

BICENTENNIAL MINUTES (JANUARY)

JANUARY 3RD. ALTHOUGH ILLINOIS WAS A NORTHERN, FREE STATE, SEGREGATION WAS NONETHELESS COMMON... AND MANY BARRIERS EXISTED FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS. BUT ON JANUARY 3, 1877, ONE OF THOSE BARRIERS WAS FOREVER SHATTERED, WHEN JOHN W.E. THOMAS BECAME THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN TO SERVE IN THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE CHICAGO REPUBLICAN FACED ANIMOSITY EVEN FROM FELLOW LAWMAKERS, BUT IN HIS TIME IN SPRINGFIELD, HE AUTHORED THE STATE'S FIRST LAW PROHIBITING RACIAL DISCRIMINATION IN PUBLIC ACCOMODATIONS.

JANUARY 4TH. ON THIS DATE IN 1896, EVERETT MCKINLEY DIRKSEN WAS BORN IN PEKIN. THE SON OF GERMAN IMMIGRANTS, HE STARTED HIS POLITICAL CAREER ON THE PEKIN CITY COUNCIL BEFORE BEING ELECTED TO CONGRESS IN 1932. IN 1950, HE WAS ELECTED TO THE SENATE, WHERE HE DEVELOPED A REPUTATION AS ONE OF THE GREAT ORATORS ON CAPITOL HILL... AND A RECORDING OF HIM RECITING THE POEM "GALLANT MEN" BECAME A TOP 30 HIT. THE CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN PASSING MAJOR CIVIL RIGHTS BILLS IN THE 1960S.

JANUARY 5TH. ILLINOIS IS NO STRANGER TO COLD WEATHER. BUT IT'S NEVER BEEN COLDER HERE THAN IT WAS ON JANUARY 5TH, 1999, IN THE TOWN OF CONGERVILLE, IN WOODFORD COUNTY. THAT'S WHEN TEMPERATURES PLUNGED TO 36 BELOW ZERO, THE COLDEST TEMPERATURE EVER OFFICIALLY RECORDED ANYWHERE IN THE STATE. SOME SOURCES POINT TO A READING OF 37-BELOW IN ROCHELLE IN 2009, BUT THERE ARE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ACCURACY OF THAT MEASUREMENT. SO CONGERVILLE CLINGS TO ITS FRIGID RECORD.

JANUARY 6TH. ONE OF THE GREAT AMERICAN POETS OF ALL TIME WAS BORN IN GALESBURG, ILLINOIS, ON JANUARY 6TH, 1878. CARL SANDBURG DROPPED OUT OF SCHOOL AT AGE 13 AND WORKED AS A LABORER FOR YEARS BEFORE BEGINNING HIS WRITING CAREER AS A JOURNALIST. HE WAS A RENOWNED LINCOLN BIOGRAPHER, AND AS A POET, HE CRAFTED SOME OF THE MOST MEMORABLE DESCRIPTIONS OF CHICAGO EVER PUT TO PAPER. IN 1959, ON THE SESQUICENTENNIAL OF LINCOLN'S BIRTH, SANDBURG ADDRESSED A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS... THE ONLY POET EVER TO DO SO.

JANUARY 7TH. DON'T LET THE NAME FOOL YOU. THE WORLD'S BEST-KNOWN BASKETBALL TEAM, THE HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS, WAS NOT FOUNDED IN THE FAMOUS HARLEM NEIGHBORHOOD OF NEW YORK. THEY WERE A

CHICAGO CREATION, FOUNDED IN 1926 AS THE SAVOY BIG FIVE. ON JANUARY 7TH, 1927, NEW OWNER ABE SAPERSTEIN UNVEILED THE RENAMED TEAM, LINKING IT TO HARLEM TO ATTRACT ATTENTION TO ITS STATUS AS AN ALL-BLACK TEAM IN AN ERA WHERE ONLY WHITES WERE ALLOWED TO PLAY PRO BALL. THE JOKES AND TRICKS WOULD COME LATER, BUT FROM THE START, THE GLOBETROTTERS WERE A SENSATION.

JANUARY 8TH. GWENDOLYN BROOKS RECEIVED MANY HONORS IN HER LIFETIME, BUT ONE OF THE MOST ENDURING CAME ON JANUARY 8TH, 1968, WHEN SHE WAS NAMED POET LAUREATE OF ILLINOIS. GWENDOLYN BROOKS HAD HER FIRST POEM PUBLISHED AT AGE 13. IN 1950, SHE BECAME THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN TO WIN A PULITZER PRIZE, FOR HER POETRY COLLECTION "ANNIE ALLEN," ABOUT THE LIFE OF A YOUNG GIRL IN CHICAGO. HER 1968 APPOINTMENT AS THE STATE'S POET LAUREATE WAS A LIFETIME HONOR, AND SHE HELD THE POST UNTIL SHE DIED IN THE YEAR 2000.

JANUARY 9TH. THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION WAS AN EARLY 19TH-CENTURY MISSION TO EXPLORE AND MAP THE WESTERN PART OF THE AMERICAN CONTINENT. BUT EVEN BEFORE IT BEGAN, THE EXPEDITION WAGS EXPLORING HERE IN ILLINOIS. JANUARY 9TH, 1804, WILLIAM CLARK'S DIARY DESCRIBES AN INDIAN FORTIFICATION... NINE MOUNDS FORMING A CIRCLE. IT WAS THE REMNANTS OF A CENTURIES-OLD NATIVE AMERICAN CITY, PART OF WHAT WE KNOW TODAY AS THE CAHOKIA MOUNDS STATE HISTORIC SITE. AND IT WAS JUST ONE OF THE WONDERS THE EXPEDITION WOULD ENCOUNTER.

JANUARY 10TH. ALTHOUGH HE SERVED ONLY ONE TERM AS GOVERNOR, STARTING ON JANUARY 10TH, 1949, ADLAI STEVENSON THE SECOND WOULD HAVE A LASTING IMPACT ON ILLINOIS... AND BEYOND. DURING HIS SINGLE TERM, HE WORKED TO CLEAN UP THE STATE'S RAMPANT CORRUPTION AND BOOST ITS INFRASTRUCTURE. BUT RATHER THAN RUN FOR RE-ELECTION IN 1952, HE RAN FOR PRESIDENT, LOSING TO DWIGHT EISENHOWER. STEVENSON RAN AGAIN IN 1956... AND SUFFERED THE SAME FATE. HE WAS LATER NAMED UN AMBASSADOR, HOLDING THAT POST UNTIL HIS DEATH IN 1965.

JANUARY 11TH. IN THE 19TH CENTURY ACROSS AMERICA, A PERSON SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS WAS MORE LIKELY TO BE SHUNNED THAN HELPED. ADVOCATES LIKE DOROTHEA DIX WORKED TO CHANGE THAT. SHE TRAVELED THE COUNTRY, URGING STATES TO CREATE FACILITIES TO TREAT AND CARE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL. THAT QUEST BROUGHT HER TO SPRINGFIELD IN 1846... WHERE SHE FELL ILL. AFTER SPENDING WEEKS

RECUPERATING, SHE SUBMITTED HER REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON JANUARY 11TH, 1847. THE WORK OF DOROTHEA DIX LED ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS TO CREATE THE STATE'S FIRST MENTAL HOSPITAL, WHICH OPENED IN JACKSONVILLE IN 1851.

JANUARY 12TH. ILLINOIS HAS HAD ITS SHARE OF UNIQUE AND COLORFUL GOVERNORS... AND WILLIAM BISSELL WAS ONE OF THEM. HE WAS SWORN IN JANUARY 12TH, 1857, THE ONLY ILLINOIS GOVERNOR TO TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE IN THE EXECUTIVE MANSION. AND THAT'S WHERE HE WOULD CONDUCT MOST STATE BUSINESS DURING HIS TIME IN OFFICE. IN FACT, BECAUSE OF ILLNESS, WILLIAM BISSELL NEVER SET FOOT IN THE CAPITOL DURING HIS TENURE. HE SERVED JUST OVER THREE YEARS, AND WAS THE FIRST ILLINOIS GOVERNOR TO DIE IN OFFICE.

JANUARY 13TH. ILLINOIS IS NOT EXACTLY THOUGHT OF AS THE WILD WEST. BUT ONE OF ITS MOST LEGENDARY FIGURES WAS BORN HERE. WYATT EARP WAS A PRODUCT OF MONMOUTH, ILLINOIS, AND LIVED IN THE MIDWEST UNTIL HIS TEENAGE YEARS, WHEN HIS FAMILY HEADED WEST. AT FIRST, WYATT EARP WAS HIMSELF AN OUTLAW... BUT LATER BECAME A RENOWNED LAWMAN OF THE OLD WEST, CULMINATING IN THE SHOOTOUT AT THE OK CORRAL. FOR ALL THE DANGER, WYATT EARP LIVED TO THE RIPE OLD AGE OF 80, AND DIED JANUARY 13TH, 1929.

JANUARY 14TH. EVERY TIME YOU BITE INTO A HAMBURGER, OR ANY FAST FOOD, YOU OWE A DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO ILLINOISAN RAY KROC. THE OAK PARK NATIVE TOOK A SMALL WEST COAST HAMBURGER CHAIN CALLED MCDONALD'S AND MADE IT INTO THE MOST SUCCESSFUL AND RECOGNIZABLE RESTAURANT BRAND IN THE WORLD. GUIDED BY KROC'S VISION, THE ILLINOIS-BASED MCDONALD'S CORPORATION HAS FRANCHISES IN 120 COUNTRIES AND SERVES 68 MILLION CUSTOMERS EVERY DAY. RAY KROC DIED ON THIS DATE, JANUARY 14TH, 1984.

JANUARY 15TH. THE RICH HISTORY OF ILLINOIS GOES BACK MORE THAN JUST OUR 200 YEARS AS A STATE. LONG BEFORE THAT, ILLINOIS WAS FRENCH TERRITORY. AND THE FIRST FRENCH FORT IN THE STATE WAS ESTABLISHED IN JANUARY 15TH, 1680, BY EXPLORER ROBERT DE LA SALLE. FORT CREVE COEUR (pronunciation?) WAS ESTABLISHED ON THE BANKS OF THE ILLINOIS RIVER... AND WAS THE FORERUNNER OF MODERN-DAY PEORIA. AND LASALLE HIMSELF LIVES ON IN BOTH THE ILLINOIS CITY AND COUNTY THAT BEAR HIS NAME.

JANUARY 16TH. 42 MEN HAVE SERVED AS GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS, BUT NONE HAS DONE IT AS MANY DIFFERENT TIMES AS RICHARD OGLESBY. HE WAS FIRST SWORN IN ON JANUARY 16TH, 1865. AFTER ONE TERM, HE LEFT TO PRACTICE LAW. BUT FOUR YEARS LATER, HE RAN AGAIN AND WON... ONLY TO RESIGN THE OFFICE JUST AFTER BEING SWORN IN, IN EXCHANGE FOR THE NEW GOVERNOR APPOINTING HIM TO THE U.S. SENATE. AFTER ONE TERM IN THE SENATE, OGLESBY RAN AGAIN FOR GOVERNOR, AND WON A THIRD TIME IN 1884. HE IS BURIED IN ELKHART, ILLINOIS.

JANUARY 17TH: ILLINOIS HAS BEEN HOME TO SOME NOTABLE CARTOONISTS OVER THE YEARS, BUT PERHAPS NONE AS ENDURING AS ELZIE SEGAR. THE NATIVE OF CHESTER, ILLINOIS TOOK A CORRESPONDENCE COURSE IN CARTOONING, AND THEN STARTED HIS FIRST COMIC STRIP IN 1916. IN 1919, HE INTRODUCED THE STRIP THIMBLE THEATRE... BUT IT WAS JANUARY 17TH, 1929, WHEN A NEW CHARACTER SHOWED UP... A SAILOR MAN NAMED POPEYE. POPEYE SOON BECAME THE STAR, AND ELZIE SEGAR'S CREATION LIVES ON IN CARTOONS, COMIC BOOKS, MOVIES AND GAMES.

JANUARY 18TH: ALTHOUGH HE WAS BORN IN PENNSYLVANIA ON THIS DATE, JANUARY 18TH, 1856, PIONEERING PHYSICIAN DANIEL HALE WILLIAMS MADE HIS MOST LASTING CONTRIBUTIONS TO MEDICINE AND SOCIETY WHILE PRACTICING IN CHICAGO. AT A TIME WHEN FEW AFRICAN-AMERICANS WERE ALLOWED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE OR EVEN RECEIVE TREATMENT IN MOST HOSPITALS, WILLIAMS BECAME A SURGEON, AND OPENED PROVIDENT, THE FIRST NON-SEGREGATED HOSPITAL IN THE U.S. AT PROVIDENT, DANIEL HALE WILLIAMS BECAME ONE OF THE FIRST DOCTORS TO PERFORM OPEN-HEART SURGERY, IN 1893.

JANUARY 19TH: GREAT NEWSPAPERS ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE ILLINOIS TRADITION. ONE SUCH GREAT NEWSPAPER FIRST APPEARED ON JANUARY 19TH, 1841. THE "PRAIRIE FARMER" IS A WEEKLY NEWSMAGAZINE, ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE ILLINOIS FARMERS WITH UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION YEAR-ROUND ON THE MOST EFFECTIVE GROWING TECHNIQUES. IT IS STILL PUBLISHED TO THIS DAY, MAKING IT THE OLDEST CONTINUOUSLY-PUBLISHED MAGAZINE IN AMERICA. AND ITS PARENT COMPANY PUTS ON THE FARM PROGRESS SHOW EVERY OTHER YEAR IN ILLINOIS.

JANUARY 20TH: SINCE 1937, THIS DATE IS ESTABLISHED AS PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION DAY. AND SINCE THEN, TWO SWEARING-IN CEREMONIES HAVE PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE IN ILLINOIS HISTORY. ON JANUARY 20TH, 1981, ILLINOIS NATIVE RONALD REAGAN... BORN IN TAMPICO AND RAISED IN

DIXON... BECAME THE 40TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. 28 YEARS LATER, ON JANUARY 20TH, 2009, A HAWAII NATIVE WHO LAUNCHED HIS POLITICAL CAREER IN ILLINOIS ASCENDED TO THE HIGHEST OFFICE IN LAND, AS BARACK OBAMA WAS SWORN IN AS THE 44TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. BOTH SONS OF ILLINOIS WOULD SERVE TWO TERMS IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

JANUARY 21ST: ILLINOIS IS HOME TO MANY FAMOUS AND HEROIC PEOPLE, AND ON JANUARY 21ST, 1972, ONE ILLINOIS CITY DECLARED ITSELF THE HOME OF SUPERMAN. METROPOLIS ALREADY SAT ON THE BANKS OF THE OHIO RIVER WHEN THE CHARACTER OF SUPERMAN AND HIS HOME BASE OF A FICTIONAL METROPOLIS WERE INTRODUCED. BUT WITH THE HELP OF DC COMICS, THE REAL METROPOLIS ADOPTED THAT DESIGNATION FOR ITS OWN. A PLANNED SUPERMAN THEME PARK FIZZLED. BUT TODAY THERE IS A SUPERMAN MUSEUM, A 15-FOOT BRONZE STATUE AND OTHER MEMORABILIA FOR FANS OF THE MAN OF STEEL.

JANUARY 22ND: ILLINOISANS ARE PIONEERS AND GROUNDBREAKERS. HERE'S ONE MORE EXAMPLE, BORN JANUARY 22ND, 1906. WILLA BROWN GREW UP TO BECOME A TEACHER, AND THEN A SOCIAL WORKER IN CHICAGO. BUT SHE KEPT REACHING FOR GREATER HEIGHTS. SHE WANTED TO FLY, AND IN 1938, WILLA BROWN BECAME THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN WOMAN TO OBTAIN A PRIVATE PILOT'S LICENSE IN THE U.S. SHE CONTINUED TO FIGHT FOR INTEGRATION OF CIVILIAN AND MILITARY PILOTS, SERVED AS A LIEUTENANT IN THE CIVIL AIR PATROL, AND IN 1946 BECAME THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO RUN FOR CONGRESS.

JANUARY 23RD: ILLINOIS'S RICH TRADITIONS IN COMMERCE, MANUFACTURING, SPORTS, THE ARTS AND MORE COULD HAVE BEEN MUCH DIFFERENT IF IT WEREN'T FOR NATHANIEL POPE. AS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATE FOR THE ILLINOIS TERRITORY, POPE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN ILLINOIS'S BID FOR STATEHOOD, AND IN SETTING THE NEW STATE'S BOUNDARIES. AND ON JANUARY 23RD, 1818, THROUGH POPE'S WORK, THE BOUNDARY WAS MOVED FROM THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF LAKE MICHIGAN TO A NEW SPOT 40 MILES NORTH... INCLUDING MODERN-DAY CHICAGO AND ROCKFORD.

JANUARY 24TH: THROUGH DECADES OF FRUSTRATION FOR LONG-SUFFERING CHICAGO CUB FANS, SOMETIMES THE ONLY SAVING GRACE OF A LONG, LOSING SEASON WAS THE VOICE OF JOHN BEASLEY "JACK" BRICKHOUSE, BORN JANUARY 24TH, 1916. HE FIRST WENT ON THE AIR IN HIS HOMETOWN OF PEORIA, BUT SOON BECAME A CUBS AND WHITE SOX ANNOUNCER. WHILE HE CALLED BOTH TEAMS FOR YEARS, HE'S MOST CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH THE

CUBS... AND HIS CALL OF "HEY! HEY!" FOR A CUBS HOME RUN REMAINS PART OF TEAM LORE.

JANUARY 25TH: NOT ALL FAMOUS ILLINOISANS ARE MEN OF CHARACTER AND HONOR. ONE NOTORIOUS FIGURE IN ILLINOIS HISTORY DIED ON THIS DATE, JANUARY 25TH, 1947. BUT BEFORE THAT, AL CAPONE... A/K/A SCARFACE... WAS THE SYMBOL OF ORGANIZED CRIME IN ILLINOIS AND THE NATION. AS A CO-FOUNDER AND BOSS OF THE CHICAGO OUTFIT. HE WAS A BOOTLEGGER AND IS WIDELY BELIEVED TO HAVE ORDERED THE ST. VALENTINE'S DAY MASSACRE. BUT HIS BRIBES RIGGED THE SYSTEM IN HIS FAVOR... AND THE FEDS ULTIMATELY USED TAX LAWS TO FINALLY PUT HIM BEHIND BARS. AL CAPONE IS BURIED IN MT. CARMEL CEMETERY IN HILLSIDE, ILLINOIS.

JANUARY 26TH: IN THE ANNALS OF ILLINOIS SPORTS HISTORY, FEW TEAMS HAVE BEEN AS DOMINANT WIRE TO WIRE AS THE 1985 CHICAGO BEARS. FROM THE PUNKY QUARTERBACK JIM MCMAHON TO THE LEGENDARY RUNNING BACK WALTER PAYTON TO THE LOVABLE GIANT WILLIAM "REFRIGERATOR" PERRY, THE BEARS HAD ATTITUDE TO MATCH THEIR TALENT. THE '85 BEARS FINISHED THE REGULAR SEASON 15-AND-ONE... AND HELD THE GIANTS AND RAMS SCORELESS IN THE NFC PLAYOFFS. AND ON JANUARY 26TH, 1986, THE BEARS CRUSHED THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS 46-10 FOR THE TEAM'S ONLY SUPER BOWL TITLE.

JANUARY 27TH: NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE IN ILLINOIS, YOU'RE LIKELY TO SEE SNOW AT SOME POINT OVER THE WINTER. BUT CHICAGO HAS NEVER SEEN AS MUCH SNOW ALL AT ONCE AS IT DID OVER A 29-HOUR PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 27TH, 1967. WHEN IT WAS DONE, 23 INCHES OF SNOW HAD FALLEN, PARALYZING THE CITY. THE RECORD SNOWFALL HAD NOT BEEN PREDICTED, AND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CARS AND BUSES BECAME STUCK. AN ESTIMATED 26 DEATHS WERE LINKED TO THE BLIZZARD, AND IT TOOK THREE WEEKS TO PLOW ALL OF CHICAGO'S STREETS.

JANUARY 28TH: IN 1850, A GROUP OF BUSINESSMEN, LAWYERS AND METHODIST LEADERS MET TO PLAN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PRIVATE UNIVERSITY TO SERVE THE NATION'S UPPER MIDWEST, THE REGION THAT HAD AT ONE TIME BEEN KNOWN AS THE NORTHWEST TERRITORY. AND THAT'S WHY IT WAS GIVEN THE NAME NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY WHEN IT BECAME THE FIRST CHARTERED UNIVERSITY IN ILLINOIS ON JANUARY 28TH, 1851. THE PRIVATE RESEARCH UNIVERSITY BASED IN EVANSTON IS PART OF THE BIG TEN, AND IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THE MOST ELITE ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE NATION.

JANUARY 29TH: IN AN ERA WHERE MORMONS... OPERATING FROM THEIR BASE IN THE ILLINOIS CITY OF NAUVOO... WERE SUBJECTED TO PREJUDICE AND ABUSE, CHURCH LEADERS DECIDED THE ANSWER WAS TO RUN ONE OF THEIR OWN FOR PRESIDENT. AND ON JANUARY 29TH, 1844, THEY AGREED THAT MORMON CHURCH FOUNDER JOSEPH SMITH WOULD BE AN INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE. SMITH'S PLATFORM INCLUDED AN END TO SLAVERY AND THE ABOLITION OF MOST PRISONS. BUT SMITH'S EFFORTS TO SILENCE CRITICS LANDED HIM IN JAIL, AND IN JUNE OF 1844 HE WAS KILLED BY AN ANGRY MOB, ENDING HIS CAMPAIGN, BUT NOT HIS CHURCH.

JANUARY 30TH: WEATHER EXTREMES ARE A RECURRING THEME IN THE STORY OF ILLINOIS. AND IN 1837, ONE OF THOSE EXTREMES, A GREAT FLOOD, FORCED THE RELOCATION OF AN ENTIRE VILLAGE. SHAWNEETOWN HAD BEEN CHARTERED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO SERVE AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER FOR THE NORTHWEST TERRITORY. AND IT WAS THE SITE OF ILLINOIS'S FIRST CHARTERED BANK. BUT HEAVY RAIN AND MELTING SNOW SENT THE OHIO RIVER SWELLING OUT OF ITS BANKS, CRESTING ON JANUARY 30TH, 1837 WITH SHAWNEETOWN UNDERWATER. HUNDREDS OF RESIDENTS MOVED SEVERAL MILES INLAND TO FORM A NEW SHAWNEETOWN.

JANUARY 31ST: ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S ORIGINS FROM HIS BIRTH IN KENTUCKY TO HIS MOVE TO ILLINOIS ARE WELL-KNOWN. BUT LINCOLN'S FATHER AND STEPMOTHER ALSO MOVED TO ILLINOIS, AND LIVED OUT THEIR YEARS IN A LOG CABIN AND FARM NEAR CHARLESTON. WHILE LINCOLN NEVER LIVED THERE HIMSELF, HE VISITED OCCASIONALLY. AND AFTER HIS FATHER'S DEATH, LINCOLN OWNED AND MAINTAINED THE FARM FOR HIS STEPMOTHER, SARAH BUSH LINCOLN. SHE ALWAYS BELIEVED IN ABE, AND WHEN HE VISITED HER THERE FOR THE LAST TIME, ON JANUARY 31ST, 1861, IT WAS AS PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE UNITED STATES.