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LINCOLN'S APPAREL, HEAD TO FOOT

The Lincoln Historical Research Foundation is gathering information about wearing apparel associated with Lincoln. The list that follows is but a sample of an interesting compilation of relics and curios which have been treasured because of their connection with the emancipator.

There has been no attempt in this compilation to separate the purely traditional items from those which have come down well authenticated but there has been a careful check to see that the same item has not been listed twice.

Hats

Hat worn by Lincoln now in the Olroyd collection. It is a good 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ in size. In addition to a heavy black band around it there is another tiny band with a dainty buckle. This is the hat supposed to have been used as a football the night of Lincoln's election to the presidency.

Hat worn by Lincoln now in the possession of the Chicago Historical Society museum.

Beveridge said: "This hat is six and seven-eighths or by stretching it, seven."

Hat worn by Lincoln on the night of his assassination.

These hats were of the stovepipe variety so often worn by Lincoln and which proved to be almost indispensable to him. In the high crowns were carried at various times, according to his occupation, surveyor's notes, letters, dispatches, newspaper clippings, lawyer's briefs and state papers of all sorts.

Hair

Lock of hair taken from Lincoln's head just after his death. It was given originally to Dr. Chas. L. Taft, an attending surgeon at the death bed, and was acquired from the doctor's son by William H. Lambert, a collector of Lincolniana, from whose estate it was purchased by the present owner.

Coats

Coat worn by Lincoln on the night of his assassination is in the possession of the Chicago Historical Society.

It was presented by Frank G. Logan, who obtained it in 1789 from Thomas F. Pendel, a doorkeeper at the White House during the Civil War. Charles Forbes, another veteran attache of the Executive Mansion also swore to the genuineness of the garment.

Dress coat worn by Lincoln.

Suits

A whole suit of clothes supposed to include the original coat worn by Lincoln on the night of his assassination. This was sold in Philadelphia in 1924 and aroused a furor on the part of those who claim the coat in the Chicago Historical Society is the original.

Overcoat

Overcoat, badly torn and wrinkled, was also sold with the suit in Philadelphia. On the dark silk lining is the inscription "One Country, one destiny."

Stock

A badly faded silk stock was with the suit sold in Philadelphia.

Cuff Buttons

Cuff buttons worn by Lincoln in possession of a San Francisco man.

Gloves

Gloves worn by Lincoln on the night of his assassination.

Gloves worn by Lincoln on the night of his assassination were exhibited in 1929 by a New York church. The Pastor of this church said the articles had belonged at one time to Captain Benjamin Richardson, a friend of Lincoln, and were loaned by a granddaughter of the captain.

Handkerchief

Sheer linen, blood stained handkerchief Lincoln carried on the night of his assassination. In one corner is the name A. Lincoln worked in tiny letters of red. This was given by Mrs. Lincoln to a member of the Department of Agriculture who was in addition a close friend of her husband. It is now in the possession of his descendants.

Ring

Ring presented by Lincoln to Joseph Medill, then editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune, and given by him to George Armstrong, a member of the Lincoln guard of honor. It was presented to the Illinois State Historic Library by the husband of a niece of Armstrong.

Watch

Watch presented to Lincoln and on his death given to the widow of the giver. A great many disputes have arisen over the ownership but it is now in the possession of a son of the maker.

Watch carried by Lincoln during the Civil War which tells the date as well as the time and is about twice the size of a modern watch is now in the possession of a family in Denmark. It was made by an American whose heirs presented it to Lincoln.

Canes

Gold headed cane given Lincoln in 1851 by John A. McClernand and later presented by Mrs. Lincoln to a Springfield minister who in turn bequeathed it to a member of the British House of Commons in accordance with Lincoln's wishes.

A straight black ebony cane curiously carved and inlaid carried by Lin-

coln on the night of his assassination. Just below the handle behind thick glass is "Abe Lincoln" then a carved heart and "rail splitter." Next are nine dots representing the nine states from which slavery was abolished. An affidavit accompanying the cane relates that a janitor found it in the theatre box after the shooting and gave it to Dr. von Dolcke of Washington.

Cane made from wood of Henry Clay home and carried by Lincoln on his journey to the White House and during the debates with Douglas.

Cane carried by Lincoln in the Inaugural procession.

Cane Lincoln made for his stepmother, Sarah Bush Lincoln, in 1830 which was presented by one of her relatives to the Chicago Historical Society.

Shawl

Shawl worn by Lincoln both at Springfield and Washington. This was his favorite wrap and what he wore when visiting the telegraph office and hospitals at night during the Civil War. This with other personal articles were obtained from Charles Forbes, Lincoln's confidential attendant in 1892, and now in the museum of the Chicago Historical Society.

Umbrella

Umbrella Lincoln left in Richmond in January, 1865, on his visit there directly after the close of the war.

Frame of the umbrella carried by Lincoln in the Inaugural Procession.

Umbrella carried by Lincoln now in the possession of the Chicago Historical museum.

Satchel

Valise or satchel carried by Lincoln during the debates with Douglas. It is of unusual weight consisting of a heavy wooden box covered with leather and reinforced by iron girders that are securely fastened by brass studded tacks. This was given by Lincoln personally just before he left for Washington to one of his Springfield neighbors as a token of friendship. In it were documents and papers which Lincoln thought would interest his friend. The son of this man still owns it and has loaned it to the Ferry Museum.

Carpet Bag

Carpet bag Lincoln carried when traveling.

Nightgown

Nightgown Lincoln carried with him when traveling.

Socks

A pair of blue worsted socks which were so badly destroyed by moths that they were burned.

Boots

Boots worn by Lincoln the night he was assassinated were left by the man in whose room the martyred president died in payment of a debt and never redeemed.