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THAYER'S WORKS ON LINCOLN

The earliest cloth bound book on Abraham Lincoln which did not have a political objective was Thayer's *The Pioneer Boy*, published April 1863. The following year a campaign biography was issued which appeared under two different titles: *The Character and Public Services of Abraham Lincoln* and also *Life and Character of Abraham Lincoln*. The latter publication and *The Pioneer Boy* were bound together with the title on the back strip inscribed *Life and Public Services of Abraham Lincoln*.

Thayer then rewrote and extended *The Pioneer Boy* into a book which he called *From Pioneer Home to White House*. Both the Lincoln and Garfield volumes were bound together in 1882 under the cover title *The Martyr Presidents*. An English Edition used the title *The Pioneer Boy and How He Became President*.

I. The Pioneer Boy. F941, M249

The Pioneer Boy/and/how He Became President/by/William M. Thayer/. . . ./. . . ./. Boston:/Walker, Wise, and Company;/245 Washington Street/1863.

1. 1863 edition, cloth, 7x4½, illus., ads., XIV, 17-310p. Subsequent issues state number of copies published just above imprint. The 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th thousand issues are all dated 1863.

2. 1864 reprints are from same plates with additional advertisement in back of book. Also different cover design. The 18th, 21st, and 26th thousand issues noted.

3. 1865 reprints, are from same plates as above. Same cover design in different colors. Changed imprint "Walker, Fuller, and company". The 28th thousand issue noted.

4. 1866 reprints, same as above but no advertisements in front or back of book. Same imprint but press line dropped. A 30th thousand issue noted.

5. 1868 reprints, from same plates as former editions but changed imprint: "H. B. Fuller and company successors to Walker, Fuller and Company." A 32nd thousand copy noted.

II. Life and Character. F943, M354

Life and Character/of/Abraham Lincoln/by William M. Thayer,/author of the "Pioneer Boy," "The Youth's History of the Rebellion," etc./Boston:/Walker, Wise, and company/245 Washington Street/1864.

1. Wrappers 7x4½, illus., 76p.
2. Wrapper 7x4½, illus., 76p., same as above with variant imprint: "Boston: Dinsmoor and company. 33. School Street. 1864".

III. Character and Public Services. F942, M353

The/Character and Public Services/of/Abraham Lincoln/President of the United States/by Wm. M. Thayer/Author of the "Pioneer Boy", "Youth's History of the Rebellion", and c./Boston. Walker, Wise, and Company/245, Washington Street, 1864.

1. (a) Wrappers, 7x4½, illus., Ads., 75p. Greely comments on pages 72 and 73 expurgated.
2. Wrappers, same as above with imprint: "Boston:/Dinsmoor and company,/33, School Street/1864."

IV. Life and Public Services (not in bibliographies)

Life/and/Public Services/of/Abraham Lincoln./De-vice/Walker, Wise and Co. [Back strip title].

Bound in red cloth embossed with portrait of Lincoln and decorated in gilt. 7x4½, illus., 76 and 310p.

V. Pioneer Home to White House. F945, M991

From/Pioneer Home/to/the White House/Life of/Abraham Lincoln/Boyhood, Youth, Manhood, Assassination, Death,/by/William M. Thayer./author of "From Log Cabin to White House." etc./with Eulogy/by Hon. George Bancroft./Enlarged, Revised, and newly illustrated./Norwich, Conn.: The Henry Bill Publishing Company/1882.

1. Bill imprint—(a) Cloth, 7½x5¼, illus., 469p. (b) A variant, same text thicker paper, title page, omits line, "Enlarged, Revised and newly illus." and additional imprint line; "C. C. Wick & co., Cleveland, O." Same date.

2. Alden reprint—(a) Cloth 7¼x4¾, front, 469p. Same title page, plates for text, and frontispiece but other illustrations lacking. Imprint on title page changed to "New York:/John B. Alden, Publisher./1883." (b) Another issue 7x4¾ same as above dated 1885.

3. Earle reprint—Cloth 7¼x4¾. Same plates as above. Changed imprint: "Boston/James H. Earle, Publishers/178 Washington Street/1886." Two different cover titles: (a) Log Cabin Series and (b) White House Series. Slight changes in cover designs for following dates (c) 1887, (d) 1887, (e) 1888, (f) 1889, (g) 1890, (h) n.d.

4. Hurst reprint—Cloth 7x4¾, front. Same title page and text as above. New frontispiece but no other illus. Imprint "New York/Hurst & Company/Publishers. n.d." Two different picture cover designs: (a) Boy with football, (b) Two boys with dog.

5. Whitman reprint—(a) Cloth 7¼x5, front. Same text but reset title page. Frontispiece different from above. Imprint: "Chicago/Albert Whitman & Company/Publishers." (b) Another copy with same reset title as above retains imprint of number four above.

VI. The Martyr Presidents. O1389, M992

The/Martyr/Presidents/Abraham Lincoln/James A. Garfield/H. B. Pub. Co. [Back strip title].

1. A prospectus with same title page as no. V. Also a section excerpted from book on Garfield. Samples of cloth and leather bindings attached to inside of front and back covers. 7½x5½, illus., (50)p.

2. (a) Morocco, same title page as no. V., 7½x5¼, illus., 469p plus 483p., with title on backstrip. Same frontispiece text and illus. in Lincoln section as no. V. (b) Also in cloth.

3. (a) Morocco same as above except imprint similar to no. V. (b) Also in cloth.

VII. Pioneer Boy and How He Became President. F947, O1339, M990

The Pioneer Boy/and How He Became President/The Story of the Life of Abraham Lincoln/by W. M. Thayer/author of/"From Log Cabin to White House", "Tact, Push and Principle etc./London:/Hodden and Stoughton,/27. Paternoster Row,/MDCCCLXXXII.

1882 edition, (a) cloth, 7½x5, front., ads. XIX, 359p. Subsequent issues in 1882 show a number of copies published in line above imprint. (b) 2nd, (c) 3rd, (d) 9th thousand. 1885, (e) 3rd edition, 17th thousand, same as above except different ads. 1890, (f) 6th edition, 23rd thousand, same as above. 1894, (g) 10th edition, 52nd thousand, same text but title page set in smaller type. 1896, (h) 11th edition, 54th thousand, (i) a 12th edition, same year. 1902, (j) 15th edition, 67th thousand. 1909 (k) contains new additions in imprint "20 Warwick Square". 1933, (l) imprint Humphrey, Milford, Oxford University Press. Color edition, (m) imprint "Illustrated in color. London Henry Froude, Hodden and Stoughton."

VIII. (The Pioneer Boy) Greek. F944, M3793

Cloth 7¾x5, illus., 289p., 1865. Translation from M.

IX. (The Pioneer Boy) Hawaiian. F31, M2828

Cloth 7½x4½, illus., 306p., 1869. Translated from M.

X. (The Life of Abraham Lincoln) German. F496, M3848

Cloth 8½x5¾, 315p. Editions of (a) 1886 and (b) 1897. Translated from M990.

XI. (Abraham Lincoln's Life) Swedish. O1396,

O1398, M3849

(a) Cloth 6½x4¾, front, 319p., 1886. (b) Board cover same year. (c) Board cover (1900). (d) Board cover with Lincoln picture, 7¼x5½ (1906). Translation from M990.

XII. (Abraham Lincoln) Finnish. O1379, M3861

Wrappers 8¼x5¼, 354p. Translated from M3849.