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The Newark Public Library, Centennial Hall, 5 Washington Street, Newark, New Jersey Please RSVP by May 27 to NewarkHistorySociety@verizon.net or by calling 973.376.8273. Open to the public. Light refreshments.

Photograph of Abraham Lincoln taken on May 20, 1860 in Springfield, Illinois at the request of Marcus Ward of Newark.

Ward, a direct descendant of the first settlers of Newark and a future governor of New Jersey, was a delegate to the Republican Convention in Chicago that nominated Lincoln for president on May 17, 1860. The Ward family presented their copy of this ambrotype portrait, reproduced here, to The Newark Public Library when their family home was razed for the building of the Newark Museum.

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