June 25, 1866

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was June 25, 1866, the day Lincoln Institute was incorporated.

After the Civil War ended in 1865, a new state constitution was approved by Missouri voters. This new guide included language allowing for building schools for what were now former slaves. Among the first institutions to be built as Lincoln Institute in Jefferson City.

It was members of the 62nd and 65th Regiments who donated the nearly $6,400 to help open the school, and officially opened on Sept. 17, 1866.

Lincoln, now known as Lincoln University, was incorporated initially by the Cole County Circuit Court. In 1870, the Missouri General Assembly would then do the same.

Lincoln University continues to operate to this day.

June 25, 1866, the date marking incorporation of Lincoln Institute, on *This Date in Missouri Senate History*.

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