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CHECK LIST OF 100 ORIGINAL LINCOLN PORTRAITS

The release of the first volume of Winfred Porter Truesdell's exhaustive study of *Engraved and Lithographed Portraits of Abraham Lincoln* marks a new day for print collectors. This monumental work, which immediately takes its place as an authoritative source, has invited a compilation of 100 original portraits by the editor of *Lincoln Lore*.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell was the first Lincoln student to publish any considerable number of Lincoln photographs, drawing largely upon the Truman H. Bartlett collection. Although the beardless and bearded pictures were grouped, no serious study was made of chronological order.

In 1908 O. H. Oldroyd published an exhibit of 100 portraits of Lincoln, but reproductions of paintings, engravings, and lithographs were included, and he did little in the way of identification.

Two years later Francis Trevelyan Miller published the first book which attempted to arrange Lincoln prints chronologically, and this valuable work had a wide circulation.

By far the most complete compilation of original photographs was made by Frederick H. Meserve. In 1911 he

published a collection of 100 pictures, and, relying on the historical data which was available, arranged the portraits in the order in which the sittings occurred. As his book was an edition of 100 copies it had a very limited circulation. The numerals associated with this orderly arrangement of pictures have become the standard of identification wherever Lincoln pictures are collected.

Since the publication of the original group of portraits by Meserve much historical data about the various sittings has been discovered.

It is the purpose of this bulletin to release what appears to be the best evidence available about the dates when the various photographs were taken, where they were taken, and the names of the photographers. The pictures are grouped in the chronological order of the sittings. The numbers assigned to the pictures by Oldroyd and Meserve are used and the page numbers of the Miller photographs (t—top of page; b—bottom of page). This will allow the identification of a picture in any one of the three sources.

This list does not include the many new portraits which have been discovered since the Meserve publication. These will be discussed in a subsequent issue of *Lincoln Lore*.

Date	Place	Photographer	Oldroyd	Miller	Meserve
1846—?—?	Springfield, Ill.	N. H. Shephard	3	13	1
1857—?—?	Chicago, Ill.	Alexander Hesler	36	19t	6
1858—?—?	Chicago, Ill.	(Not Known)	17	17t	3
1858—?—?	(Not Known)	(Not Known)	14	17b	4
1858—4—?	Urbana, Ill.	Samuel G. Alschuler	8		5
1858—8—12	Beardstown, Ill.	(Not Known)	10	27t	7
1858—8—26	Macomb, Ill.	B. L. Rider	20, 27	25t, —	10, 11
1858—9—25	Springfield, Ill.	(Not Known)		39	16
1858—10—1	Pittsfield, Ill.	C. Jackson	7	21b	12
1858—11—1	Monmouth, Ill.	Wm. Judkins Thompson	5	19b	13
1858—?—?	Springfield, Ill.	C. S. Germon	32	27b	32
1858—?—?	Springfield, Ill.	(Not Known)			18
1858—?—?	Springfield, Ill.	(Not Known)	31	25b	14
1858—?—?	(Not Known)	(Not Known)			15
1858—?—?	Danville, Ill.	Amon J. T. Joslin			2
1859—?—?	Chicago, Ill.	S. M. Fassett	13	29	8
1859—10—?	Urbana, Ill.	(Not Known)	15	33t	21
1860—2—27	New York, N. Y.	Matthew Brady	19, 13	—, 31t	19, 20
1860—5—20	Springfield, Ill.	(Not Known)	4	35b	22
1860—6—3	Springfield, Ill.	Alexander Hesler	6, 30, 23, 16	35t, 37t, 32b, —	25, 26, 27, 28
1860—6—?	Springfield, Ill.	Butler			17
1860—8—13	Springfield, Ill.	(Not Known)	11, —	37b, —	29, 30
1860—?—?	Springfield, Ill.	(Not Known)	26	31b	31
1860—?—?	Springfield, Ill.	A. J. Whipple		—, 41t	23, 24
1860—?—?	Springfield, Ill.	C. S. Germon	28	21t	9
1860—11—26	Chicago, Ill.	Samuel G. Alschuler	98	43t	33
1861—1—26	Springfield, Ill.	C. S. Germon	94	43b	34
1861—2—?	Springfield, Ill.	C. S. Germon	41, 87	45b, 45t	35, 36
1861—2—22	Philadelphia, Pa.	(Not Known)			37
1861—2—23	Washington, D. C.	Matthew Brady	—, 86, 62, —,	—, —, —, 74b,	68, 69, 70, 71,
					72
1861—?—?	Washington, D. C.	Matthew Brady	77, —, 37, 55,	82t, —, 67, 74t,	38, 62, 63, 64,
			66, 69, 44	—, 71t, —	65, 66, 67
1861—?—?	Washington, D. C.	(Not Known)	45	57b	42
1862—?—?	Washington, D. C.	Matthew Brady	—, 42, 81, 70,	—, —, 89, 91,	73, 74, 75, 76,
			39, 58	75t, —	77, 78
1862—10—2	Antietam, Md.	Matthew Brady	—, —, 73, —,	62, 61t, 60, 59,	43, 44, 45, 46,
				61b, —	47, 48
1863—8—9	Washington, D. C.	Alexander Gardner	57, —, —, 46,	—, —, —, 63,	49, 50, 51, 52,
			—, 93, 56	65, —, 85b	53, 54, 55
1863—11—8	Washington, D. C.	Alexander Gardner	68, 76	57t, 79b	56, 61
1863—11—15	Washington, D. C.	Alexander Gardner	53, 64, 52, —	—, 71b, 79b, —	57, 58, 59, 60
1864—?—?	Washington, D. C.	Walker	51	81	88
1864—2—9	Washington, D. C.	Matthew Brady	88, —, —, 99	83, —, —, 77t	39, 40, 41, 85
1864—?—?	Washington, D. C.	Matthew Brady	80, 91	—, 77t	86, 87
1864—?—?	Washington, D. C.	Matthew Brady	—, 100, —, 50	—, —, 79t	81, 82, 83, 84
1864—?—?	Washington, D. C.	Wenderoth, Taylor & Brown	74, 65		79, 80
1864—?—?	Washington, D. C.	(Not Known)	—, 48	—, 85t	91, 92
1865—3—4	Washington, D. C.	(Not Known)			89, 90
1865—3—6	Washington, D. C.	Henry F. Warren	89	87b	93
1865—4—?	Washington, D. C.	Alexander Gardner	43, —, —, 59,	—, 82b, —, 93,	94, 95, 96, 97,
			84, —, —	87t, —, —	98, 99, 100