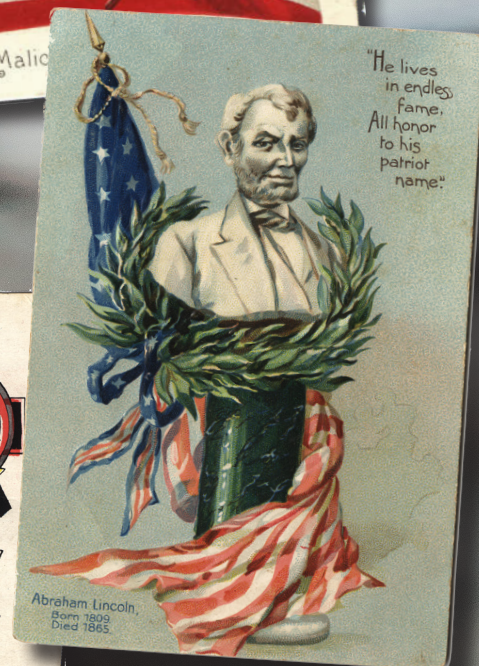
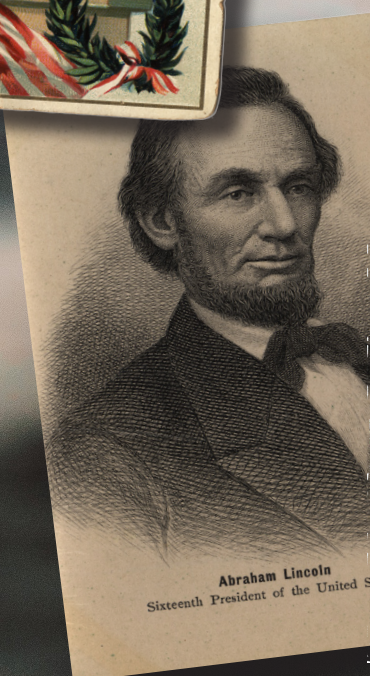
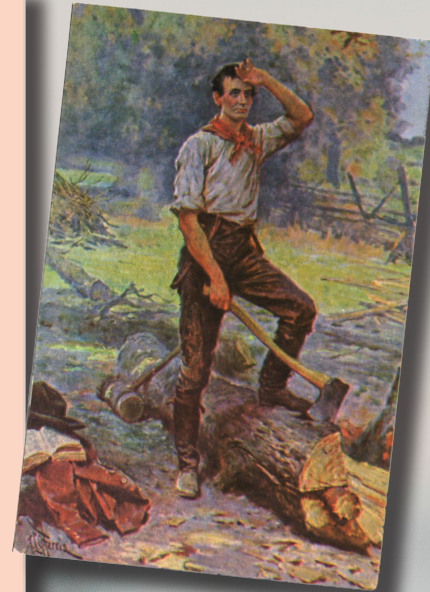


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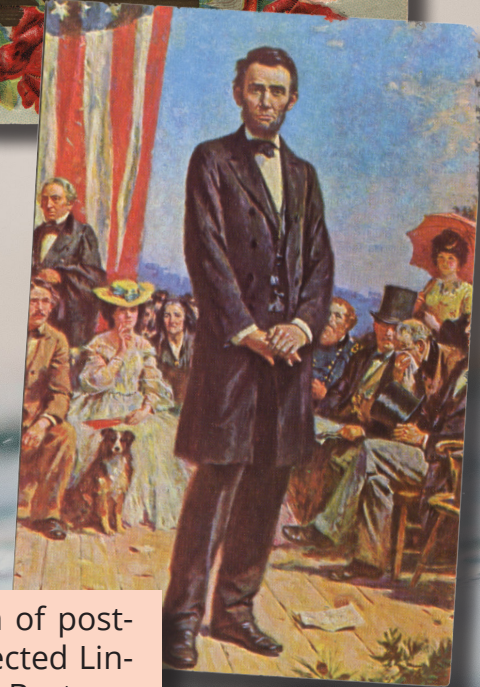
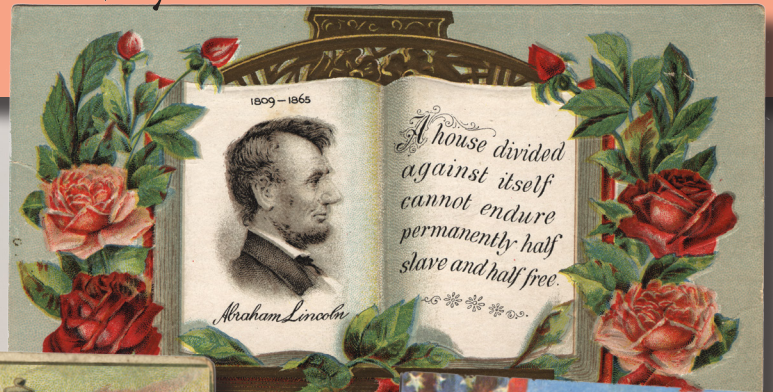
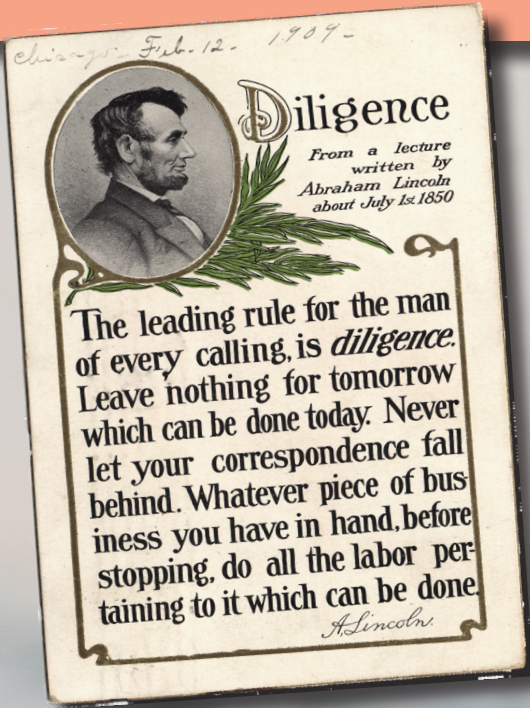
Lincoln in Postcards

A century after Lincoln's birthday marked a time of remembrance. The centennial celebrations came in a variety of forms, including the production of commemorative postcards. These postcards, which continued being designed and printed well after 1909, illustrate the life of Abraham Lincoln through a variety of monumental moments. These postcards also continued to describe Lincoln by his nicknames including "The Rail Splitter," "The Emancipator," and "The Martyred President."

After the centennial celebration printing, the postcard designs began to change stylistically. Quotes started to add more historical relevance. Different snapshots of Lincoln's life were used to imitate current issues. One consistent element is the use of original photographs as a basis for the illustration as well as Lincoln's own signature. Different images and scenes show Lincoln in many facets: the politician, the public speaker, the president, the father, the husband, the railsplitter, and the emancipator.



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The Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection has a large collection of postcards through the donation of Jean Szalkowski Zurow. Zurow collected Lincoln postcards and related ephemera for more than sixty years in Bastrop, Texas. In total, the collection has 556 Lincoln-related postcards, souvenir booklets, pamphlets, and images. Also included in the donation was an admission ticket to the Lincoln Home National Historic Site in Springfield, IL and a transfer car decal showing Lincoln sites. In August of 2013, the collection found a new home at the Allen County Public Library in the Lincoln Collection.

