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### LINCOLN'S CABINETS

There seems to be much confusion as to who constituted the Cabinets during Lincoln's two administrations. This issue of Lincoln Lore presents brief biographical sketches of these men up to the time of their receiving their portfolios. An exhibit which shows the organization of the two groups is also presented. This is an introductory number to several Lincoln Lore bulletins which will deal with certain phases of the Cabinet's activities.

#### First Administration

##### Secretary of State

March 5, 1861, William H. Seward.

##### Secretary of the Treasury

March 7, 1861, Salmon P. Chase.

July 5, 1864, William P. Fessenden.

##### Secretary of War

March 11, 1861, Simon Cameron.

Jan. 15, 1862, Edwin M. Stanton.

##### Attorney General

March 5, 1861, Edward Bates.

Dec. 2, 1864, James Speed.

##### Postmaster General

March 5, 1861, Montgomery Blair.

Sept. 24, 1864, William Dennison.

##### Secretary of the Navy

March 5, 1861, Gideon Welles.

##### Secretary of the Interior

March 5, 1861, Caleb B. Smith.

Jan. 8, 1863, John P. Usher.

#### Second Administration

##### Secretary of State

\*—Wm. H. Seward.

##### Secretary of the Treasury

March 7, 1865, Hugh McCulloch.

##### Secretary of War

\*—Edwin M. Stanton.

##### Attorney General

\*—James Speed.

##### Postmaster General

\*—Wm. Dennison.

##### Secretary of the Navy

\*—Gideon Welles.

##### Secretary of the Interior

\*—John P. Usher.

\*Held over from Lincoln's first administration.

##### Edward Bates

Born in Belmont, Goochland County,

Virginia, Sept. 4, 1793.

Attended Charlott Hall Academy.

Migrated to Missouri in 1814.

Appointed Attorney General of the

State in 1820.

Elected to legislature in 1822.

A representative to Congress in

1826.

Appointed to the Cabinet by Presi-

dent Lincoln March, 1861.

Died in St. Louis March 25, 1869.

##### Montgomery Blair

Born in Franklin County, Kentucky,

May 10, 1813.

Graduated from West Point in 1835.

Appointed U. S. District Attorney

for Missouri and elected mayor of St. Louis in 1842.

Appointed Postmaster General by Lincoln in 1861.

Resignation as Cabinet member accepted September 23, 1864.

Died in Silver Springs, Maryland, July 27, 1883.

##### Simon Cameron

Born in Donegal, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, March 8, 1799.

Elected U. S. Senator in 1845, 1857.

Resigned seat in Senate March 4, 1861, to become Secretary of War in Lincoln's Cabinet, began duty March 11, 1861.

Resigned from Cabinet on Jan. 11, 1862.

Died in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, June 26, 1889.

##### Salmon P. Chase

Born in Cornish, New Hampshire, Jan. 13, 1808.

Graduated from Dartmouth college in 1826.

Elected to the United States Senate of 1849.

Became governor of Ohio as a Free Soil Democrat in 1835.

Re-elected as a Republican governor in 1857.

Again elected to the United States Senate in 1860.

Appointed Secretary of the Treasury by Lincoln in 1861.

Resigned as Cabinet member July 1, 1864.

Died in New York City, May 7, 1873.

##### William Dennison

Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 23, 1815.

Graduated at Miami University in 1835.

Chosen to State Legislature in 1848.

Elected governor of Ohio in 1860.

Appointed Postmaster General by Lincoln in Sept., 1864.

Died in Columbus, Ohio, June 15, 1882.

##### William P. Fessenden

Born in Boscawen, N. H., Oct. 16, 1806.

Graduated from Bowdoin College in 1823.

Member of State Legislature, 1832-1840.

Elected to Congress, 1841.

Again elected to State Legislature, 1845-1846, 1853-1854.

Served as U. S. Senator, 1853-1864.

Appointed Secretary of the Treasury, July 1, 1864.

Resigned as Cabinet member March 3, 1865.

Died in Portland, Maine, September 8, 1869.

##### Hugh McCulloch

Born in Kennebunk, Maine, Dec. 7, 1808.

Entered Bowdoin College in 1824.

Settled in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1833.

President of the State Bank of Indiana, 1856-1863.

Appointed Comptroller of Currency at Washington.

Chosen by Lincoln to succeed Fessenden as Secretary of the Treasury.

Died at Washington, D. C., May 24, 1895.

##### William H. Seward

Born in Florida, New York, May 16, 1801.

Graduated from Union College in 1820.

Member of the New York State Senate, 1830-1834.

Elected as Whig governor of New York, 1837, 1842.

Sent to the United States Senate, served from 1849 to 1861.

Appointed Secretary of State, served during both Lincoln's terms.

Died in Auburn, N. Y., Oct. 16, 1872.

##### Caleb B. Smith

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, April 16, 1808.

Graduated from Miami University.

Moved to Indiana, practiced law and edited newspaper.

Member of the state House of Representatives, 1833, 1836.

Served as a member of Congress from 1843 to 1849.

President of the Republican National Convention in 1860.

Appointed Secretary of the Interior by Lincoln, March 5, 1861.

Resigned from Cabinet Jan. 1, 1863.

Died in Indianapolis Jan. 7, 1864.

##### James Speed

Born in Jefferson County, Kentucky, March 11, 1812.

Graduated from St. Joseph College, in 1828.

Studied law at Transylvania University.

Elected to Kentucky State Legislature in 1847.

Served in State senate, in 1861-1863.

Appointed U. S. Attorney-General by Lincoln in 1864.

Died in Jefferson County, Ky., June 25, 1887.

##### Edwin M. Stanton

Born in Stubenville, Ohio, December 19, 1814.

A student in Kenyon College.

Made Secretary of State in Buchanan's Cabinet Dec. 20, 1860.

Appointed by Lincoln as successor to Cameron, Secretary of War, Jan. 15, 1862 and was held over for Lincoln's administration.

Died in Washington, D. C., Dec. 24, 1869.

##### John P. Usher

Born in Brookfield, N. Y., Jan. 9, 1816.

Moved to Indiana and became Attorney-General of the state.

Appointed First Assistant Secretary of the Interior on March 20, 1862.

Succeeded Caleb B. Smith as Secretary of the Interior, Jan. 8, 1863, serving until after Lincoln's death.

##### Gideon Welles

Born in Glastonbury, Connecticut, July 1, 1802.

Studied in Norwich University.

Member of State Legislature from 1827 to 1835.

Appointed Secretary of the Navy by Lincoln in 1860.

Died in Hartford, Connecticut, Feb. 11, 1878.