

LINCOLN LORE

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FOUNDATION RESEARCH FACILITIES—PART II

The Lincoln National Life Foundation is primarily a research library but it has also acquired through the years many items which might be called museum exhibits. Some of the items displayed in this department are quite essential to a complete understanding of the Lincoln story and an appreciation of esteem in which Lincoln was held while he lived and today also. The picture section of the collection is of most importance and it is further broken down into photographs, paintings, drawings, engravings, etchings, lithographs, etc. Then there are collections of curios, currency, bookplates, flags, sculptures, medals and music.

PHOTOGRAPHS

The most desirable display items from the viewpoint of the Lincoln student are original photographs of Abraham Lincoln, his family and associates. The places where he lived and visited are also of interest.

Autographed original photographs of Lincoln	2
Brady, Gardner and other originals of Lincoln	92
Copies of originals of Lincoln and members of family	331
Collections of copies of Lincoln (Meserve classification)	810
Original number of 38th Congress (autographed)....	200
Original of cabinet members, officers, contemporaries	679
Stereoscopic photos of Lincoln and associated subjects	107
Photographs of Lincoln interest (recent)	2,157

PAINTINGS

It would be almost prohibitive from the viewpoint of cost to gather any considerable number of oil paintings of Lincoln, but a few hung in conspicuous places contribute much to the atmosphere of a library and museum.

Early studies of Lincoln	5
Created by modern artists	9
Miscellaneous water colors	8

DRAWINGS

The black and white studies in pen, ink, charcoal and other processes seem to have found Lincoln a favorite subject. Especially the tall rail-splitter has been and still is the darling of cartoonists.

Maps of Lincoln communities	103
Original caricature drawings	20
Originals by famous artists	6
Original pencil drawings	45
Political cartoons, Currier & Ives, 1860-1864	15
Prints of drawings and etchings	406

ENGRAVINGS ETCHINGS LITHOGRAPHS

The enormous collection of engravings, etchings and lithographs of Lincoln can only be tabulated by sizes but this compilation does allow one to visualize the extensive coverage of this collection of Lincoln prints.

Extra large prints 26" x 38"	32
Engravings rare contemporary copies 21" x 26"	21
Etchings rare studies 21" x 26"	9
Lithographs rare copies 21" x 26"	32
Family groups 21" x 26"	25
Miscellaneous 21" x 26"	119
Miscellaneous 15" x 21"	369
Miscellaneous 9" x 15"	953
Miniature prints	53
Reproductions of Lincoln contemporaries and famous men	225

CURIOS AND RELICS

The foundation has made no attempt whatever to collect curios and relics but presentation of such items have been made to the museum and some pieces have

been acquired with other Lincoln purchase until we find the following pieces have been accumulated.

Relics associated with Lincoln's death	47
Relics from Lincoln's homes	75
Souvenirs of Lincoln interest (modern)	134

CURRENCY AND STAMPS

One would not dare to make a collection of Lincolniana and neglect the currency, stamp and cachet interests. Also the collecting of historical envelopes associated with the 1860-1864 period are assembled in this classification.

Historical envelopes (cachets)	382
Historical envelopes (civil war era)	606
Letterheads and envelopes (modern)	530
Postage Stamp with Lincoln profile	128
United States currency	48

BALLOTS AND BOOKPLATES

Election ballots of the 1860 and 1864 campaigns have always been interesting items. Lincoln bookplates make an impressive collection, and especially the souvenir postal cards have a special appeal to nearly all collectors because of their historical significance.

Bookplates (Lincoln students)	110
Election ballots 1860-1864	45
Miscellaneous printed cards	575
Mourning cards 1865	53
Souvenir postal cards	1,800

FLAGS AND DRAPES

Mourning badges which were printed in large number during the long 1600 mile funeral procession, always have much human interest as well as campaign flags, samplers, book marks and other items known as textiles. Silk badges and book marks

Silk badges and book marks	106
Flags contemporary with Lincoln's day	19

SCULPTURE

A heroic bronze statue of Lincoln by Paulanship in front of the building where the foundation library and museum is housed introduces the visitor to the large collection of Lincoln in sculptural art.

Busts of heroic size	6
Busts of medium size	11
Bust small size	63
Heroic bronze statue by Manship	1
Masks, casts, etc.	13
Plaques of coffin sizes	33
Statuettes	12

MEDALS, MEDALLIONS AND METAL PLATES

Of course a collection of coins in two large cases always attracts attention and 1,200 different medals and medallions bearing the likeness of Lincoln are certainly appreciated by the boy visitors at least.

Electrotypes of Lincoln and Lincoln scenes	135
Large metal plates and plaques	9
Medallions between six and ten inches in diameter....	89
Medals struck between 1860 and 1865 (rare)	221
Medals struck since 1865	757
Pendants, tin types encased in brass rings 1860-1864 ..	56
Plaques over ten inches in diameter	66

MUSIC AND POETRY

Possibly it is well to end this compilation of museum items in the foundation collection with the sheet music section which is largely composed of funeral marches, dirges and lamentations for the dead Lincoln.

Books about music and poetry	44
Bound volumes of contemporary sheet music	4
Civil War Songsters	11
Lincoln and Civil War ballads	95
Poems, separately printed sheets	94
Sheet music large folios mostly contemporary	316