

A Centennial Remembrance

In the summer of 1908, the city of Springfield, Illinois, Abraham Lincoln's home town, erupted in fury. The spark was race. By the time the passion and the flames subsided, two black men were dead, lynched, not in the South but in the North. One of the men that the mob mutilated and killed was a long-standing member of the community, who was over eighty years old. The destructive rage that was unleashed in Springfield claimed not only life but also property and entire neighborhoods, stunning the nation with its ferocity. In the wake of the Springfield Riot of 1908, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) was founded. The Trotter Institute is inviting papers on any aspect of the Springfield Riot of 1908 and its repercussions.

Deadline: September 1, 2008

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