

# **MR. LINCOLN, PLEASE ANSWER MY QUESTION**

## **A SEMINAR ON BOUNDARY SURVEYING**

Presented by

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**SCOPE:** This seminar/workshop will examine an 1859 legal opinion given by Abraham Lincoln, Attorney-surveyor, to his clients, a group of county surveyors. The instructor will the expand the reference law into other areas that trouble the modern retracing surveyor. Ultimately the attendee will gain a new and better appreciation of the necessity of “following the footsteps”, as Lincoln understood the phrase.

### **OUTLINE:**

- I. How did Lincoln become involved with the problem of retracing and locating the center of the section?**
- II. Finding the center of the section, according to Lincoln.**
- III. Whys is t eh center of the section there?**
- IV. The Land Act of 1805. How did it apply then, and now?**
- V. Expanding the Land Act of 1805 into other areas.**
- VI. Finding the quarter corner and the half-mile post.**
- VII. The significance of area in surveying.**
- VIII. How to explain the problems of excess of distance and area in the GLO.**

**This session will be liberally annotated with statute law and case law decisions from several states, and each will be extensively discussed from both the legal as well as the surveying aspects. Audience discussion will be an absolute in this session.**

**42 Duration: 7 hours**

