

THE "BIGGEST MAN" AT THE DECATUR CONVENTION photographed by Edward A. Barnwell, Decatur, May 9, 1860. Barnwell wanted a portrait of the "biggest [tallest] man" at the Decatur Republican Convention, who, he was told, was a likely nominee. He hunted up Lincoln and was granted a sitting. On May 10, the following day, the delegates endorsed Lincoln.

Lost for many years, this unusual portrait (O-19) was presented by the photographer's daughter, Grace, to the Decatur Public Library in 1947.

For the first time the cord to Lincoln's spectacles is clearly visible in a photograph.