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## The Parentage and Personality of Abraham Lincoln



The family of Dr. Hanks are cousins to Abraham Lincoln through his mother Nancy Hanks Lincoln. He will share stories of President Lincoln's involvement with his family and delve into the traits that formed Lincoln's personality including his religious beliefs.

Dr. Hanks was born in Beardstown, Illinois where Lincoln was a frequent visitor. The courtroom, where Hanks' father sat as a judge, was the site of perhaps Lincoln's most famous case, the Duff Armstrong murder trial. Hanks was an archivist, curator and writer for the Lincoln Shrine museum of Redlands, California for many years and two of his articles were published by the *Lincoln Herald* of Harrogate, Tennessee: "Lincoln and the Politics of Nepotism" and "The Bonds of Affection: Abraham Lincoln's Search for his Ancestry."

Dr. Hanks' varied background includes several years as a practicing journalist for newspapers, radio and TV before receiving his MA in Public History and a PhD in Native American History. He has written or co-written five books. He currently is President of the Stanwood Area Historical Society and a volunteer archivist at the Hibulb Cultural Center on the Tulalip Reservation near Marysville.

**All are invited to join us for this free educational program.**

**Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020**

**Time: 1:00 pm**

**Place: Oak Harbor Lutheran Church**

**1253 NW 2nd Ave. Oak Harbor, WA 98277**

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