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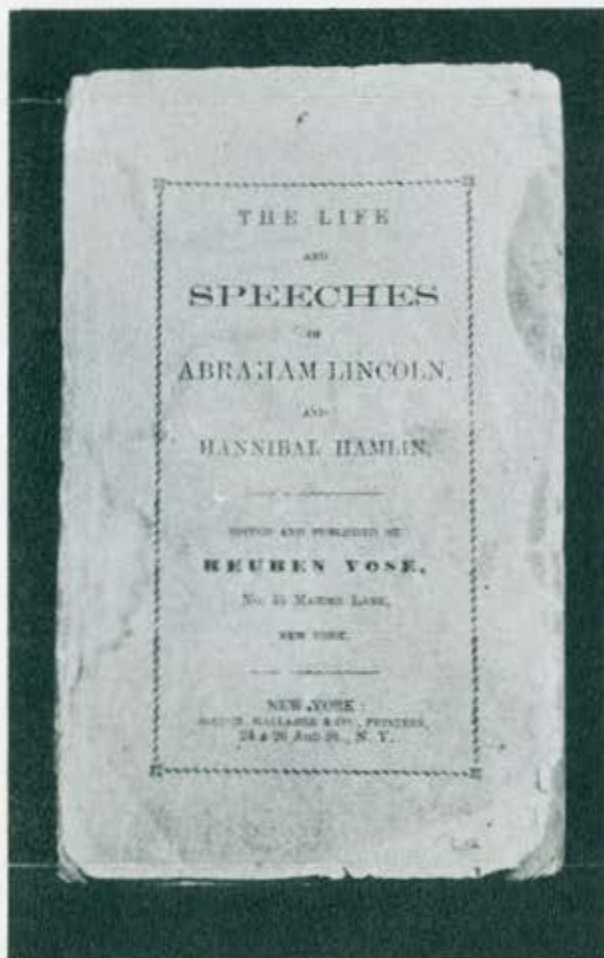
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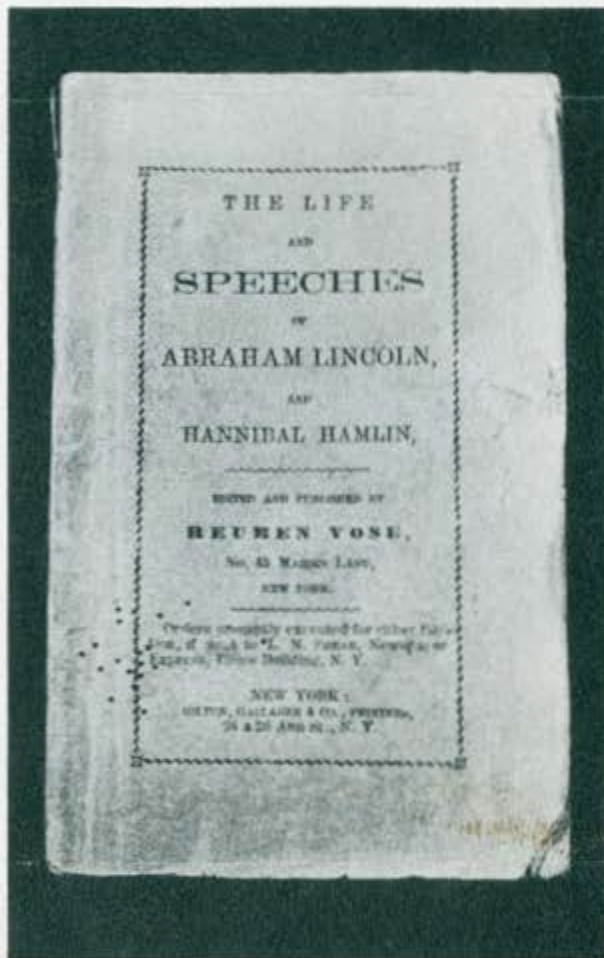
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## THE VOSE BIOGRAPHY OF LINCOLN



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One of the rare biographies of the Sixteenth President is the 1860 campaign publication by Reuben Vose. A description of this rarity appears in Ernest James Wessen's "Campaign Lives of Abraham Lincoln 1860" which was published in *Papers In Illinois History And Transactions For The Year 1937* by The Illinois State Historical Society, 1938. The description follows:

### VOSE, REUBEN

Cover Title: The Life/and Speeches/of/Abraham Lincoln,/and/Hannibal Hamlin,/(Rule)/Edited and Published by/Reuben Vose,/No. 45 Maiden Lane,/New York,/(Rule)/New York:/Hilton, Gallagher & Co., Printers,/24 & 25 Ann St., N. Y.

Collation: iii-li, text — at this point the publisher changed from Roman to Arabic numerals, and erroneously numbered the next page "42;" 42-71½, text; blank page, not included in pagination; 72-118, text;

four pages of advertising matter on same stock as the wrappers, and lettered A to D.

Binding: Tan paper wrappers. Verso of front wrapper bears copyright notice. Advertising matter on both sides of back wrapper.

Page Size: 4¾ by 2¾ inches.

Publication Date: Week of June 11, 1860.

Since the publication of the Wessen bibliography, a variant of the Vose biography has been acquired by the Lincoln National Life Foundation. The only variation appears on the cover page immediately below New York.

(Rule): Orders promptly executed for either Edition, if sent to L. N. Shear, Newspaper/Express, Times Building, N. Y.

The bibliographer did considerable research on the Vose and he appended the following notes to his description of the publication:

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## "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT"—LETTERS ADDRESSED TO LINCOLN

One hundred and eighty-four letters addressed to Abraham Lincoln are in the manuscript files of the Lincoln National Life Foundation. These letters all have one thing in common, namely; the writers wanted certain favors which they believed the President could grant. To quote Artemus Ward: "Sum wanted post offices, sum wanted collectorships, sum wanted furrin missions and all wanted sumthin." Some could not even wait until "Old Abe" could get to the White House and their letters bear dates of the period when Lincoln was president-elect.

Quite a few of the letters were written by men of prestige or responsible position, such as Oliver P. Morton, George B. McClellan, Peter Cooper, John W. Forney,



Envelope addressed to Lincoln from Willard's Hotel.

John J. Crittenden, Orville H. Browning, B. Gratz Brown, David Wilmot and others.

After reading these letters one cannot help but sympathize with the President who had to deal with the problems of patronage and to placate the temperamental governors, generals, senators and lesser politicians who were demanding that he give an ear to their special problem in their particular area. Then, too, one sympathizes with Lincoln because he must have labored diligently trying to read their atrocious handwriting.

A list of the letters with a notation as to their contents follows:

1. ADAMS, CHARLES C. (Baltimore, Md.) May 26, 1862  
Request for appointment to post of hospital chaplain.
2. ALLISTON, JOHN (New Brighton, Pa.) Jan. 1861  
Recommendation of Will Cumback for mission to Berlin.
3. ANDREWS, RUFUS F. (New York, N. Y.) May 16, 1862  
Recommendation of Rev. Alexander Clements for the post of hospital chaplain.
4. APPERSON, R. (City) July 31, 1861  
Recommendation of Henry Pirtle for office of Judge of the Lower or Southern District Court of Ky.
5. ATKINSON, ROBERT J.  
Recommendation of Thomas S. Woods of Ohio for office of Judge for the Territory of Ariz.
6. BAILY, BENJAMIN (New York, N. Y.) Jan. 17, 1865  
Recommendation of A. W. Stone of Atlanta, Ga. for office of U. S. Attorney for the Southern District of Ga.
7. BAIRD, I. P. (Terre Haute, Ind.)  
Recommendation of Samuel B. Gookins for office of Judge of the Supreme Court of the U. S.
8. BALCOM, RANSOM, & OTHERS (Binghamton, N. Y.) March 22, 1861  
Recommendation of Edward C. Kattel of Binghamton, N. Y. for office of judge or secretary of one of the U. S. territories.
9. BALDWIN, HIRAM (Washington, D. C.) July 12, 1862  
Application for the appointment to the office of Register of Wills.
10. BANGER, WILLIAM (New York) Nov. 9, 1864  
Application for appointment to the post of paymaster in the Army.
11. BARNET, PUTNAM, & OTHERS (Terre Haute, Ind.) April 8, 1861  
Recommendation of J. B. Gookins to fill vacancy on the U. S. Supreme Court bench occasioned by the death of Judge McLean.
12. BATES, BARTON (St. Louis, Mo.) Dec. 8, 1864  
Recommendation of Gov. Willard P. Hall for appointment as Judge of the District Court of the U. S. for the Western District.
13. BEERS, S. A. (Brooklyn, N. Y.) Nov. 15, 1864  
Application for a position in the Bureau of Freedmen in Md.
14. BENJAMIN, D. C. (Bantam, Ohio) Aug. 6, 1862  
Application for appointment to the office of Chaplain at Camp Dennison, Ohio, or any other position available.
15. BENJAMIN, D. C. (Clarks-ville, Ohio) Dec. 22, 1864  
Application for appointment to post of hospital chaplain in Tenn. or any other place available.
16. BLAKEY, GEORGE J. (Bowling Green, Ky.) Nov. 18, 1863  
Appeal for executive clemency toward John Burnam, a former Confederate.
17. BRADLEY, W. A. (Washington, D. C.) Oct. 5, 1861  
Application for appointment to the office of Register of Wills.
18. BROWN, A. (Pike, Muscatine, Co., Ia)  
Application for chaplaincy.
19. BROWN, AMOS (Havana, N. Y.) Nov. 17, 1864  
Application for chaplaincy in the Army or Navy.
20. BROWN, B. GRATZ (U. S. Senate) March 2, 1865  
Recommendation of Col. Arnold Krekle of St. Charles, Mo. for appointment to the office of U. S. Judge in Mo.
21. BROWN, EDWIN F. (Washington, D. C.) Aug. 15, 1862  
Recommendation of Andrew Rothwell for position as Commissioner of Police.
22. BROWNING, O. H. (Quincy, Ill.) Sept. 27, 1861  
Recommendation of James Simpson of Winchester, Ky., for appointment as U. S. District Judge of Ky.
23. BROWNLOW, W. G., & OTHERS (Knoxville, Tenn.) Sept. 16, 1864  
A request for a favorable consideration of Goldman B. Carden who desires a release of his Confederate son in prison at Camp Morton.
24. BUTLER, J. GEORGE (Washington, D. C.) June 25, 1862  
Recommendation of Rev. G. A. Brown for the chaplaincy of the hospital at York, Pa.
25. CAPEHART, CHARLES E. (Wheeling, W. Va.) Dec. 16, 1864  
Recommendation of Rev. David Trueman for appointment to the post chaplaincy at the U. S. A. Post Hospital.
26. CHAMBERS, ARTHUR (Washington, D. C.) Feb. 19, 1862  
Application for office of "Resident Minister to Honduras" or the governorship of Utah or "any vacancies in the Territories, either in the Judicial or executive or elsewhere . . ."
27. CHOATE, CHARLES B.  
Recommendation of A. W. Hendry for office as Judge in the Neb. Territory.
28. CLAFLIN, W., & OTHERS  
Petition of delegates to the Chicago Convention from Mass. recommending John S. Keyes of Concord, Mass., for marshal of the district.

29. COFFEY, GEORGE A., & OTHERS (Philadelphia, Pa.) March 9, 1863  
Petition recommending John Dolman for the position of Associate Judge of Ariz. Territory.
30. COFFEY, T. J. (Washington, D. C.) Sept. 18, 1863  
Pardon of Jacob Jacoby of Ky. with all the papers in the case transmitted to the President.
31. COLE, G. E. (St. Paul, Minn.) Jan. 5, 1861  
Recommendation of C. F. Buck for office of U. S. Marshal in the district.
32. COMEGGS, H. C. & OTHERS (Port Lookout) Aug. 4, 1862  
Recommendation of Dr. D. J. Lee for a chaplaincy at the Hammond General Hospital.
33. COOPER, PETER (New York, N. Y.) Aug. 19, 1862  
Recommending the breech loading musket and carbine invented by I. W. Wood for adoption by the Army.
34. CORWIN, R. G. (Columbus, Ohio) Jan. 30, 1861  
Recommendation of Jesse H. McMath of Ohio for appointment of Chief Justice of Neb. Territory.
35. CRANE, E. F. (Headquarters 107th Regt. N. Y. V.) Dec. 15, 1862  
Application for appointment as a hospital chaplain with a request to be relieved as chaplain of the 107th Regt. N. Y. Vols.
36. CRAVENS, J. A. (Washington, D. C.) Jan. 4, 1864  
Request for pardon of L. M. Bently of Clarksville, Tenn.
37. CRITTENDEN, J. J. (Washington, D. C.) Aug. 3, 1861  
Request that "the excellent lady who has addressed the accompanying letter to you, asking for appointment of her son as a cadet to Naval Academy . . . be made at your discretion."
38. CUDWORTH, W. H. (Camp Lincoln-near Harrison's Landing-James River) July 7, 1862  
Requesting a transfer as Chaplain of First Regt. Mass. Vols. to Boston with the appointment of hospital chaplain.
39. CURTIS, GEORGE WILLIAM (Staten Island, N. Y.) April 11, 1863  
Requesting the appointment of George Parsons of Brooklyn, N. Y., to the Naval School.
40. DAILY, S. G. (Peru, Neb. Territory) May 26, 1863  
Recommendation of Elmer S. Dundy for appointment as District Judge in Neb.
41. DALE, JAMES W. (Media, Delaware Co., Pa.) June 23, 1862  
Recommendation of Rev. A. W. Sprouse for post of chaplaincy in the Upland Hospital.
42. DASHIEL, J. M. (Washington Co., Md.) May 27, 1862  
A poorly paid professor of Latin and Greek requests "some office in your power to bestow . . ."
43. DAVIDSON, WILLIAM S. (New York, N. Y.) Feb. 25, 1861  
Recommendation of Justice Quackenbush for appointment of Marshal for the District of Columbia.
44. DENISON, CHARLES W. (Washington, D. C.) July 30, 1862  
Request for a continuation of service as a chaplain in the U. S. General Hospital Department and a transfer to the Union Hospital in Georgetown.
45. DENNISTON, ROBERT (Salisbury Mills, N. Y.) May 22, 1862  
Recommendation of Edmund I. Porter of N. Y. for appointment as governor or one of the judgeships of the Territory of Ariz.
46. DILLON, JOHN F. (Davenport, Ia.) March 1, 1861  
Recommendation of B. W. Poor for appointment to a territorial judgeship in Neb.
47. DIMMICK, JOHN C. (New York, N. Y.) Feb. 20, 1861  
Recommendation of John C. Perry for appointment "to a judicial station in one of the territories."
48. DOLE, W. P. (Washington, D. C.) Dec. 14, 1862  
Recommendation of T. J. Barrett for appointment as a judge "in one of the new territories."
49. DONNELLY, IGNATIUS (St. Paul, Minn.) Jan. 7, 1861  
Recommendation of C. F. Buck for the position of U. S. Marshal for the District of Minn.
50. DONNELLY, I. & OTHERS (Washington, D. C.) March 13, 1865  
Recommendation of Joel B. Reiner of Stillwater, Minn. for the position of Marshal for the District of Minn.
51. DRUMM, J. H. (Philadelphia, Pa.) July 17, 1862  
Request for a transfer as a chaplain or doctor to a hospital at Fortress Monroe, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Annapolis or elsewhere.
52. DURANT, HENRY F. (Boston, Mass.) Feb. 9, 1861  
Recommendation of John S. Keyes for the office of U. S. Marshal for the Mass. District.
53. EDGERTON, SIDNEY  
Recommendation of Samuel Pease of Neb. for appointment to the office of Governor of Neb.
54. ERRETT, RUSSELL (Harrisburg, Pa.) March 15, 1861  
Recommendation of W. P. Sawyer of Pittsburgh for office of Marshal of the District of Columbia.
55. FARNHAM, S. W. (St. Anthony, Minn.) 1861  
Recommendation of C. F. Buck for office of U. S. Marshal for the state of Minn.
56. FLETCHER, CHARLES FOSDICK (Philadelphia, Pa.) July 11, 1862  
A proposal to build a permanent hospital beyond the limits of the city.
57. FOOTE, E. J. 1862  
Request for appointment as a hospital chaplain.
58. FORNEY, J. W. (Washington, D. C.) April 7, 1861  
Introduction of Mr. Jones who "wants to say some words of vital importance."
59. GALBRAITH, THOMAS J. (Shakapee, Scott Co., Minn.) Jan. 2, 1861  
Recommendation of C. F. Buck of Winona County for office of U. S. Marshal for the District of Minn.
60. GILFILLAN, JAMES (St. Paul, Minn.) Jan. 30, 1861  
Recommendation of George A. Nourse for office of U. S. District Attorney for the District of Minn.
61. GILL, R. T. (Washington, D. C.) Dec. 9, 1861  
Requesting reappointment of nephew John W. Hamilton as First Lieutenant in the regular Army. For want of information the Senate refused to confirm the appointment. Lincoln's endorsement: "Senators have told me this young man was not confirmed last summer simply because nobody seemed to know him—I would like to re-nominate him, if it will not derange things. A. Lincoln. Dec. 12, 1861."
62. GREGORY, R. C. (Indianapolis, Ind.) Feb. 14, 1865  
Recommendation of Daniel Mace of Lafayette for appointment to the office of Judge of the Court of Claims.  
(To be continued in the April 1957 issue).

## The Vose Biography,

(Continued from Page 1)

"On May 26, Shear's 'Lightning News Express' advertised in the *New York Tribune* that Vose's life of Lincoln at fifteen cents would 'be ready on May 30th.' (Ready within four days, although he had not yet determined the number of pages the book would contain!)

"In his efforts to attract agents, Vose advertised, on May 31, that 10,000 copies were 'now ready,' and further, that the book would contain 128 pages, and sell at fifteen cents; and finally, that the 'Irrepressible Edition' would 'be ready June 5th, or 6th, at 20¢.' The 'Irrepressible Edition' was also to contain 128 pages, and one wonders what it had to offer for that extra five cents. We will probably never know, for no copy is known; in fact I do not believe it was ever published.

"Instead of increasing his publicity with the alleged appearance of the pamphlet—as one would expect him to do—Vose does not seem to have advertised again until June 11, and then inserted only one or two brief notices. I believe that the few copies that were published appeared with the resumption of advertising, during the week of June 11."

Wessen is of the opinion that the source of the information contained in the biography was probably taken from a *Chicago Press and Tribune* release.

This miniature book was also a topic for *Lincoln Lore* number 419, April 19, 1937, entitled "Vose's Lincoln—A Rarity." That bulletin indicates that "the arrangement of the subject matter is as confusing as the page numbering" and "the type is six point and very difficult to read."

It is evident that the biography was prepared in great haste and the Republican candidate's name is given as Abraham Lincoln, A B Lincoln, A B M. Lincoln and A B R'M Lincoln.

Only about four copies of the Vose are now known to exist. Two copies, one a variant, are in the Foundation collection, another copy is owned by the Massachusetts Historical Society and the fourth, copy is located in the Henry E. Huntington Library.

Jay Monaghan lists the Vose biography in his *Lincoln Bibliography 1839-1939* as item 86, however his note; "last two named copies (MHi and CSMH) have commas after 'Hamlin'", is confusing as both copies in the Foundation have commas after "Hamlin."

In 1938 the Foundation reprinted an exact copy of the Vose biography for distribution.

## CUMULATIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY — 1956

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New items available for consideration may be sent to the above addresses or to the Lincoln National Life Foundation.

- EIFERT, VIRGINIA S.** 1956-22  
Out of/the Wilderness/Young Abe Lincoln Grows Up/by/Virginia Eifert/illustrated by Manning de V. Lee/Dodd, Mead & Company. New York 1956.  
Book, cloth, 6½" x 9½", x, 214 pp., fr., illus., (ages 11-18), price \$3.00.

- KENTUCKY, SPRINGFIELD** 1956-23  
Lincoln / Homestead / (Lincoln photo) / State / Park / (sketch of cabin) / Springfield, Kentucky / Lincoln Cabin/Berry House/Blacksmith Shop/(Cover title).  
Folder, paper, 3½" x 8½", (4) pp., illus.

- LINCOLN MEMORIAL UNIVERSITY** 1956-24  
Lincoln Memorial University Press/Spring - Summer/1956/ Vol. 58, No. 1/Lincoln Herald/A Magazine devoted to historical research in the field of Lincolniana and the Civil War, and to the promotion of Lincoln Ideals in American Education.  
Pamphlet, flexible boards, 7" x 9", 36 pp., illus.

- SPRINGER, WILLIAM** 1956-25  
Abraham Lincoln Civil War Round Table of Michigan/Presents/Abraham Lincoln/in/"Kalamazoo"/The Centennial Event/1856 - 1956/Monday, August 27, 1956/(Cover title).  
Folder, paper, 4½" x 6¼", (3) pp.

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Christ/(sketch)/and/(sketch)/Lincoln/by/Eugene F. Rueweler/(Cover title).  
Folder, paper 3½" x 5½", (3) pp.  
Published by Eugene F. Rueweler, Post Office Box 2, St. Louis 3, Mo.

- CHARRNEY, THEODORE S.** 1956-27  
As We/Think/of Him/A Series of Illustrations/of Young Abraham Lincoln/Private Printed/Chicago/1956/(New Salem Statue of Lincoln in background).  
Pamphlet, flexible boards, 6½" x 10", (18) pp. Published by Hi Fi Press, Chicago for members of Illinois State Historical Society Annual Meeting held Oct. 12, 13, 1956 in Chicago.

- WILLIAMS, KENNETH P.** 1956-28  
Kenneth P. Williams/Lincoln/Finds a General/A Military Study of the Civil War/with Maps by Clark Ray/Volume Four/Iuka to Vicksburg/New York/The Macmillan Company/1956.  
Book, cloth, 6" x 8½", xii, 616 pp., fr., illus., price \$7.50.

- CIVIL WAR BOOK CLUB, INC.** 1956-29  
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Pamphlet, paper, 5½" x 8½", (8) pp., illus.

- LENER CHICAGO NORTH SIDE NEWSPAPERS** 1956-30  
"Free society is not and shall not be a failure"—from a speech by Abraham Lincoln in Chicago, 1856/'The Chicago Lincoln'/Souvenir and Historical Issue/Lerner Chicago North Side Newspapers, Week of Oct. 14,

1956/(photo of head & bust of statue in profile)/For generations to come, this calm and wise Lincoln will gaze out over Lincoln Square/It is the actual profile of "The Chicago Lincoln" statue that will be unveiled at Lawrence-Lincoln-Western next Saturday, Oct. 20 . . ./(Cover title).

Pamphlet, paper, 11½" x 16", 28 pp., illus.

- MIERS, EARL SCHENCK** 1956-31  
The Fundamental Creed of/Abraham Lincoln/A Selection/from his Writings and Speeches/Revealing his Devotion to Family,/his Tenets of Character, his Reverence to God, and his beliefs as an American Citizen./Arranged and Annotated, with an introduction,/by Earl Schenck Miers./Printed June 1956 with woodcuts/by Antonio Frasconi for friends of/The Curtis paper Company/Newark, Delaware.  
Pamphlet, paper, 6" x 9¼", 30 pp.

- MILLER, HELEN TOPPING** 1956-32  
Christmas/for Tad/A story of Mary and Abraham Lincoln / by / Helen Topping Miller/Longmans, Green and Company/New York, London, Toronto/1956.  
Book, stiff boards, 5¼" x 7¾", 92 pp., price \$2.50.

- MITGANG, HERBERT** 1956-33  
Lincoln/as They Saw Him/ Edited and Narrated by/Herbert Mitgang/Rinehart & Company, Inc./New York/Toronto.  
Book, cloth, 6" x 9¼", xv pp., 519 pp., illus., price \$6.00.

- TURNER, JUSTIN G.** 1956-34  
The Mary Lincoln Letters/to Mrs. Felician Slataper/by/Justin G. Turner/Reprinted from/Journal of the Illinois Historical Society/Spring, 1956/(Cover title).  
Pamphlet, paper, 6¼" x 9½", 27 pp., illus.

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Folder paper, 8½" x 11", 4 pp., illus.

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Book, stiff boards and cloth, 5½" x 7½", 341 pp., printed in Japanese language, published by Jiji Press, Tokyo, Japan.

- THOMAS, BENJAMIN P.**  
Abraham/Lincoln/A Biography/By Benjamin P. Thomas/Alfred A. Knopf/New York: 1953/(Vol. II).  
Book, stiff boards and cloth, 5½" x 7½", 364 pp., printed in Japanese language, published by Jiji Press, Tokyo, Japan.

- THOMAS, BENJAMIN P.**  
Abraham/Lincoln/A Biography/By Benjamin P. Thomas/(Device)/Alfred A. Knopf/New York, MCMLIII.  
Book, cloth, 6" x 8¼", (521) pp., printed in Korean language, published by Sasang Ge Sa, Seoul, Korea.

