



# Lincoln Lore

Bulletin of The Lincoln National Life Foundation . . . Dr. R. Gerald McMurtry, Editor  
Published each month by The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Number 1539

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

May, 1966

## Memorial Funeral Broadside

In the terms of a printer, a "broadside" is a sheet of paper printed on one side only. The earliest known broadside of American history is the papal "Bull of Demarcation" which divided America into Spanish and Portuguese territories. It was printed in 1512. Collectors use the word "broadside" quite frequently, but it is becoming archaic. The word that the average person today uses for "broadside" is "poster" or "placard."

While the word "broadside" may be losing its meaning, interest in Lincoln posters, be they political, biographical, governmental or memorial, is evidenced by the very high prices they command when priced by dealers or sold at auction. In fact, the collecting of Lincoln broadsides, despite the fact that they have been long neglected, has within the last

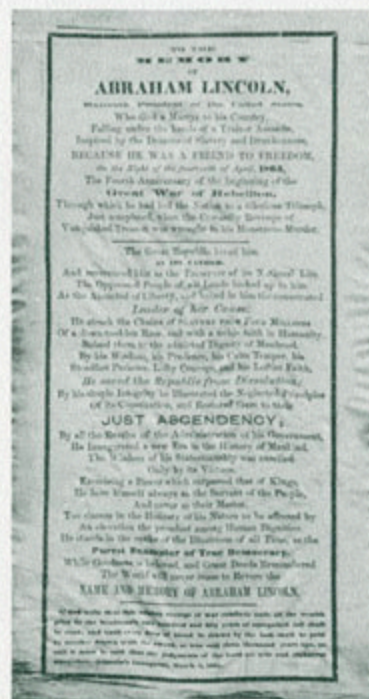
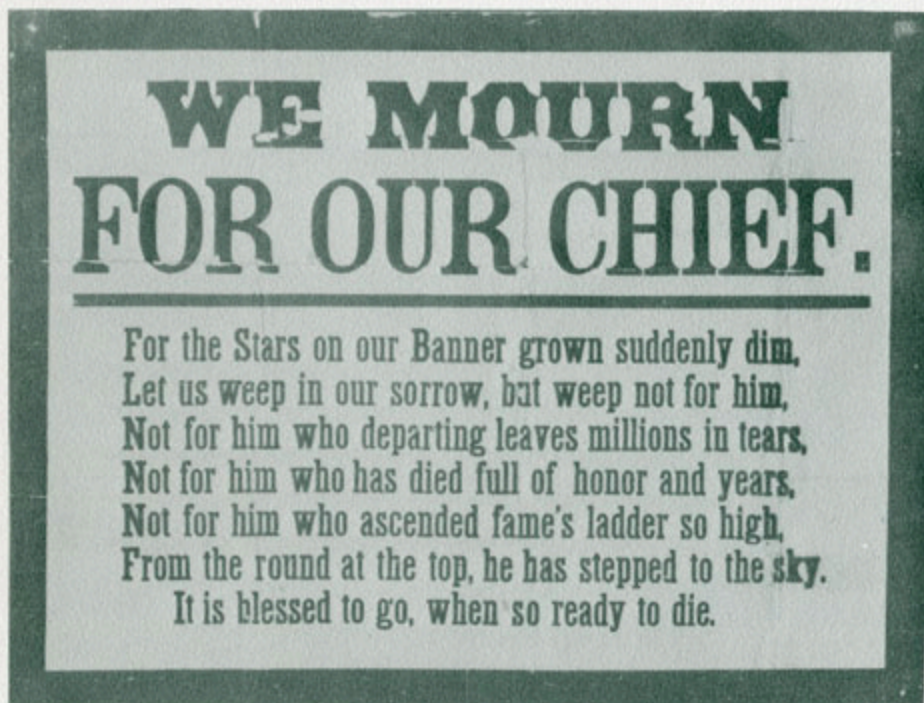
ten years become a fad. Fortunately, The Lincoln Library-Museum of the Lincoln National Life Foundation has been active in the collection of Lincoln broadsides over a period of almost forty years.

The Foundation's collection is particularly rich in the number and scope of Lincoln funeral broadsides. Perhaps those that we prize most highly pertain to Indiana's participation in the funeral and in the conduction of memorial services. Our collection of funeral broadsides can be classified into two categories; namely, Informational and Memorial.

As the months of April and May are remembered in United States history as the period of Lincoln's funeral, this issue of Lincoln Lore features some of the Foundation's most interesting memorial funeral broadsides.

R. G. M.

Size 20" x 24". Printed on rag paper but showing signs of deterioration due to deep impression made by the press in printing the black border.



Size 6 1/4" x 11 3/4". Printed on silk.



# ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

BORN, JULY 12, 1809—DIED, APRIL 15, 1865.

"After life's fitful fever, he sleeps well;  
Treason has done his worst; nor steel, nor poison,  
Malice domestic, foreign levy, nothing  
Can touch him further."

### OUR HONORED PRESIDENT, ALL AGREE,

"Hath borne his faculties so meek, hath been  
So clear in his great office, that his virtues  
Will plead like angels, trumpet-tongued, against  
The deep damnation of his taking off."

### DUTY OF THE HOUR.

"Let's briefly put on manly readiness,  
And question this most bloody piece of woe  
To know it further—Ill deeds are seldom slow,  
Nor single—Dread horrors still abound—  
Our country—it weeps, it bleeds; and each new day  
A gash is added to her wounds."

Shakspeare applied to our National Bereavement.

## LINCOLN'S ASSASSINATION.

April 14, 1865.

AN MEMORIAL BY JOHN SPENCER, NEW-YORK, P. M. D.

In the hour of death, when each man's fate is sealed,  
The "happy hour" is often the one which is most  
to be desired, for it is the hour when the soul  
is freed from the body, and the spirit is free  
to go to its eternal home. It is the hour  
when the heart is purified, and the mind  
is freed from the passions of the world,  
and the soul is free to go to its eternal home.  
It is the hour when the heart is purified,  
and the mind is freed from the passions  
of the world, and the soul is free to go  
to its eternal home. It is the hour when  
the heart is purified, and the mind is freed  
from the passions of the world, and the soul  
is free to go to its eternal home.

And in Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 14th day of April, 1865.

Size 6" x 9". While the title of this broadside does not indicate it to be of a memorial nature, one line of one of the stanzas of the poem mentions "yonder long train, clad in mourning array."



**MEMENTO MORI.**

**Born, February 12th, 1809.**  
**Assassinated, April 15th, 1865.**

**"Just of his Word—Observant of his Right."**

Size 10 1/2" x 14 3/4". The heavy black border gives this broadside a very definite funeral effect. The significance of the thirteen stars is undetermined.

Size 10" x 14". "Shakspeare applied to our National Bereavement." The date of Lincoln's birth is incorrectly given as July 12, 1809.

Size 18 1/2" x 23". Published by Loag, Printer, 4th & Chestnut, Philadelphia, Pa.

# WE MOURN!

# OUR CHIEF

# HAS FALLEN!

Loag, Printer, 4th & Chestnut, Philad.



**DEATH AND BURIAL**  
**ABRAHAM LINCOLN.**  
**A SLYM OUDRHS HIS LOSS.**


When the great chief had fallen dead in the hour of his glory,  
The people were in mourning,  
And the stars were in mourning,  
For the great chief had fallen,  
And the stars were in mourning.

Size 5" x 8". This poem by Humanitas can be sung to the air of "Sweet Home."



Size 7 1/8" x 10 1/2". This broadside with a religious connotation is printed on light blue paper stock.

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN.**



Nineteenth President of the United States of North America,  
And Worth Remembered the Most of Men.  
WAS ASSASSINATED APRIL 14th, A. D. 1865.

**My A. Friend C. C. S. B. B. B. B. B.**



**GOD WILL AVENGE OUR SLAUGHTERED LEADER!**

Size 19" x 24". Printed in black ink on white paper stock, this broadside would easily lend itself to red and blue color.

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN.**

**REMARKS BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

**A MARTYR TO HIS COUNTRY.**

**April 14th 1865. The fourth anniversary of the assassination of the late President Abraham Lincoln.**

**THE GREAT REPUBLIC LOVES HIM IN HIS FATHER**

**And reverenced him as the Protector of its National Life.**

**The oppressed People of all Lands looked up to him**

**As the Angel of Liberty, and hailed him his outstanding**

**Leader of his Cause.**

**He struck the chains of Slavery from Three Millions**

**Of a degraded Race, and with a Noble Confidence in Humanity,**

**Restored them to the advanced dignity of Manhood.**

**By his Wisdom, his Piety, his Calm Temper, his Selfless Patience,**

**His noble Courage and his lofty Faith, he saved the Republic from Dissolution.**

**By his Simple Integrity he illustrated the noblest Principles**

**Of our Constitution, and Restored them to their just Authority.**

**By all the Results of his Administration of his Government,**

**He transported a New Era in the History of Mankind.**

**The Wisdom of his Statesmanship was recorded only by its Consequences.**

**Entrusting a power which compromised that of Kings,**

**He bore himself always as the Servant of the People**

**And never as its Master.**

**Too correct in the Singularity of his Nature to be affected by an elevation**

**He stands in the ranks of the Distinctives of all Time as**

**The Purest Example of Democracy.**

**While Goodness is beloved and Great Deeds are Remembered,**

**The World will never cease to Honor**

**NAME AND MEMORY.**

Size 12" x 16 3/4". This broadside makes reference to Lincoln's assassination as occurring on the fourth anniversary of the War of Rebellion.

Size 7 1/4" x 9". Published in 1865 by James Logan of Pennsylvania.

**LINES APPROPRIATE  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE FUNERAL OF  
OUR LATE BELOVED PRESIDENT,**



**ABRAHAM LINCOLN.**

**In words a frail nation, but thine name is seen,**  
**O, beloved Abraham Lincoln, a Nation weeps for thee!**  
**I've seen the hat-drops during the funeral of your wife,**  
**But these have never accomplished, 'tis evident to all eyes,**  
**To not the least a bright one, where the good Lord is not?**  
**Does not our Father Almighty require that thou art loved?**  
**But who'll remove the responsibility, when thou art in the grave,**  
**Or who'll remove the shades from the independent slave?**  
**How you the slaves, knowing, let's thinking of the land**  
**That were the words of Freedom and with those that the land**  
**The land is cold and lifeless, the reverse of words spoken,**  
**By, though the words are seen, the marks have done the work.**  
**In not thy spirit mourning the angel hosts to see,**  
**Do they want look from heaven on those who weep for thee?**  
**Does this new land in mourning, and how it breath its grief,**  
**Does the first avenue her behind it of its grief?**  
**Forgets, ah, GOD, the Power that lead to redemption say!**  
**You know we won't last longer, yet any one faith did try?**  
**That many who've appeared on, here any they'll with us go,**  
**Like thee who sought the Master be pronounced as!**

Size 4 5/8" x 7 3/4". This poem was composed by George G. B. De Wolfe of Nashua, New Hampshire on April 19, 1865.

**DEDICATED**

TO THE

**MEMORY**

OF

**ABRAHAM LINCOLN.**

America's noblest sons are weeping,  
Her daughters they are bathed in tears;  
Abraham the Great has fallen—in  
Nature's sleep, the sleep of years.  
Now he's gone, we'll not recall him  
From a paradise of bliss—  
Where he pleads the cause of Freedom—  
To a changing world like this.

*Entered according to Act of Congress in the year 1865, by James Logan, in the Clerk's Office of the District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.*



## WE MOURN



**OUR LOVED AND MARTYRED GUIDE!**

Size 24" x 19". Large portrait broadsides are extremely rare.

Size 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 6<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>". A conventional type of memorial broadside.

IN MEMORIAM.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN,

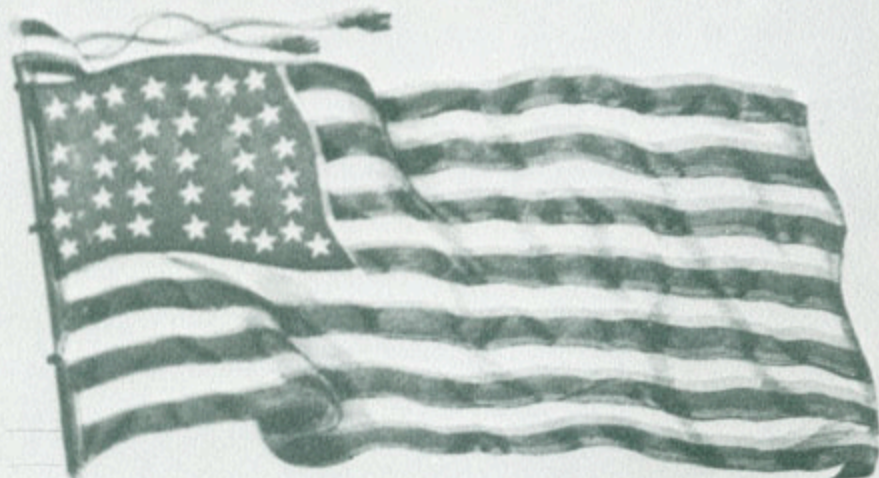
Sixteenth President of the

UNITED STATES.

Born July 12, 1809.

Died April 15, 1865.

Size 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>8</sub>". This small broadside appears in red and blue colors.



The Nation Mourns a Martyred Father.