

Saturday, May 7
San Juan Church, Old Lincoln Town
New Mexico Statehood Sessions and Teachers' Workshop

9:00 - 10:15 The Road to Statehood. Richard Melzer will present the story of New Mexico's struggles to attain statehood and how statehood changed the new state. Study materials, including timelines/chronologies, sourcebooks of statehood-related historic documents and papers, including the book, *Sunshine & Shadows in New Mexico's Past, the Territorial Period*, will be made available to teachers and discussed. There will also be a presentation by HSNM Board members John Ramsay and Kermit Hill on the use of historic maps in teaching New Mexico history.

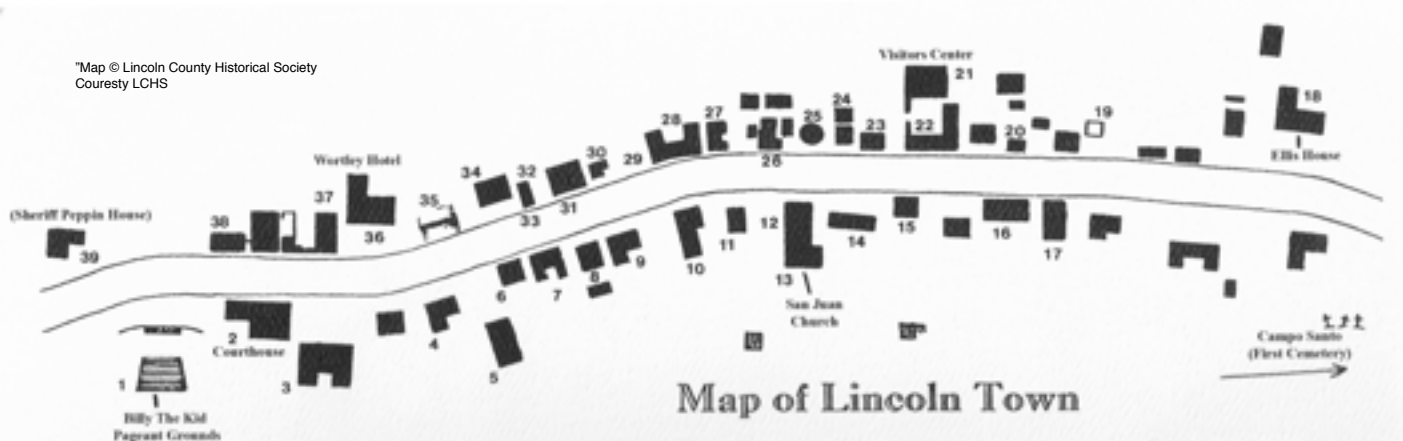
10:30 - 11:45 Celebrating Statehood in the Classroom. Professor Jon Hunner and students from the New Mexico State University Time Travels program will do Chautauqua-type presentations related to 1912 and New Mexico statehood.

11:45 - 1:00 Lunch Break (box lunch available for pickup at the Wortley Hotel, \$11, preregistration required)

1:00 - 1:45 Historic Old Lincoln Town and its Architecture. Kermit Hill and representatives of the Lincoln County Historical Society will lead a tour emphasizing how local history, structures and architecture can be used in teaching territorial and statehood history.

2:00 - 3:30 Teaching Statehood History. Janet Saiers, President of the Albuquerque Historical Society, and Professor Rebecca Sanchez of UNM, supported by educators from Lincoln County, will present, in a workshop setting, teachers' guides and curricula for teaching statehood history.

The first two sessions are open to the public including conference attendees. The tour and last session are for teachers participating in the workshop, although there will be other tours for conference attendees. Financial support has been provided by a grant from the New Mexico Humanities Council and also by funding from Centennial Club donors to the Historical Society of New Mexico.



Lincoln is certainly one of the best preserved towns of the "Old West." *Las Placitas del Rio Bonito* (referring to several small plazas, or communities, along the Rio Bonito) were originally settled by Hispanic farmers in the 1850s, with *La Placita*, now Lincoln, being the largest. Anglos began moving in early on. The Ellis House (#18, privately owned and now operated as the Ellis Store B & B) contains two rooms dating from before 1861, the oldest surviving structure in Lincoln. The Wortley Hotel (#36, privately owned but open to the public) was originally built starting in 1874 but was destroyed by fire in 1936; the current Hotel was built on the original foundations in 1960. John Tunstall, the young Englishman murdered in 1878 at the outset of the Lincoln County War, built his store in 1877 to compete with L. G. Murphy and Company. The Tunstall store (#28), now part of Lincoln State Monument, which includes a total of 17 structures in the town, has a fascinating and extensive collection of 19th century commercial items, once for sale in the store. The San Juan Church (#13), also part of the State Monument, was built in 1885-1887 using adobes made on site.

The population of Lincoln peaked in 1900, and after that few new structures were built. As seen today, Lincoln Town is primarily an authentic 1880s village, with the State Monument and its remaining residents dedicated to keeping it that way. To learn more, start your tour at the Anderson-Freeman Visitors Center (#21) in the heart of Lincoln. Six of the Monuments' museums will be open for visitors (admission fees waived for conference attendees with badges, donations suggested), and a walking tour map will be provided to all conference attendees at Registration.