

# LINCOLN LORE

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## CLIPPING ONE'S WAY TO KNOWLEDGE

Recently a request came from a famous Lincoln library for a resumé of the plan used by the Foundation library in preserving and organizing its newspaper clippings. When one attacks the newspapers, magazines, etc. that come under his observation, it would be well to remember this order of approach which might be called The Clippers Guide; Source It,—Date It,—Clip It,—Mount It,—Index It,—File It.

When indexing is started, then the advantage of placing but one clipping on a sheet is observed, and as the collection grows the value of separate mountings will become still more apparent. In the adjacent columns a plan for organizing Lincoln clippings will be made. The out-

line form presents index subjects for a small (Roman numerals), medium (Arabic), and large (letters) collections of Lincoln clippings. Of course, each classification can be subdivided indefinitely. While there are but two-hundred divisions here, the Lincoln National Life Foundation collection of clippings contains over 3,000 separate subject divisions.

The filing for a small collection can best be made in either of two standard size binders, 6"x9", or 8½"x11", the latter is preferable. For a medium or large collection, correspondence folders are most satisfactory until enough data on a single subject has been gathered to fill a loose leaf binder. It is a tragedy to paste clippings indiscriminately in a bound volume.

### I. KINSFOLK

1. Ancestry
  - a. Paternal
  - b. Maternal
2. Parentage
  - a. Father
  - b. Mother
  - c. Stepmother
3. Family
  - a. Wife
  - b. Children
  - c. Grandchildren
4. Relatives
  - a. Lincoln
  - b. Hanks
  - c. Todd

### II. PERSONALITY

1. Physical Appearance
  - a. Stature
  - b. Features
  - c. Health
2. Mental Development
  - a. Formal education
  - b. Self-taught acquirements
  - c. Analytical mind
3. Social Contacts
  - a. Recreation
  - b. Manners
  - c. Love affairs
  - d. Story telling
4. Moral Characteristics
  - a. Integrity
  - b. Humanity
  - c. Philosophy
5. Religious Convictions
  - a. Parental influence
  - b. Skeptical years
  - c. Final convictions

### III. VOCATIONS

1. Youth
  - a. Rail splitter
  - b. Clerk
  - c. Riverman
2. New Salem Years
  - a. Storekeeper
  - b. Postmaster
  - c. Surveyor
3. Legal
  - a. Partners
  - b. Eighth Judicial Circuit
  - c. Outstanding cases

### IV. POLITICS

1. Background
  - a. Henry Clay
  - b. Newspapers
  - c. First campaign
2. Legislature
  - a. First victory
  - b. Long nine
  - c. Eight years
3. Whigs
  - a. Elector
  - b. Leadership
4. Congress
  - a. Preliminaries
  - b. Speeches
  - c. Land office
5. Senatorial Contest
  - a. National attention
  - b. Results
6. Presidential Nominee
  - a. 1860 Convention
  - b. Campaign
  - c. Election

### V. ADMINISTRATIVE

1. Chief Executive
  - a. Diplomat
  - b. Constitution
  - c. Patronage
  - d. Reconstruction
2. Personnel
  - a. Vice-President
  - b. Cabinet
  - c. Supreme Court
  - d. Secretaries
3. Military
  - a. Officers
  - b. Men in ranks
  - c. Clemency
  - d. Auxiliaries
  - e. Reactionaries

### VI. WRITINGS

1. Correspondence
  - a. Personal
  - b. Legal
  - c. Political
  - d. Presidential
2. Manuscripts
  - a. Autobiographies
  - b. Illinois years
  - c. Chief Executive
3. Signatures
  - a. Proclamations
  - b. Appointments
  - c. Pardons

### VII. ADDRESSES

1. Early Years
  - a. Popular subjects
  - b. Legal pleadings
  - c. Legislative speeches
2. Political
  - a. Party discussions
  - b. Debates
  - c. Cooper Institute
  - d. President-Elect
3. Presidential
  - a. Inaugurals
  - b. Messages to Congress
  - c. Gettysburg
  - d. Incidental

### VIII. ASSASSINATION

1. Historical
  - a. Last day episodes
  - b. Theatre plans
  - c. The event
  - d. Death
2. Personnel
  - a. Theatre party
  - b. Actors
  - c. Conspirators
  - d. Doctors
  - e. Eye witnesses
  - f. Death-bed visitors
3. Funeral
  - a. Washington
  - b. En route
  - c. Springfield
4. Trial of Assassins
  - a. Military court
  - b. Convictions
  - c. Government awards

### IX. BOOKS

1. Read By Him
  - a. Indiana years
  - b. Illinois years
  - c. Washington
2. Written By Him
  - a. Copy books
  - b. Published books
3. Written About Him
  - a. Announcements
  - b. Reviews
  - c. Sketches of authors

### X. PICTURES

1. Photographs
  - a. Original
  - b. Reproductions

### 2. Paintings

- a. Beardless, from life
  - c. From photographs
  - b. Bearded, from life
3. Prints
    - a. Engravings
    - b. Lithographs
    - c. Woodcuts
    - d. Modern
    - e. Stamps
  4. Cartoons
    - a. Index by artist
  5. Cineograph
    - a. Plays
    - b. Actors
    - c. Impersonators
  6. Contemporaries
    - a. Family
    - b. Associates

### XI. TRIBUTES

1. Eulogies
  - a. Sermons
  - b. Formal addresses
  - c. Foreign acclaim
2. Press Notices
  - a. Editorials
  - b. Feature stories
3. Comparisons
  - a. Americans
  - b. World figures
4. Reminiscences
  - a. Associates
  - b. Acquaintances
5. Poetry
  - a. Contemporary
  - b. Modern

### XII. MEMORIALS

1. Buildings
  - a. Homes
  - b. Associated
2. Parks
  - a. National
  - b. State
  - c. Local
3. Statues
  - a. Heroic bronze
  - b. Stone
  - c. Busts
4. Tablets
  - a. Index by states
  - b. Plaques
  - c. Medallions
5. Curios
  - a. Apparel
  - b. Household
  - c. Associated items