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ABRAHAM LINCOLN MANUSCRIPTS IN THE FOUNDATION COLLECTION

While the great strength of the Lincoln National Life Foundation's research facilities is centered in its library of printed publications it does afford the student considerable manuscript materials.

In a descriptive booklet bearing the title *The Lincoln National Life Foundation* (Form 2874-58), which describes the various research materials of the collection, there is a statement on "The Archives."

The archives department is especially rich in documents relating to Lincoln's ancestry, Kentucky environment, and early Indiana history, also in original writings of Abraham Lincoln and his contemporaries.

Genealogy—Genealogical lists of 1,200 Hanks families and hundreds of family letters comprise the largest collection of documents ever assembled about Lincoln's maternal ancestry.

Kentucky Records—Thousands of records copied from original entries in Kentucky courthouses are available, and 1,200 original manuscripts dating back to 1780 have been assembled.

Indiana History—The Richard W. Thompson collection of manuscripts, comprising 1,200 items contemporary with Lincoln's day, gives a fine picture of political life in Indiana at this time.

Autograph Collections—Countless thousands of letters relating to Lincoln are on file of which over 500 are by people who knew him. Original writings of Lincoln number approximately 65 items. A collection of 185 (now 198) letters addressed to Lincoln have been collected. Letters of ancestral Lincolns, the president's father, wife and children constitute a valuable part of the manuscript file.

Microfilm Strips—The contents of the two largest manuscript collections in the Library of Congress—The Lincoln Papers consisting of 18,350 documents and the Herndon-Weik collection of records and reminiscences are valuable reference sources. Other microfilm strips of the Herndon-Lamon collection, Kentucky records, the Vincennes, Indiana newspaper *Western Sun* 1807-1828, church and genealogical records augment this modern research medium.

Lincoln Lore numbers 1429 (March 1957), 1430 (April 1957) and 1432 (June 1957), carried a compilation of 184 "Letters Addressed To Lincoln." Two additional letters addressed to Lincoln also appeared in *Lincoln Lore* number 1433 (July 1957). Since that date twelve additional letters addressed to Lincoln have been acquired making a total of 198 letters to date.

Original writings of Lincoln are perhaps the most valuable items to be found in a collection of materials pertaining to the sixteenth president. A detailed description of the Foundation's holdings follow:

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| 1. October Term, 1837 | 2 p., | Stuart & Lincoln | ADS |
| 2. November 10, 1842 | 1 p., | Langford v Johnson
(no signature) | AD |
| 3. November 14, 1842 | 1 p., | Strong & Lincoln | ADS |
| 4. March Term, 1843 | 2 p., | Logan & Lincoln | ADS |
| 5. September 3, 1848 | 1 p., | Lincoln to Junius
Hall | ALS |
| 6. August Term, 1849 | 1 p., | Lincoln & Herndon | ADS |

Executive Mansion,

Washington, D.C.

September 19th, 1861

Major General Sherman,

The State election of Indiana occurs on the 11th of October, and the loss of it to the friends of the Government would go far towards losing the whole Union cause. The bad effect upon the November election, and especially the giving the State Government to those who will oppose the war in every possible way, are too much to risk, if it can possibly be avoided. The draft proceeds, notwithstanding its strong tendency to lose us the State. Indiana is the only impeded State, voting in October, whose soldiers cannot vote in the field. Any thing you can safely do to let her soldiers, or any part of them, go home and vote at the State election, will be greatly in point. They need not remain for the Presidential election, but may return to you at once. This is, in no sense, an order, but is merely intended to impress you with the importance, to the army itself, of your doing all you safely can, yourself being the judge of what you can safely do.

Yours truly
Abraham Lincoln

For additional information concerning this two page letter see *Lincoln Lore* number 1136, "The October Elections", January 15, 1951 and number 1137, "Extra Illustrated Autographs", January 22, 1951.

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| 7. April 9, 1850 | 3 p., | (Court Document) | AD |
| *8. August 9, 1850 | 1 p., | Lincoln to John
Addison | ALS |
| 9. 1852 | 1 p., | (Legal Document) | AES |
| 10. 1853 | 1 p., | (Legal Document) | ADS |

*11. May 28, 1857	1 p., Lincoln to Cooper & Reynolds	ALS
12. September 13, 1859	1 p., Telegram-Lincoln to W. T. Bascom	ATS
*13. June 4, 1860	1 p., Lincoln to Edwin A. Palmer, Jr.	ALS
*14. June 18, 1860	1 p., Lincoln to Richard W. Thompson	ALS
15. (no date)	1 p., Envelope addressed to Thompson by Lincoln	AA
*16. July 10, 1860	1 p., Lincoln to Richard W. Thompson	ALS
*17. November 26, 1860	1 p., Lincoln to R. B. Rogers	LS
18. February 5, 1861	1 p., Signature on check fragment accompanied by Robert T. Lincoln letter	S
*19. March 4, 1861	1 p., Invitation to James Buchanan (Believed to be tracing of original letter)	T
*20. June 22, 1861	1 p., To Heads of Bureaus in the War, Navy & Other Depts.	LS
*21. August 7, 1861	1 p., Jerry T. Boyle endorsement	AES
22. September 9, 1861	1 p., Eastman appointment	DS
*23. December 7, 1861	1 p., Warrant for the pardon of Anna Boyle	DC
24. December 12, 1861	1 p., John W. Hamilton endorsement	AES
25. May 13, 1862	1 p., W. C. Tarkington endorsement	AES
26. September 2, 1862	1 p., N. W. Edwards' address (Bloomington, Ill.)	AA
27. October 14, 1862	1 p., Endorsement of H. Hamlin's request for appointment of Brig. Gen. Hiram G. Berry to rank of Major-General	AES
28. December 4, 1862	1 p., J. T. Morrison endorsement	AES
29. February 27, 1863	1 p., J. M. Avery appointment	DS
30. March 4, 1863	1 p., Warren H. Withers appointment	DS
31. March 9, 1863	1 p., Request to see Mr. Henry	ANS
32. April 22, 1863	1 p., William L. Mather appointment	DS
33. November 27, 1863	1 p., Note to Seward	ANS
34. January 14, 1864	1 p., Ira F. Payson endorsement	AES
*35. February 10, 1864	1 p., Recommendation of Gen. Burnside approved and ordered	AES
36. February 12, 1864	1 p., William Stanton endorsement	AES
37. March 2, 1864	1 p., Endorsement of G. Clay Smith's request	AES
38. April 10, 1864	1 p., Leo Rosenthal appointment	DS
*39. April 14, 1864	1 p., Endorsement for Miss C. N.	AES
40. April 21, 1864	1 p., David D. Wemple appointment	DS
*41. May 17, 1864	1 p., Draft ordered for 300,000 men	LS
*42. May 27, 1864	1 p., Telegram-Lincoln to Richard W. Thompson	ALS

To the Heads of Bureaus in the War, Navy, and other Departments.

You will please, under the direction of my private secretary, make to me such abstract reports, as will show the number of men now enlisted as soldiers or seamen in the service of the United States, or mustered into the service as State Militia or Volunteers, the state of their equipment and drill, the time of their probable readiness for active service, and the place of rendezvous or present station. Also (if practicable) like information in regard to the organization of military forces in the Free States, under State authority. Also the number and kind of arms and ammunition furnished, and yet on hand, and being manufactured. Also the number and description of war vessels and transports at present owned or chartered by the government, where and on what service at present stationed and the number description and time of probable readiness for service of those being prepared.

A. Lincoln

Washington June 22^d 1861.

The reverse side of this letter bears the following inscription (not in Lincoln's handwriting): "Please assist Mr. Nicolay in obtaining all the information desired." Signed by Simeon Cameron and Gideon Welles and dated "22 June 61."

43. August 1, 1864	1 p., Military appointment (name not legible)	DS
44. August 27, 1864	1 p., Signature with date	A
45. September, 1864	1 p., Signature with date	A
*46. September 19, 1864	2 p., Lincoln to William T. Sherman	LS
47. (no date)	1 p., Autographed photograph for Tazewell County Fair (Hay letter dated Oct. 10, 1864)	S
48. (no date)	1 p., Autographed photograph for Tazewell County Fair (Hay letter dated Oct. 10, 1864)	S
*49. October 4, 1864	1 p., Endorsement of request by William D. Kelley	AES
*50. November 28, 1864	1 p., Lincoln to Henry F. Harrington	LS
*51. December 13, 1864	1 p., Capt. Goodman find place for little boy	ANS
52. December 20, 1864	1 p., Endorsement of request made by James Speed	AES
53. January 24, 1865	1 p., Endorsement of George J. Hawkins petition	AES
54. February 1, 1865	1 p., Endorsement of request by E. B. Washburne	AES
55. February 10, 1865	1 p., Submitted to the commissioner of prisons	ANS

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THE LINCOLN GRANDCHILDREN



MARY 1878
Age 9 years



ABRAHAM (Jack) 1878
Age 5 years



JESSIE 1878
Age 2 1/2 years

In a study of the vital statistics of the Lincoln family few students have access to very much information concerning the president's descendants. However, this information was made available in a limited way through the publication of *Lincoln Lore* number 244 (December 11, 1933), 549 (October 16, 1939), and 1205 (May 12, 1952). With the recent discovery of four unpublished photographs of the three Lincoln grandchildren it is well to review the family relationship.

The carte-de-visite photographs are a gift to the Foundation by Thomas Shoaff, son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Shoaff of Fort Wayne, Indiana. They were secured originally by the donor's relative who was a neighbor of the Robert T. Lincolns when they resided in Chicago, Illinois. The photographer was H. Rocher, 77, 79 & 81 State Street, Chicago. Each photograph bears the penciled notation of the child's name and age. Two of the photographs are of Jessie depicting her at the age of two and one-half and three years of age.* A study of the penciled notations reveals that they are either identical to or bear a close resemblance to the handwriting of Mary Todd Lincoln the grandmother.

A genealogical chart of Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd provides the pertinent facts regarding the grandchildren's relationship to the president and their living descendants.

*The photograph of Jessie age 3 is not shown.

VITAL STATISTICS

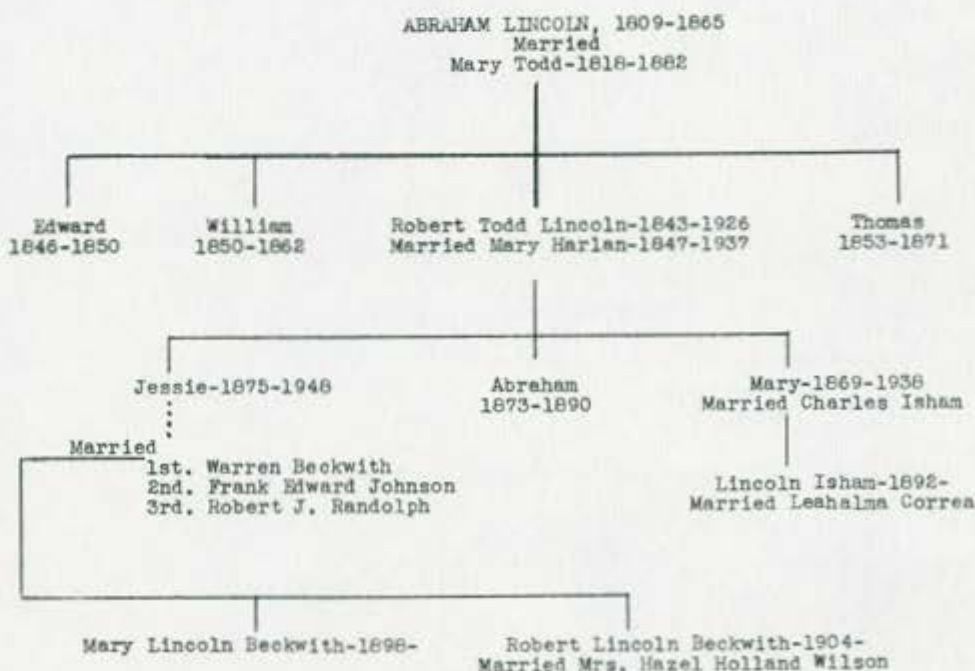
(*Lincoln Lore* No. 1205)

Mary Lincoln Isham—Granddaughter

First child of Robert and Mary Harlan Lincoln.

Born—October 15, 1869—Chicago, Ill.
Married—Sept. 2, 1891 Charles Isham, London, England.
Died—Nov. 21, 1938—19 East Seventy-Second St., New York City—Age 69.
Abraham (Jack) Lincoln—Grandson
Second child and only son of Robert and Mary Harlan Lincoln.

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Genealogical table showing all the living descendants of Abraham Lincoln. There is no descendant bearing the surname of Lincoln.

Courtesy of Lester W. Olson

THE LINCOLN GRANDCHILDREN

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Born—August 14, 1873.

Died—March 5, 1890 at No. 2 Cromwell House, Kensington, England—Age 17. Death caused by an infected abscess under one of his arms requiring delicate surgical operation. Body first deposited at Lincoln's Tomb, Springfield, Ill., but later interred beside his father in Arlington National Cemetery.

Jessie Lincoln Randolph—Granddaughter

Youngest daughter and third child of Robert and Mary Harlan Lincoln.

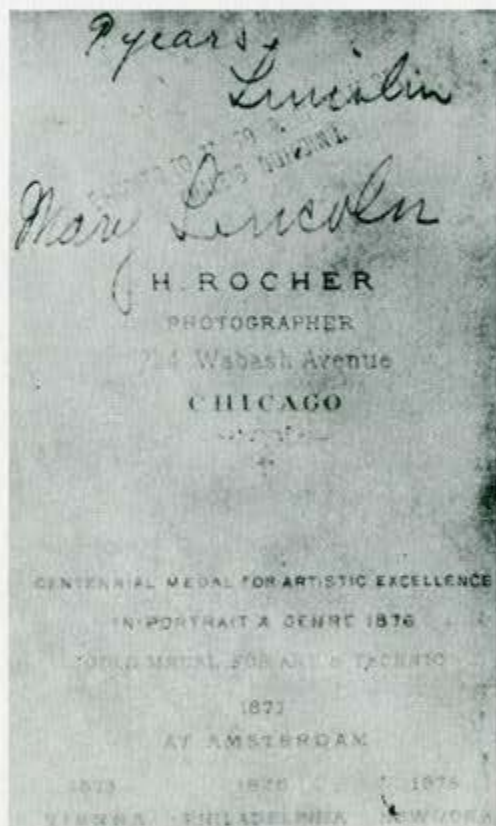
Born—November 6, 1875.

Married (1st) Nov. 10, 1897 Warren Beckwith, Milwaukee, Wis.

Married (2nd) June 22, 1915 Frank Johnson, Manchester, Vt.

Married (3rd) Dec. 30, 1926 Robert J. Randolph, Washington, D. C.

Died—Jan. 6, 1948—Rutland, Vt. City Hospital—Age 72.



Reverse side of carte-de-visite photograph bearing the name of the photographer and the location of his old and new studios. Note handwriting resembles that of Mary Todd Lincoln.

GETTYSBURG ADDRESS ISSUE—1948

3c Bright Blue



Scott No. 978

This commemorative stamp was issued on the 85th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's address at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The stamp is 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimensions. It is arranged horizontally and was printed by the rotary process. Sheets of fifty stamps were issued in bright

blue with electric-eye perforations. The left center of the stamp was engraved from a photograph of Daniel Ches-

ter French's statue of Lincoln that stands on the Nebraska State House grounds at Lincoln, Nebraska. The photograph was obtained from the Philadelphia Library and the portrait was engraved by R. M. Brown.

To the right of the stamp is a plaque bearing, in shaded Roman letters, the wording: "That Government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth." The name "Abraham Lincoln" appears in shaded Gothic letters. The denomination of the stamp is designated "3 cents" in white Roman letters in the upper left corner. On a dark background panel, to the right, is a lighted torch. Across the bottom border is a palm branch over which appears in dark Roman lettering "U. S. Postage."

President Harry S. Truman signed the bill authorizing this special stamp on June 29, 1948. The bill provided that the stamp was to be issued on November 19, 1948. This was perhaps the first time that a stamp was authorized to commemorate the delivery of a speech. The stamp was first placed on sale at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

This commemorative stamp has been declared to be one of the most beautiful, if not the most beautiful, of all the Lincoln stamps.

Editor's note: The editor of *Lincoln Lore* plans to discuss in future numbers of this monthly bulletin all of the Lincoln stamps that have been issued by the United States and foreign countries. They will be treated according to their chronological order.

Lincoln Lore No. 1008, "A Speech Inspires a Commemorative Stamp," August 2, 1948; "Abraham Lincoln On Our Stamps" by W. Lee Ferrus, *The American Philatelist*, February 1958; United States Post Office Department: *Postage Stamps of the United States*, 1955, page 159; *Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue*, 1958, page 35.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN MANUSCRIPTS

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|------------------------|-------|--|-----|
| *56. March 7, 1865 | 2 p., | Pass issued to Judge William M. Dixon | ANS |
| 57. April 3, 1865 | 2 p., | Letter about cotton owned by Robert L. Todd and William C. Philips of Texas, held within rebel lines in Alabama (dictated but not signed). | D |
| 58. April 10, 1865 | 1 p., | Take the oath of Dec. 8, 1863 | ANS |
| 59. April 10, 1865 | 1 p., | Take the oath of Dec. 8, 1863 | ANS |
| 60. April 13, 1865 | 2 p., | Check—Price to Lincoln endorsed | A |
| 61. (no date) | 1 p., | "The question within propounded . . ." | ANS |
| *62. (March 13, 1861?) | 1 p., | Lincoln to J. R. Doolittle | ALS |
| 63. (no date) | 1 p., | Envelope addressed to Leonard Myers by Lincoln | AA |
| 64. (no date) | 2 p., | Form of endorsement by President (dictated) | D |
| 65. (no date) | 1 p., | The President requests the honor of Lord Lyons (card) | |
| 66. (no date) | 1 | The President & Mrs. Lincoln request the honor of Caleb B. Smith (card) | |

*Listed in text or Appendix II of *The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln*, Roy P. Basler, Editor; Marion Dolores Pratt and Lloyd A. Dunlap, Assistant Editors; Rutgers University Press, New Brunswick, N. J., 1955.