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## SYSTEMATIZING LINCOLN CLIPPINGS

A question sometimes asked at the Lincoln National Life Foundation: "Do you have a Lincoln scrapbook?" is amusing indeed. The Foundation does have a scrapbook but it is not bound between two covers. In fact, it takes sixty-five filing drawers, such as are used in the standard steel office file, to house and systematize this mammoth collection of information about Abraham Lincoln. However, if one would attempt to visualize in book form these 8½" x 11" loose leaf sheets of clippings a single volume would be over 100 feet between end sheets and contain at least 200,000 pages, or conveniently bound would total 500 books, of 400 pages each. Full page newspaper clippings 18" x 28" are collected in another file and it contains 3000 pages.

One would anticipate that so large a collection of news items relating to the story of one man would have to be

minutely systematized if they were to be made immediately available for reference. This has been accomplished by first separating the data of vital interest to the student from that more especially gathered for the collector. The clippings are broken down into 17 major groupings, 60 general divisions, 300 subdivisions and approximately 3,000 minor classifications, tabulated under specific subjects. This copy of *Lincoln Lore* will be confined to outlining the material gathered under A. Student, and a subsequent issue will present the organization plan of clippings under B. Collector. One subdivision entitled Gettysburg and designated as A. VII, 2, d. is broken down two more stages to illustrate how minutely the subject matter is collated in many of the gradation processes.

### I. GENEALOGY

1. Lincoln Family
  - a. Father
  - b. Brother & Sister
  - c. Uncles & Aunts
  - d. Grandparents
  - e. American Kinsmen
  - f. European Kinsmen
  - g. Other Branches
  - h. The name Lincoln
2. Hanks Family
  - a. Mother
  - b. Grandparents
  - c. Kentucky Colony
  - d. Virginia Colony
  - e. Other Branches
3. Bush-Johnson Families
  - a. Stepmother
  - b. Stepbrother
  - c. Stepsisters
  - d. Bush Kinsmen
4. Todd Family
  - a. Wife
  - b. Children
  - c. Grandchildren
  - d. Todd Kinsmen

### II. ORIENTATION

1. Kentucky
  - a. Birth
  - b. Teachers
  - c. Pets
2. Indiana
  - a. Youth
  - b. Schools
  - c. Ohio River
  - d. Home
  - e. Neighbors
3. Illinois
  - a. Decatur
  - b. New Salem
  - c. Vandalia
  - d. Springfield

### III. CHARACTERISTICS

1. Appearance
  - a. Size
  - b. Features
  - c. Apparel
  - d. Detail Descriptions
2. Personality
  - a. Habits
  - b. Sociability
  - c. Recreation
  - d. Morality

### 3. Religion

- a. Personal Faith
- b. Denominations
- c. Preachers
- d. Biblical Lore
- e. Critic

### IV. VOCATIONS

1. Primitive
  - a. Railsplitter
  - b. Flatboatman
  - c. Clerk
2. Appointments
  - a. Surveyor
  - b. Postmaster
3. Profession
  - a. Law Studies
  - b. Legal Partners
  - c. Important Cases
  - d. Practice in General

### V. PUBLIC LIFE

1. Local Politics
  - a. Patriot
  - b. Representative
  - c. Elector
  - d. Congressman
  - e. Candidate for Senate
  - f. Whig Party
  - g. Slavery Question
2. National Politics
  - a. Pres. Candidate 1860
  - b. Election 1860
  - c. Patronage
  - d. Pres. Candidate 1864
  - e. Reelection 1864
  - f. Political Parties

### VI. WRITINGS

1. Correspondence
  - a. Personal
  - b. Legal
  - c. Political
  - d. Presidential
  - e. Forgeries
2. Proclamations
  - a. General
  - b. Emancipation
  - c. Thanksgiving
3. Manuscripts
  - a. Autobiographies
  - b. Litigation
  - c. Executive
  - d. Signatures

### VIII. SPEECHES

1. Pre-inaugural
  - a. Orator
  - b. Early Speeches
  - c. Lost Speech
  - d. Debates
  - e. Cooper Institute
  - f. Inaugural Trip
2. Presidential
  - a. First Inaugural
  - b. Messages to Congress
  - c. Occasional Addresses
  - d. Gettysburg Address
  - a'. Gettysburg, Penn.
    - a. Town
    - b. Cemetery
    - c. Battle
  - b'. Preliminaries
    - a. Invitation
    - b. Enroute
    - c. Entertainment
    - d. Evening Speech
  - c'. Program
    - a. The Day
    - b. Parade
    - c. Personnel
  - d'. Drafts
    - a. Preliminary
    - b. Battlefield
    - c. Everett
    - d. Bancroft (1st)
    - e. Bancroft (2nd)
    - f. Stenographic
  - e'. Analysis
    - a. Preparation
    - b. Theme
    - c. Conclusion
  - f'. Reaction
    - a. Delivery
    - b. Applause
    - c. Editorials
    - d. Testimonials
  - g'. Aftermath
    - a. Reproductions
    - b. Paraphrase
    - c. Translations
  - h'. Memorials
    - a. Monuments
    - b. Presentings
    - c. Dedication Day
    - d. Increasing Respect

### e. Second Inaugural

3. Sayings
    - a. Axioms
    - b. Hearsay quotes
    - c. Spurious quotes
    - d. Stories by him
    - e. Stories about him
- ### VIII. ADMINISTRATION
1. Routine
    - a. Inauguration 1861
    - b. Constitution
    - c. Foreign Relations
    - d. Inauguration 1865
    - e. Reconstruction
  2. Personnel
    - a. Cabinet
    - b. Supreme Court
    - c. Congress
    - d. Secretariat
    - e. Servants
  3. Military
    - a. Causes of War
    - b. Commander-in-chief
    - c. Officers
    - d. Men in Ranks
    - e. Military Courts
    - f. Auxiliaries
    - g. Reactionaries
    - h. Episodes

### IX. ASSASSINATION

1. Setting
  - a. Preliminary plans
  - b. Ford's Theatre
  - c. Comedy
  - d. Cast of Characters
2. Assassins
  - a. Accomplices
  - b. Escape
  - c. Rewards
  - d. Capture
  - e. Trial
3. Tragedy
  - a. Physicians
  - b. Removal of Body
  - c. Petersen Home
  - d. Death
4. Funeral
  - a. Washington
  - b. En Route
  - c. Springfield
5. Burial
  - a. Temporary Vaults
  - b. Guard of Honor
  - c. Final Interment