre Arts Jared Brown, the play is based on Lincoln's successful defense of Peachy Quinn Harrison of Springfield just months before Lincoln accepted the Republican nomination for president.

[See a complete schedule of the Festival](#), including the reenactment demonstrations, or learn more about the [10th Illinois Volunteer Cavalry Regiment](#).

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