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## United States Flags of Lincoln's Presidential Period

With Kansas admitted to the Union as the thirty-fourth state on January 29, 1861, an additional star was added to the United States flag. So it was a thirty-four star flag that was used at the time of Abraham Lincoln's first inaugural on March 4, 1861.

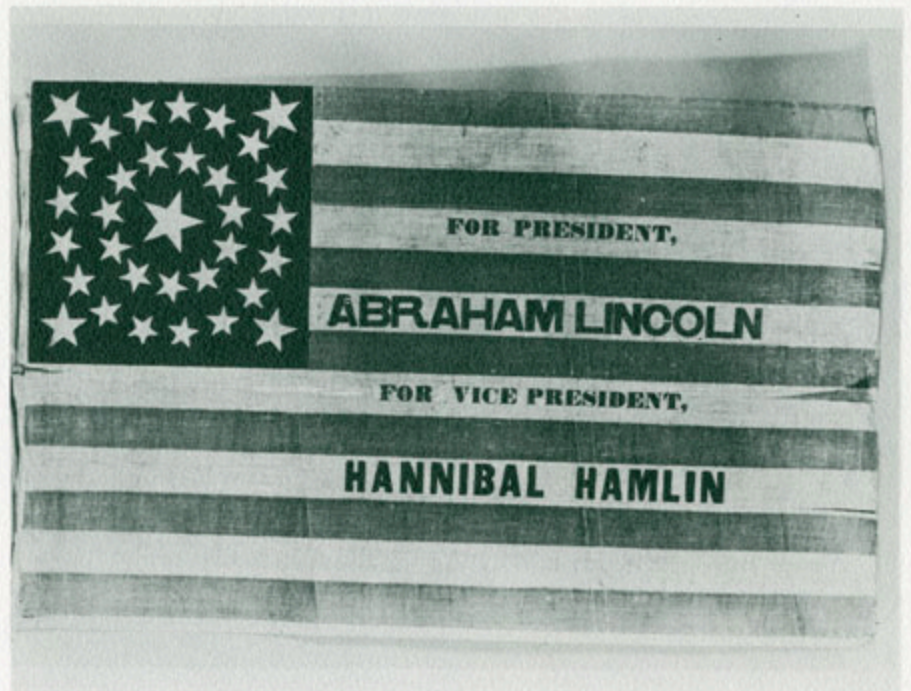
During Lincoln's administration West Virginia (June 20, 1863) and Nevada (October 31, 1864) were admitted to the Union. Naturally, one would surmise that the United States flag would be changed from thirty-four stars to thirty-five, and then to thirty-six. However, this was not necessarily the case. According to Lawrence Phelps Tower of the United States Flag Foundation of New York City, Lincoln wanted the flag to remain unchanged during the entire course of the war, and since there were thirty-four stars at the beginning of the war, this remained the official design.

Undoubtedly there were exceptions in flag design, particularly in West Virginia and Nevada, but the country was so hard pressed by the demands of war that most northern troops did not receive a new flag (with thirty-five or thirty-six stars) and continued to carry the flag with thirty-four stars.

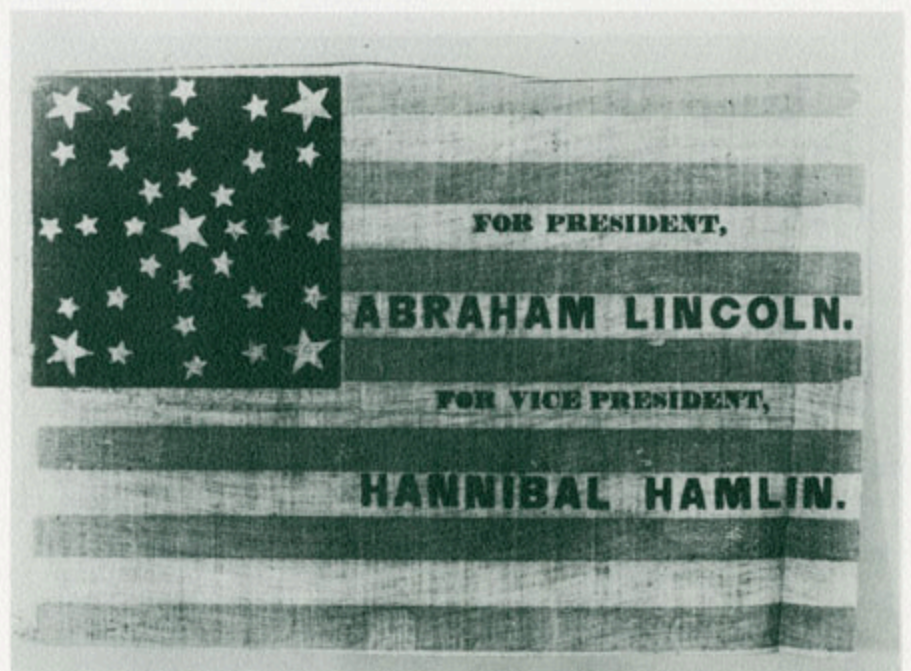
During the Civil War some Union extremists made unauthorized flags with only twenty-three stars, removing one star for each state that had seceded. The inventor, Samuel F. B. Morse, then president of The American Society for the Promotion of National Union, proposed that the Stars and Stripes be divided into two flags: "The canton cut diagonally from top to bottom with twenty-three stars and the upper six and a half stripes retained by the North; the eleven stars below the diagonal and the lower six and a half stripes to go to the South. Both flags would then be finished out in white to make the conventional rectangle." These suggestions received a "No" from President Lincoln who wanted no tinkering with the Stars and Stripes.

While Lincoln would not allow the flag to be drastically changed during his administration, the political parties of 1860 had no qualms about using "Old Glory" for campaign purposes. All kinds of liberties were taken by

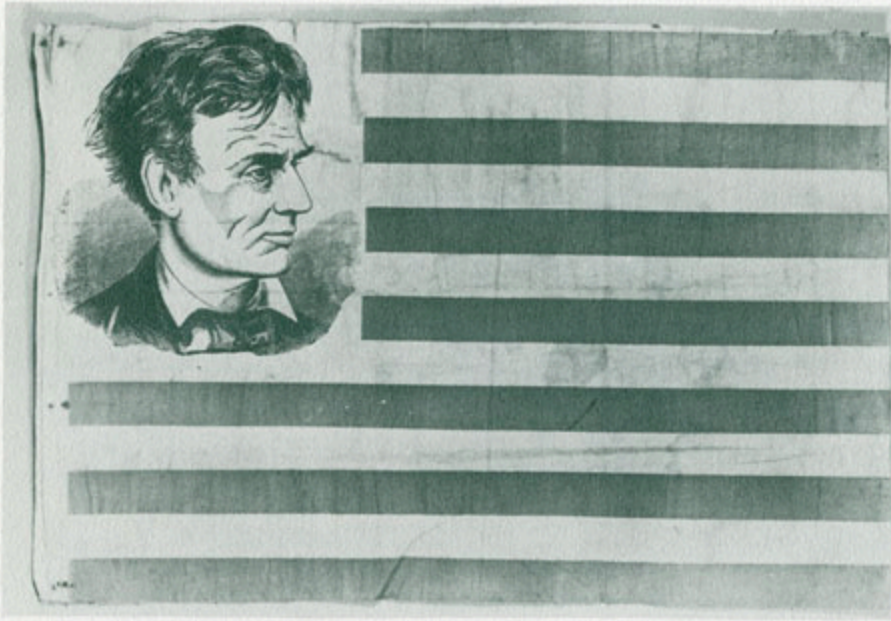
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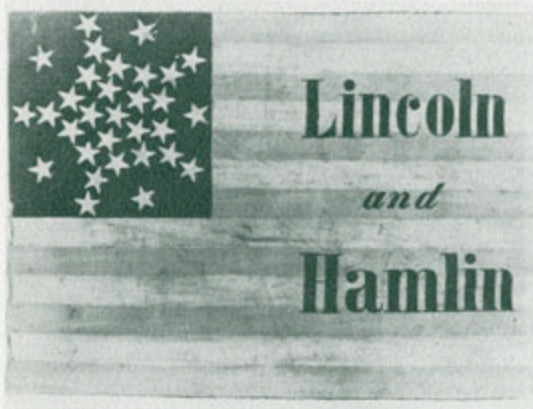
Overprinted United States flag (33 stars) used during the Presidential Campaign of 1860. Size 28 x 17 inches.



Overprinted United States flag (33 stars) used during the Presidential Campaign of 1860. Size 12 1/2 x 8 1/4 inches.



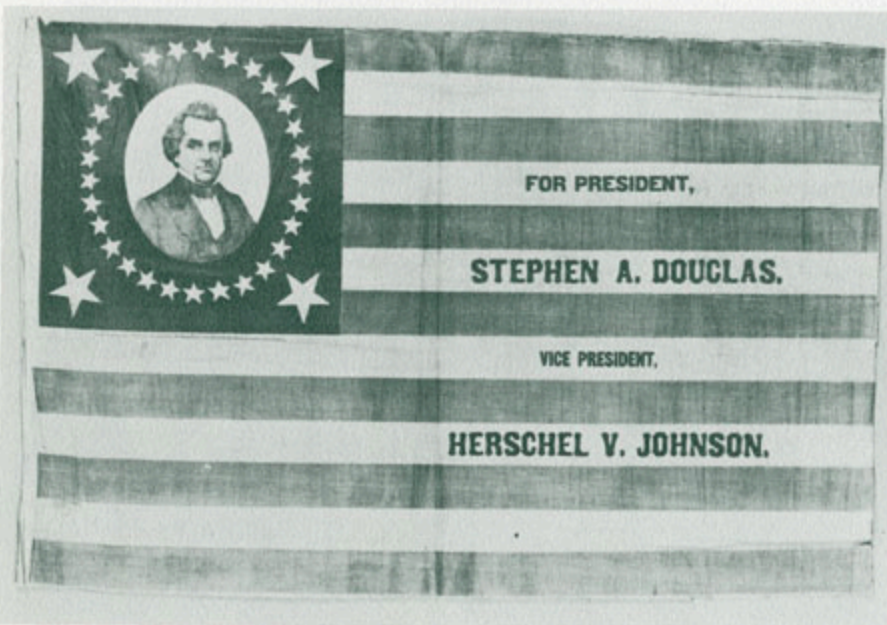
This flag of thirteen stripes has for its field of blue the printed portrait of Abraham Lincoln. Used in the Presidential Campaign of 1860. Size 26 x 17 inches.



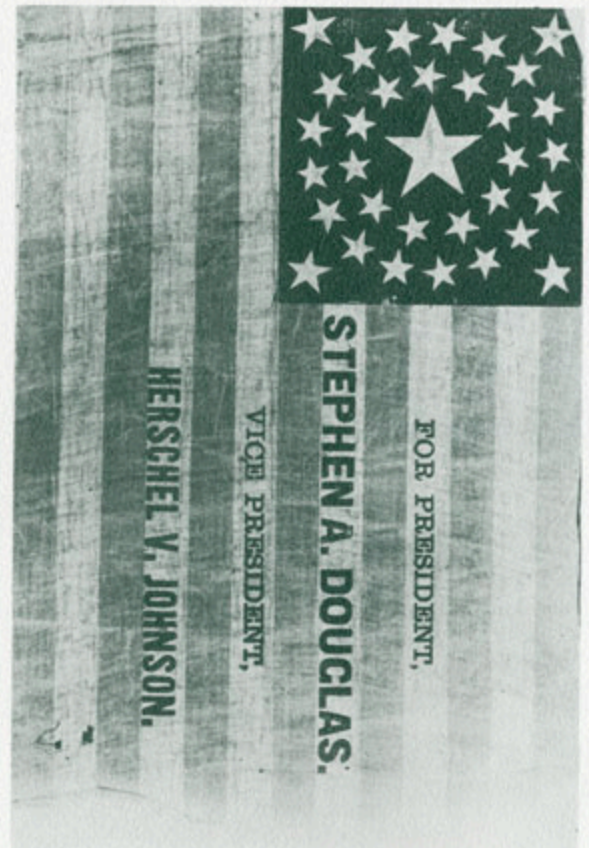
This original miniature flag (31 stars) was used in the Presidential Campaign of 1860. Size 11 x 7 3/4 inches.



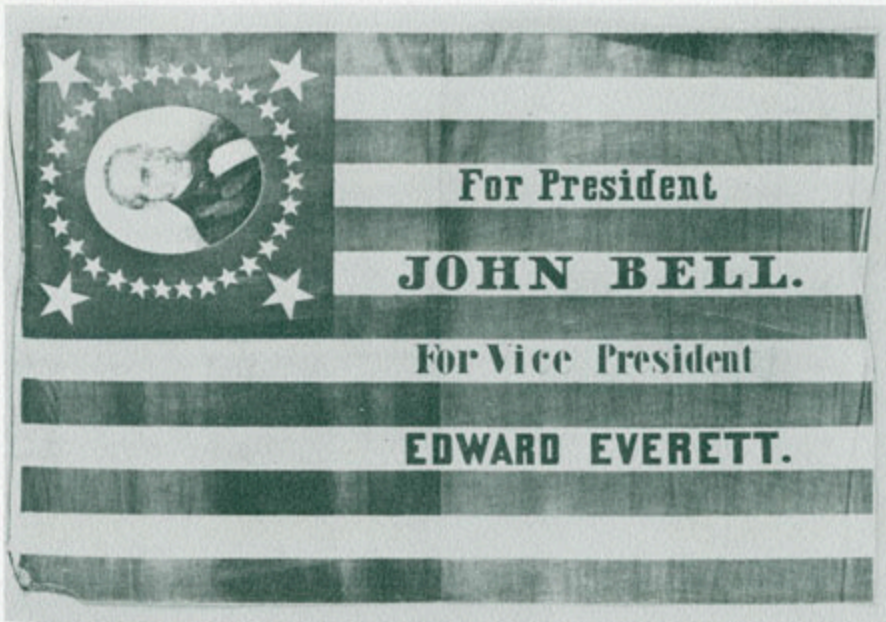
Overprinted United States flag (13 stars) used during the Presidential Campaign of 1860. Size 17 x 11 1/4 inches.



Overprinted United States flag (33 stars) used during the Presidential Campaign of 1860. Size 36 x 23 1/4 inches.



Overprinted United States flag (33 stars) used during the Presidential Campaign of 1860. Size 12 x 8 1/2 inches.



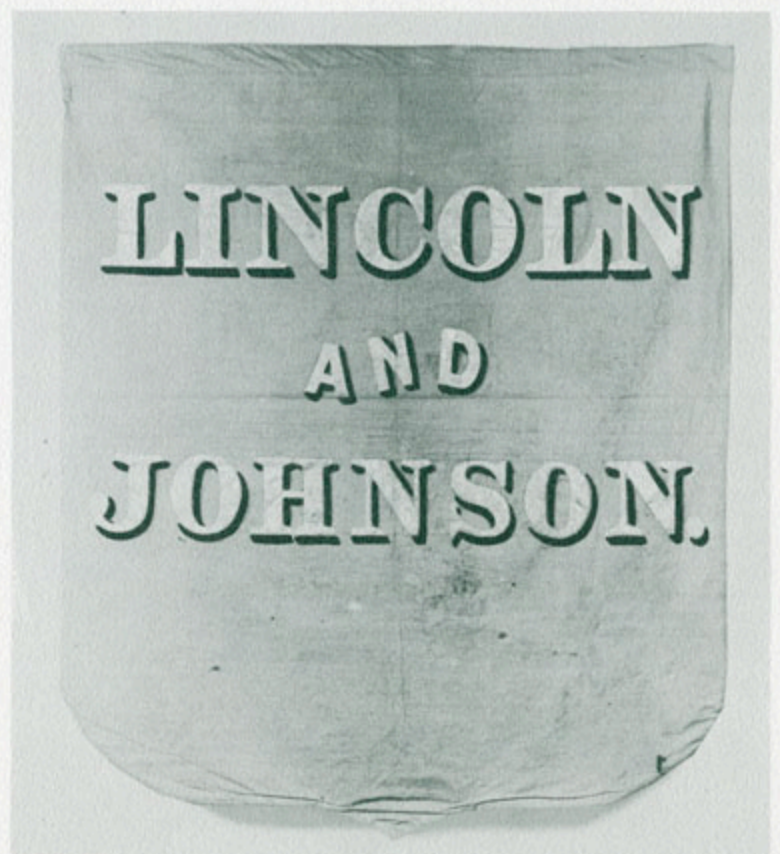
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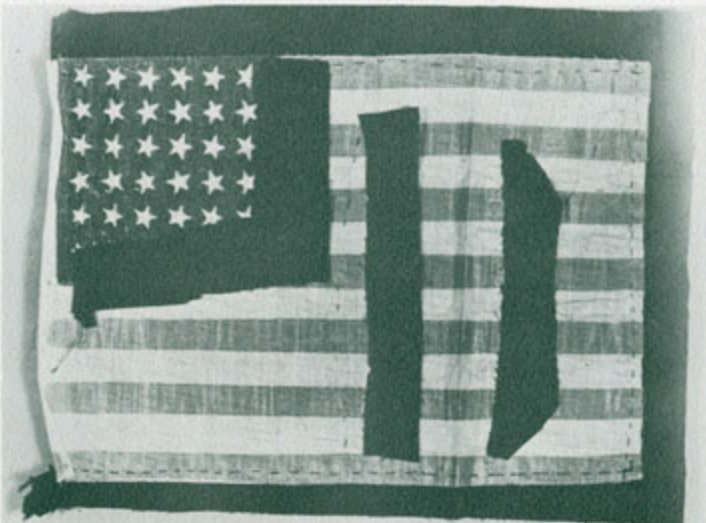
Overprinted United States flag (31 stars) used during the Presidential Campaign of 1860. Size 12 x 8¼ inches.



An original miniature United States flag (34 stars) that was used at the time of Abraham Lincoln's First Inauguration. Size 7¼ x 5 inches.



This Lincoln-Johnson banner (gold letters on blue) was used in the Presidential Campaign of 1864 by the Hooper Guard of North Chelsea, Massachusetts. Size 34 x 41 inches.



*From the Lincoln National Life Foundation*

An original miniature United States flag decorated with black crepe (36 stars) used at the time of President Lincoln's funeral in 1865. Size 12 x 9¼ inches.



*From the Lincoln National Life Foundation*

An original miniature United States flag (34 stars) to which is attached black crepe used at the time of President Lincoln's funeral in 1865. Size 6¼ x 5 inches.

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the substitution of Lincoln's picture or campaign slogans for the field of stars, as well as overprinting the flag with the names of presidential candidates. Such practice today would be a violation of the flag code which was approved by a joint-resolution of Congress on June 22, 1942. The code specifically states that "the flag should never have placed upon it any word, design or drawing."

Except for the home made variety, and there were a great many of them, most manufactured United States flags apparently were of foreign origin, because the first American flag manufactured from American material was hoisted over the Capitol at Washington, D. C., on July 24, 1866.

Some of the flags and one 1864 banner from the Lincoln National Life Foundation collection are reproduced in this issue of *Lincoln Lore*.