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## FIELD NOTES — 1949 ITINERARY

The annual speaking itinerary of the editor of *Lincoln Lore* extending over the first three months of each year is so arranged that practically each large city in America is visited at least once every three years. The 1949 schedule was confined, with but two exceptions, to Atlantic coast line states.

The field notes recorded in this issue of *Lincoln Lore* relate primarily to incidents of general interest to the Lincoln fraternity. While the personal contacts recalled will furnish most of the human interest data, lack of space would not permit a listing of all old Lincoln friendships renewed and new Lincoln friends made. Cities which served as headquarters during the itinerary are used as paragraph heads and appear in the chronological order in which they were visited.

Louisville, Kentucky—Grouped with the speaker at Kiwanis Club luncheon were Paul Hughes and Joseph Landau of the Louisville *Courier-Journal* staff, who prepared a feature article of the Foundation for the Feb. 6 issue of the paper's Sunday magazine. . . . Honored at this same luncheon was Otto Rothert, long time secretary of the Filson Club to whom all Lincoln students of the Kentucky Lincolns are indebted.

Charleston, West Va.—Gracious introductions presenting the speaker to the Rotary Club and to a joint meeting of Kiwanis, Lions, and Civitan Clubs, were made by Phil Conley and Roy Bird Cook, respectively.

Miami, Florida—Presented to the Miami Beach Rotary Club and its 168 visiting Rotarians by Dr. James Shelby Thomas, famous author and lecturer, also friend of the Lincoln Foundation. . . . Met at same luncheon Father Finn, successor to the late Father Reilly, who endowed the Monsignor Reilly-Lincoln Lecture delivered annually at Union College in Schenectady, New York.

Jacksonville, Florida—Addressed one of the Dale Carnegie classes supervised by Dr. and Mrs. Stewart W. McClelland.

Charlotte, N. C.—Renewed acquaintance with C. M. Waggoner, formerly of Cleveland, now president of Pfeiffer Junior College. His wife is a granddaughter of David Turnham, Lincoln's old friend in Indiana. . . . Engaged in research work in Charlotte County Court House on Shipley family residing at one time near Catawba River.

Raleigh, N. C.—Guest of honor at a delightful invitation dinner at Duke University arranged by George B. Ehlhardt, librarian of the Divinity School. We have watched his growing interest in Lincoln since his boyhood days in St. Louis. . . . Further researches made at the North Carolina State Library on the Shipley Family.

Norfolk, Va.—Made the acquaintance at Newport News of H. D. Koontz, a descendant of the Shenandoah Valley Lincolns. . . . Addressed Kiwanis Club at Petersburg but disappointed to find no memorial mention of Lincoln's visit to the Grant headquarters which are but poorly marked. . . . Viewed local painter's conception of Lincoln's meeting Grant at Petersburg.

Richmond, Va.—Spent a day in the conveniently arranged State Library records, working on branches of the Hanks family.

Washington, D. C.—Gave the annual address at the Lincoln dinner of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, where the Lincolns attended. . . . Renewed acquaintance with the Interior Department officers at Ford's Theatre Lincoln program and met there several Lincoln students and authors. . . . Attended the annual Lincoln birthday services at the Lincoln Memorial at which time President Truman presented his memorial wreath along with many organization tributes.

Baltimore, Md.—Went down to Annapolis for an address and spent most of the day copying, at the Hall of Records, references to the Shipley Family.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Guest of Walter Hart Blumenthal, who is interested in strange and unusual printings of *Lincolniana*. . . . Met many descendants of Mordecai Lincoln at banquet in Berks County. . . . Visited Birdsboro, Pa., where Abraham Lincoln, grandfather of the President is thought to have been born.

Newark, N. J.—Disappointed in not finding Bjyorkman collection of *Lincolniana* available at Upsala College where a new library building is anticipated.

Hartford, Conn.—Introduced at Kiwanis Club by a well known Lincoln student, James E. Rhodes.

Providence, R. I.—Pleased to find Librarian Henry B. Van Hoesen at Brown University, now convalescing, and the Lincoln collection in charge of an efficient associate, Marion E. Brown. . . . Graciously received at a dinner by President Woodward of Rhode Island State College, who is a descendant of Lincoln's New Jersey forebears.

Boston, Mass.—Greeted by an ardent Lincoln admirer, Krickel K. Carrick, president of the Boston Rotary Club. . . . Spoke at Winthrop High School, whose principal, Leslie Lincoln Dunham, is a descendant of Samuel Lincoln of Hingham. . . . Visited the room in Covington Public Library where the Edgar Rich collection of *Lincolniana* will be housed.

Worcester, Mass.—Introduced at Kiwanis Club by a Lincoln friend of long standing, Judge Carl Wahlstrom. . . . Made arrangements at American Antiquarian Society with the librarian, Clarence Brigham, for the micro-filming of Waldo Lincoln's unpublished Lincoln genealogical notes. . . . Talked with Achille StOnge about the publication of a new miniature Lincoln book. . . . Viewed the Billings life size Lincoln portrait in Mechanics Hall. . . . Graciously received at the home of Mr. Beecher, a new Lincoln admirer.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Attended services at Plymouth Church and sat in same pew (No. 89) occupied by Lincoln when he heard Henry Ward Beecher on March 11, 1860.

New York, N. Y.—Conferred with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stedman Hanks at the Harvard Club about possibility of further extending researches on the Lincoln and Hanks family lineage.

Scranton, Pa.—Viewed the stained glass window of Lincoln in the St. Stanislaus Cathedral of the Polish National Church.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Admired the heroic Lincoln bust of Lincoln in the studio of the sculptor, Frank Vittor. . . . Visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard P. Tinkham. Mrs. Tinkham's mother as a very small child was taken to the circus at Springfield by neighbor, Abraham Lincoln. . . . Introduced to Leslie Gabel Giese, author of a Lincoln four act play.

Akron, O.—Visited the new home of Wm. Kibble, where ample provision has been made for his recently acquired Lincoln library. . . . Met Mr. Dawson, whose father, Hugh Patrick Roden Dawson, was a correspondent of Lincoln.

Cleveland, O.—Enjoyed the company of Carl Schaefer at both Kiwanis and Shrine luncheons. . . . Presented with a beautiful Lincoln engraving by Will J. Irwin. . . . Entertained by George E. Merrifield, whose Kentucky ancestors were friends of the Lincolns. . . . Collaborated with Dr. Bernard Clausen on radio program at station WEWS.