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Ripon’s Little White Schoolhouse to feature traveling exhibit on Emancipation during July

The Birthplace of the Republican Party National Historic Site is hosting a traveling exhibit from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History July 1 through July 26 2017. This exhibition examines the story of emancipation from 1850 to 1964, focusing on how, due to the persistence of African Americans, abolitionists, and politicians, the Civil War became an “abolition war”; how the Emancipation Proclamation of January 1863 and the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments transformed the Constitution of the United States; and how we continue to debate the legacies of slavery and emancipation and reach for the goal of equality. Jason Mansmith Executive Director of the Ripon Chamber of Commerce said “we are tremendously excited to bring our first traveling exhibit to the schoolhouse. The cornerstone and creation of a political party was placed by common folks who felt that every man should be treated equal. The exhibit will provide a great bit of information surrounding a pivotal time in American civil rights history.” Guests will be able to view the traveling exhibit with their admission to the schoolhouse. The Birthplace of the Republican Party National Historic Site is open daily Memorial Day through Labor Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information please visit www.ripon1854.com Ripon’s Birthplace of the Republican Party National Historic Site and Little White Schoolhouse Inc. is a nonpartisan 501c3 organization.

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