

# LINCOLN LORE

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## FOUNDATION RESEARCH FACILITIES—PART I

Unless one has visited the library and museum of the Lincoln National Life Foundation it would be impossible to visualize the extent of this outstanding collection of Lincolniana. As an encouragement to students of the Emancipator to use the facilities of this research center we are submitting in this issue and the following number of *Lincoln Lore* what might be called a general inventory of sources available at the foundation. Anything approaching a detailed cataloging of the items would be prohibitive. The rooms are open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Part one of this inventory includes what might be specified as library collections consisting primarily of books, pamphlets, broadsides, magazines, newspapers, autographs and manuscripts.

### LINCOLNIANA

The most important division of the entire library is the section designated Lincolniana. It comprises of 8,704 books and pamphlets with no two identical. Any adequate breakdown of the collection would be prohibitive with the space available. A few feature groups only are presented.

Rare items, 1853-1860 .....	50
Paper cover campaign biographies, 1860 .....	24
Variante editions of Debates published, 1860 .....	22
Paper cover campaign biographies, 1864 .....	9
Pamphlets containing eulogies at Lincoln's death, 1865 .....	340
Books published in braille .....	20
Books in foreign language .....	251
Items in the general collection exclusive of above.....	7,988

### ASSOCIATION BOOKS

The most important grouping of titles are called Association Books because they are directly associated with Abraham Lincoln, comprising the books which he read. The foundation collection of 365 volumes where possible, are facsimile volumes bearing the same date as those used by him. These books largely shaped the thinking of Lincoln.

Original volumes once in possession of Lincoln family .....	5
Books similar to those used in Indiana before 1830....	26
Books comprising major part of collection .....	334

### COLLATERAL BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS

Through the years there have been acquired a considerable number of books and pamphlets which cannot be classified as Lincolniana but which throw some light on the Lincoln story. It should be said there has been no attempt to gather a library on the Civil War, in fact there has been a concerted effort to avoid their acquisition.

Biographies of Lincoln's contemporaries .....	661
Civil War and Slavery .....	461
Fiction with Lincoln as a character .....	27
Histories orienting Lincoln in: Mass., 44; N. J., 10; Penn., 14; Va., 32; Ky., 115; Ind., 90; Ill., 126; Wash., D. C., 24.	
Miscellaneous books and pamphlets .....	374
Political pamphlets .....	1,106
Publications containing Lincoln poems .....	60
Souvenir booklets of anniversary occasions .....	2,400
Titles of books bearing name of Lincoln .....	37

### BROADSIDES

Sheets of paper printed on one side usually designated as broadsides offer a rich source of information, especially those published by the government. These items directly relate to Abraham Lincoln or contemporary events.

Confederate army orders .....	17
Gettysburg Address .....	56
Governors' Thanksgiving Proclamations .....	27
Memorial of Lincoln's death (contemporary) .....	41

Political and Memorial 26" x 32" or larger .....	14
Political Campaign 1856 .....	30
U. S. Government War Orders .....	385
U. S. Government Bills .....	140
Miscellaneous subjects 19" x 26" .....	105
Miscellaneous subjects 15" x 19" .....	192
Miscellaneous subjects 9" x 15" .....	267

### MAGAZINES

Magazine articles dealing with Abraham Lincoln offer one of the most interesting compilations of information. The fact that a monograph has been accepted by a magazine editor is some indication that it is worthwhile. Bound volumes of weekly magazines 1860-1865 ..... 66  
Bound volumes of monthly magazines (early) ..... 28  
Bound volumes of *Congressional Globe* 1860-1865.... 16  
*Congressional Globe* and *House Journal* 1846-1848.... 6  
Contemporary single issue magazines 1860-1865 .... 150  
Files of historical magazines: Va., Ky., Ind., Ill., and National, etc. ....2,121  
Separately bound Lincoln articles indexed by author, subject and title .....3,800

### NEWSPAPERS

The most exhaustive source of information about Lincoln in the foundation collection is found in the newspaper clipping files utilizing 55 steel filing drawers. Contemporary Newspapers 1860-1865 .....2,192  
Exceedingly rare political newspapers ..... 46  
Full page supplements of 1909 features ..... 186  
Mounted clippings on Lincoln covering 3000 different Lincoln subjects .....127,685  
*New York Herald* April 15, 1865 original and replicas ..... 67  
Reports of Assassination in papers, week of April 15 ..... 115  
Sections of newspapers emphasizing centennial ..... 168  
Series of news articles on Lincoln (7 sets) ..... 205  
Volumes of scrapbooks ..... 10

### MANUSCRIPTS

There are many worthwhile manuscripts on Lincoln which have been acquired that have never found a publisher, among them certain contemporary records which in themselves are more important than many printed books. Collection of assassination writings (modern) .....4,000  
Original contemporary manuscripts ..... 16  
Unpublished manuscripts on Lincoln ..... 265  
Volumes of early manuscript materials ..... 9

### AUTOGRAPH WRITINGS

Possibly the most important authentic source for the historian is autograph writings. The foundation has a wide diversity of such documents relating to Lincoln, his contemporaries and the Lincoln story in general. Abraham Lincoln's own signature on mss. .... 44  
Albums with signatures of famous men ..... 7  
Cabinet members letters ..... 104  
Government officials correspondence ..... 538  
Letters to Lincoln while President ..... 38  
Lincoln Family letters bearing signatures ..... 35  
Lincoln authors and collectors (deceased) .....16,240  
Reminiscences of Lincoln in autograph ..... 470  
United States Presidents signed mss. .... 41

### MICROFILM, PHOTOSTATS, ETC.

The microfilm is introducing a new day in historical research and among the available rolls of film in the foundation collection are reproductions of the 40,000 Lincoln manuscripts in the Library of Congress. Microfilm rolls (documents) ..... 117  
Microfilm rolls and wire recorders (biography) ..... 12  
Negatives of persons, places, etc. ....1,225  
Photostats of letters and documents .....1,300  
Recording disks ..... 25  
Stereoscopic slides (glass 3" x 4") ..... 321