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FOUNDATION EXTENDS ITS PROGRAM

The Lincoln Historical Research Foundation was established with the idea in mind of offering its services gratuitously. During the four years it has been in existence no contributions have been accepted for the maintenance of any of its many bureaus. The entire cost of operating the Foundation has been met by The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company which sponsors its work. It does not choose to depart from the original altruistic plan which was conceived by those who have endowed it.

While the Foundation has been happy to serve its patrons and contribute to the general knowledge about the great character for whom it is named, it has sensed that the policy of granting all requests without cost to the enquirer has to a large degree handicapped its usefulness in many branches of its work.

For some time, the Foundation has felt that arrangements should be made whereby Lincoln students, collectors and educators could be given an opportunity to secure reproductions of portraits and manuscripts, also photostatic copies of excerpts from books, magazines, newspapers, and other articles now in its extensive collection. This service has not been encouraged heretofore because the cost of such an undertaking would be prohibitive.

The Director of the Foundation has noted that many correspondents have hesitated to ask favors of this kind because they realized it would incur some cost which they would not be permitted to bear. There has been a constant urge that they be allowed to share in the expense incurred by their requests.

The Foundation's sole publication effort thus far has been confined to the free distribution of *Lincoln Lore*. This it hopes to continue indefinitely. The limited space available in this bulletin, however, does not allow a discussion of more than a thousand words, which eliminates an exhaustive study of any phases of Lincolniana, with the usual references to authorities which should accompany them. The free distribution of a series of monographs in booklet form, to the 3,000 people now receiving *Lincoln Lore*, would incur a cost which the Foundation is not able to bear.

Many Lincoln students have submitted to the Foundation worth while manuscripts which they have hoped to have published and have solicited the aid of the Foundation to this end, but no facilities for printing and distributing Lincoln publications have been included in its plans.

Requests have come from schools and other organizations for quantities of Lincoln programs which might be used on special Lincoln occasions. Libraries have expressed the need of

check lists and indexes for their Lincoln departments and other data which would assist in making their collections of Lincolniana more available.

Publishers of books and magazines have often solicited the help of the Foundation in supplying illustrative material for their enterprises. Groups desiring to use electrotypes of Lincoln on programs, but without sufficient funds to buy them, have solicited the Foundation for help. School men and lecturers have often inquired if they could be supplied with lantern slides.

The inability of the Foundation to meet these requests has suggested an arrangement whereby it may still carry on its own work gratuitously, yet meet the needs of those who would like to be served further, but hesitate to ask for favors which they realize places the Foundation to some expense.

An arrangement has been made with the Lincolniana Publishers, of Fort Wayne, Ind., whereby the establishment may have the closest cooperation of the Foundation in supplying requests that may come to them for items which must be copied from the Foundation archives.

They will be encouraged to publish, both for the Foundation and Lincoln collectors, standard size booklets which can be produced at a minimum cost, which will make available to Lincoln students, schools and libraries many worth while Lincoln monographs.

As a medium of contact between the publishers and those they hope to serve we have granted the Lincolniana Publishers the exclusive right to enclose in *Lincoln Lore* mailings such announcements of prospective Lincoln items as they may care to make. The *Lincoln Lore* mailing list will not be directly available to them or any publisher as it has always been a strictly confidential list.

It is hoped that this attempt to meet the needs of the rapidly increasing numbers of Lincoln groups will be understood as a sincere approach to the question of distribution, which has for some time presented a serious problem to the Foundation.

While this plan may appear like a gesture to get relief from the furnishing of so much material which involves a direct cost to the Foundation it is in reality an attempt to cooperate with its patrons more fully in securing at a minimum cost the items they would like to acquire.

The Lincoln Historical Research Foundation will still continue its same policy of doing its work gratuitously and keeping you advised through its publication, *Lincoln Lore*, and through correspondence, of recent findings in the field of Lincolniana.

Items Now Available Through Co-operative Effort

PHOTOSTATIC COPIES

- Autograph Lincoln Letters.
- Autograph Lincoln Documents.
- Autographs of Lincoln's Contemporaries.
- Broadsides.
- Maps.
- Out of Print "Lincoln Lore."
- Magazine Articles.
- Newspaper Clippings.
- Excerpts from Books.
- Title Pages.
- Sheet Music.

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- Portraits of Lincoln.
- Home Sites and Environs.
- Statues.
- Memorials.
- Markers.

STENOGRAPHIC COPIES

- Excerpts from Books, Magazines and Newspaper Clippings.
- Unpublished Writings.
- Lincoln Addresses.
- Poems.

STEREOPTICAN SLIDES

- Selections from 1600 subjects, Pictures, Maps, Diagrams, etc.

PUBLICATIONS

- Books and Pamphlets in quarterly bibliography of "Lincoln Lore."
- Current Magazines.
- Privately printed Monographs.
- Magazine Reprints.
- Lincoln Birthday Programs.

Correspondence regarding these items should be directed to

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