

LINCOLN LORE

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LINCOLN COLLECTIONS IN INSTITUTIONS

The bequest of the late Governor Henry Horner by which the Illinois State Historical Library comes into possession of his Lincoln collection, and the recent gift of Lincolniana presented by Miss Ida M. Tarbell to Allegheny College suggest the timeliness of this bulletin on Lincoln libraries located in public institutions.

Many large city libraries and outstanding universities have creditable collections of Lincoln books, but only those libraries are mentioned here which have given some special attention to Lincolniana. This compilation does not include a number of fine personally owned libraries nor Lincoln shrines of the museum order. Emphasis is placed on the names of the states where the libraries are located, in order to impress upon one the wide-spread interest in the Emancipator.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Allegheny College—Pennsylvania

The Lincoln Room of the Reis Library at Allegheny College was dedicated on October 18, 1940, and contains the Lincoln material assembled by Miss Ida M. Tarbell, an alumna of the institution. The memorial room was made possible by the gift of Mrs. Anne C. Morck.

Berea College—Kentucky

Gifts of Lincolniana by Mrs. John A. Shedd and Mr. Alfred C. Howell were responsible for the setting apart of a special room for the Lincoln collection at Berea College.

Brown University—Rhode Island

A beautifully arranged Lincoln room at Brown houses the Charles Woodbury McLellan collection acquired for presentation to the university by John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Butler College—Indiana

Lincolniana gathered by Charles W. Moores, Lincoln student and author, was bequeathed to Butler College.

Chicago University—Illinois

The Lincoln shrine room at Chicago University is an impressive memorial to the martyred President. It contains the Dr. William E. Barton collection of Lincolniana.

Drew University—New Jersey

The Lincoln collection at Drew University has been largely built up by the efforts of Rev. George T. Lemmon, an ardent Lincoln student and author.

Harvard University—Massachusetts

At Harvard there are two major collections of Lincolniana; one a gift by Mrs. Alonzo Rothschild in memory of her husband, and the other the library of William Whiting Nolan.

Lincoln Memorial University—Tennessee

This University named for Abraham Lincoln has been the beneficiary of several fine Lincoln collections, and just recently came into possession of the excellent library of the late Reverend David I. Nelson.

Santa Barbara State College—California

William Wyles for many years has been gathering Lincolniana which he has presented to the Santa Barbara State College. Two rooms are now needed to properly care for the items.

University of Michigan—Michigan

A Lincoln room in the William L. Clements Library has recently been set apart to take care of the excellent

collection of Lincolniana presented to the University of Michigan by the well known Lincoln student, A. H. Greenly of New York.

Western State Teachers College—Michigan

One of the finest libraries of Lincolniana in the middle west was gathered by D. B. Waldo, former president of the Western State Teachers College, in anticipation of creating a Lincoln and Washington shrine in the library building.

NATIONAL, STATE, AND CITY COLLECTIONS

Chicago Historical Society—Illinois

The Lincoln corridor with the James Rosenthal collection of Lincoln prints, the Lincoln death chamber—a replica of the room where the President died in Washington, and the spacious Lincoln hall provide a veritable treasure house for the Lincolniana with which the names of Charles F. Gunther and Dr. Otto L. Schmidt always will be associated.

Columbus City Library—Ohio

A little known but especially fine Lincoln collection is to be found in the Lincoln Room at the Columbus City Library. It contains the books gathered by C. H. Lyman, one of the most enthusiastic early students of the Emancipator.

Congressional Library—Washington, D. C.

When the Robert Todd Lincoln collection of his father's papers is made available, the extensive Lincoln manuscript files in the Library of Congress will be greatly enriched. The Lincoln book section in the library division and the Lincoln picture section in the art division already contain rare and valuable items.

Huntington Library—California

The most famous of the early collections of Lincolniana to be kept intact was gathered by Judd Stewart and acquired by Henry E. Huntington in 1922. The Ward H. Lamson manuscripts supplement the Stewart Lincolniana at San Marino.

Illinois State Historical Library—Illinois

Already having assembled a vast amount of information relating to Lincoln, the Illinois State Library will be greatly augmented by the Henry E. Horner collection.

Kansas State Historical Society—Kansas

Comparatively speaking, but few people know about the remarkable library which occupies a special Lincoln room in the State Memorial Building. Mrs. Elizabeth Hall, one of the few women collectors of Lincolniana, gathered and presented the library to the society.

Redlands Lincoln Memorial Shrine—California

Undoubtedly the most beautiful setting for any of the Lincoln collections is the structure at Redlands, California, built especially to house the Robert Watchorn library of Lincolniana.

Wilmington Public Library—Delaware

One of the finest Lincoln libraries on the Atlantic coast was gathered by Mr. Frank Tallman of Wilmington, Delaware. Mr. Tallman bequeathed his collection on Abraham Lincoln to the Wilmington Library.