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VARIANT PUBLICATIONS OF THE DEBATES

Eleven years ago Lincoln Lore presented a preliminary discussion on the various issues of the Lincoln-Douglas Debates published in 1860 by Follett-Foster and Company of Columbus, Ohio. Some years later, after other variants had been discovered, a mimeographed list of the issues arranged chronologically was prepared and sent out to Lincoln students for checking purposes. It now seems worth while to put the compilation in printed form using the same enumeration which was adopted in the trial tabulation. It appears in abbreviated form at the top of the next column.

There seems to be but one set of text plates used for the entire thirteen impressions. The variations therefore are all confined to the imprints, preliminaries, and covers. The printed preliminary pages will be designated in the descriptions by Roman numerals.

Title Page

Political Debates / Between / Hon. Abraham Lincoln / and Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, / In the Celebrated Campaign of 1858, in Illinois; / Including the preceding speeches of each, at Chicago, Springfield, Etc.; Also, The two great / speeches of Mr. Lincoln in Ohio, in 1859, / as / Carefully prepared by the reporters of each party, and published / at the times of their delivery. / Columbus: / Follett, Foster and Company. / 1860. /

1. First Edition with Five Preliminary Pages

I. Title page same as above.

II. Three copyright lines in center of page. Four lines in business card placed in lower left hand corner. The absence of a ruled line above the name Follett, Foster & Co. identifies it as a first edition.

III and IV. Correspondence.

V. Table of contents.

2*. Edition with Four Preliminary Pages

I. Title page same as above.

II. Three copyright lines at top of page with rule extending under last line. Table of contents. Four lines in business card placed in lower left hand corner with ruled line just above the name Follett, Foster & Co.

III and IV. Correspondence same as above.

3*. Edition with Three Preliminary Pages

I. Title page same as above.

II. Three copyright lines in center of page. Four lines in business card in lower left hand corner with ruled line just above the name Follett, Foster & Co.

CONDENSED CHECK LIST

No.	Collation	Imprint
1.	5 preliminary p.....	Follett
2.	4 preliminary p.....	Follett
3.	3 preliminary p.....	Follett
4.	15,000 c. noted.....	Follett
5.	16,000 c. noted.....	Follett
6.	16,000 c. noted.....	Brown etc.
7.	16,000 c. noted.....	Crosby etc.
8.	24,996 c. noted.....	Follett
9.	24,996 c. noted.....	Brown etc.
10.	24,996 c. noted.....	Crosby etc.
11.	30,000 c. noted.....	Follett
12.	30,000 c. noted.....	Brown etc.
13.	30,000 c. noted.....	Crosby etc.

III. Table of contents.

Variants

(a). Preliminaries same as above but different cover design. Backstrip set in different type and gilt line much shorter under word "Debates."

(b). Preliminaries same as above but different cover design from both 3a and 3b. Backstrip title set in much smaller type.

4*. Edition Noting 15,000 Copies

I. Advertisement of Howell's "Life and Public Services of Abraham Lincoln." States book will be ready June 12.

II and III. Advertisements. At bottom of page III is the following announcement: "15,000 Copies Sold of Lincoln and Douglas Debates."

IV. Correspondence.

V, VI, VII, same as I, II, III above.

5*. Edition Noting 16,000 Copies

I. Advertisement of Howell's "Life and Public Services of Abraham Lincoln." States book will be ready previous to June 20. Calls the book "The Authorized Edition." At the bottom of the page appears: "16,000 copies Lincoln and Douglas Debates Sold."

II. Advertisement of same as above.

III. Advertisement of Coggeshall's book.

IV. Advertising and correspondence.

V, VI, VII. Same as above.

Variant

(a) Variant shows encircled star in center of cover which design is used in subsequent printings.

6*. Edition Noting 16,000 Copies

I, II, III, and IV. Same as above.

V. Title page imprint, Columbus: Follett, Foster and Company Boston: Brown & Taggard, New York: W. A.

Townsend & Co. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co. Detroit: Putnam, Smith & Co. 1860.

VI, and VII. Same as above.

7*. Edition Noting 16,000 Copies

I, II, III, and IV. Same as above.

V. Title page—Imprint, Columbus: Follett, Foster and Company Boston: Crosby, Nichols, Lee & Co. New York: M. Doolady. Pittsburgh: Hunt & Miner. Cincinnati: Rickey, Mallory & Co. 1860.

VI and VII. Same as above.

8. Edition Noting 24,996 Copies

I. Advertisement—Howell's "Life and Public Services of Abraham Lincoln." States that 9,000 copies of above book already sold. Calls it "The Authorized Edition." Under the advertisement at bottom of page appears "24,996 copies Lincoln and Douglas Debates Sold!"

II and III. Same as above except first line on III which reads, "Will be published August 5."

IV. Same as above.

V. Title page Imprint (copy 5).

VI and VII. Same as above.

Note. Compiler has not seen copy but H. E. Barker and Jay Monaghan report it.

9. Edition Noting 24,996 Copies

I, II, III, and IV. Same as above.

V. Title page imprint (copy 6).

VI, and VII. Same as above.

10*. Edition Noting 24,996 Copies

I, II, III, and IV. Same as above.

V. Title page imprint (copy 7).

VI and VII. Same as above.

11. Edition Noting 30,000 Copies

I. Advertisement.

II. Statement by the publisher noting 30,000 copies from Stephen A. Douglas.

III. Letter of publisher.

IV. Corrections continued.

V. Title page imprint (copy 5).

VI and VII. Same as above.

Note. Compiler has not seen copy with above imprint.

12. Edition Noting 30,000 Copies

I, II, III and IV. Same as above.

V. Title page imprint (copy 6).

VI and VII. Same as above.

13. Edition Noting 30,000 Copies

I, II, III and IV. Same as above.

V. Title page imprint (copy 7).

VI and VII. Same as above.

*Paper cover copies noted.