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## Lincolniana Bookplates

In 1913 H. Alfred Fowler planned to publish a brochure on Lincolniana Bookplates; however, he found it was "impossible to adequately describe the book-plates without going into the details of the collections they were used to mark . . ." So he decided "to turn the project into a little volume on Lincolniana . . ." and he solicited the assistance of Charles W. McLellan, Judd Stewart and J. B. Oakleaf (two of whom then had Lincoln bookplates) to contribute a paper on the larger subject. Each of these collectors submitted his contribution telling why and how he became a collector of Lincolniana. As illustrations for his brochure Fowler used two of his own bookplates (pasted in) and those of Judd Stewart and J. B. Oakleaf.

Information on Lincoln bookplate collecting then languished until August 17, 1953 when Dr. Louis A. Warren published *Lincoln Lore* Number 1271 titled "Lincolniana Bookplates." Warren's contribution on the subject no doubt prompted some collectors to make a collection of Lincoln bookplates.

The subject was again taken up in 1960 by Louis J. Bailey in the Year Book 1958 of The American Society of

Bookplate Collectors And Designers published at Washington, D.C. Only 250 copies of this brochure were printed. Mr. Bailey's two page introduction is also titled "Lincolniana Bookplates." Accompanying the Bailey introduction was a descriptive list of fifty-four Lincoln bookplates. In the compiling of this list, the Lincoln Library-museum of the Lincoln National Life Foundation made a sizeable contribution.

Shortly before his death, Bailey compiled a second list of Lincoln bookplates numbering thirty-seven items which appeared in the Year Book 1961-1962 of the above-mentioned society. This issue, published in 1964 was likewise limited to 250 copies. Again the Lincoln Library-museum made a sizeable contribution.

By combining the two Bailey lists alphabetically and deleting some items, while adding others, a list of ninety-seven Lincoln bookplates is here described. Undoubtedly, many more Lincoln bookplates are in existence which have eluded us in our search for this interesting type of Lincolniana. If any of our readers have Lincoln bookplates that are not included in our list, we would appreciate a sample copy. An asterisk indicates that we do not have the bookplate described.

R. G. M.

\*Allegheny College  
The Reis Library, Lincoln Collection. The Gift of . . . College seal.

\*Allegheny College  
Lincoln Collection, Bought from the John H. Scheide Fund.

Allegheny College  
The Ida M. Tarbell Lincoln Collection. The Reis Library. (The Tarbell Collection of Lincolniana is in the Reis Library.)

(Anonymous)  
Ex Libris. Engraved head of Lincoln with open book in lower left hand corner (name to be filled in).  
Backofen, Donald W.

"With malice toward none." Lincolniana by Donald W. Backofen. Lincoln silhouette.

Bailey, Louis Jno.  
Lincolniana/From the library of/ "With malice toward none/With firmness in the right"/ With Lincoln postage stamp attached.

Barton, Robert  
"I do the very best I know how, the very best I can, and I mean to keep doing so until the end." Ex



Daniel Fish was one of the "Big Five" collectors of Lincolniana. His collection is now in the Lincoln Library-museum of the Lincoln National Life Foundation. The other members of the "Big Five" were William H. Lambert (collection sold at auction), Judd Stewart, Charles W. McLellan and J. B. Oakleaf. (See *Lincoln Lore* 676.) The designer of the bookplate signed his work with the initials I. C.

Libris Robert Barton. Drawing of head and shoulders of Lincoln.

Barton, William E.  
Library of Lincolniana William E. Barton. Motto: *Fide et fortitudine*. (The Barton collection is in the Library, The University of Chicago.) See: M. L. Raney: *If Lincoln had Lived*. Chicago 1935.

\*Barton, William E.  
"This set of *The Life of Abraham Lincoln* belongs to the library of . . . and is specially autographed by the Author." Indianapolis, Bobbs-Merrill, 1925.

Berea College Extension Library  
Illustration of painting, *The Boy Lincoln*, by Eastman Johnson.

Bernheim, Henry C.  
Plate engraved by Edwin Davis French, 1904. Library interior with Lincoln portrait, copied from Brady's most famous photograph of the President, on the wall.



This bookplate was selected for illustration because of its excellent artistic quality. It was engraved by Edwin Davis French in 1904.





The James Benjamin Oakleaf Collection is now the property of Indiana University. The artist signed the bookplate with the initials B. M. C. (Beulah M. Clute, 1911)

Bissett, Clark Prescott

Fireplace with profiles of Washington and Lincoln above. Photogravure.

Bjorkman, Valentine

Lincoln Library of. Drawing by John Wolcott Adams.

Block, Gordon A.

"With malice toward none," quote to end "with all nations." Drawing of Lincoln reading, from Meserve No. 39, with frame. Barbara Bell, 1920.

Brandeis University Library

The Alfred Whitall Stern Collection of Lincolniana. Lincoln head silhouette. "Let us at all times remember that all American citizens are brothers of a common country, and should dwell together in the bonds of fraternal feeling. November 20, 1860."

Brown University

Charles Woodberry McLellan Lincolniana. Engraved by Arthur N. Macdonald, 1922. Profile portrait on page of book. On the library's plate a panel is added: Library of Brown University.

Bullard, F. Lauriston

The Lincoln Library of. Full face Lincoln above, shield of Boston University below. Designed by Richard F. Lufkin. (Library acquired by Boston University, 1954.)

Byram, Stanley H.

Lincoln Library of . . . "God bless my Mother: all that I am or ever hope to be I owe to Her." Figure of mother sitting on bench and Lincoln prone on floor reading before stone fireplace. By Bernhardt Wall.

Carr, Ralph

Ex Libris. Drawing, bust with books.

Carr, William A.

Ex Libris. Interior of Lincoln's Springfield law office, with flags and eagle.

Cecil, Lester L.

Ex Libris. ". . . To His care commending you . . ." Drawing by Lloyd Ostendorf of Lincoln speaking from end of railway coach. Two sizes.

Davis, Robert B.

Bridgeport, Connecticut. No . . . Ex Libris. Lincolniana Library. Head of Lincoln above a frame decorated with oak leaves.

Daykin, Spens

Ex Libris. Head of Lincoln from C. A. Barry crayon drawing.

Decker, William Edgar

From the Lincoln Library of . . . Bust of Lincoln. (facsimile signature) Meserve 82.

Diamond, J. Edouard

Plate engraved by Bill Simmons, 1941. Full face with open book in lower left corner.

(Dunham, S. S.)

Diogenes holding lantern illuminating framed picture of Lincoln. Motto: *Aquem frostra quaesivit cynicus olim ecce inventus ad est.*

Eisendrath, Joseph L. Jr.

The Lincoln Library of . . . Profile drawing of Lincoln bust.

Fish, Daniel

Lincolniana. Collection. Bust of Lincoln on top of book case, back of a table with books on it. Curtained window and vase of flowers. Signed I. C.

Fleming, Jack

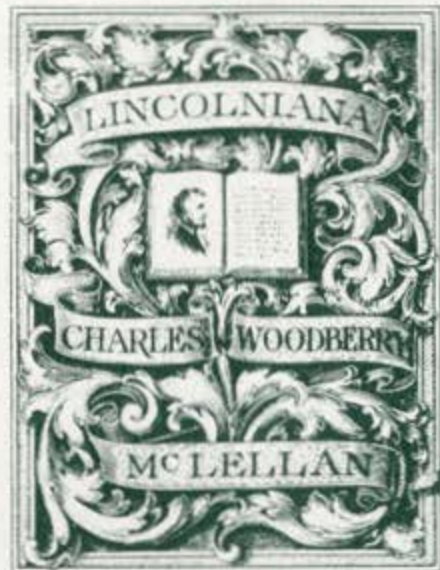
Lincoln Library of . . . Bust. Border of printer's flowers.

Fowler, H. Alfred

Lincolniana Book Plates and Collections, Kansas City, 1913. Lincoln portrait taken from Littlefield engraving.



The Judd Stewart Collection is now the property of the Henry E. Huntington Library. This bookplate was engraved by A. N. Macdonald in 1909. Unfortunately, the photograph from which the engraving was made (Meserve 84) was reversed and the mole appears on the left side of Lincoln's face.



The Charles Woodberry McLellan Collection is now the property of Brown University. The bookplate engraving was made by A. N. Macdonald in 1922.

Fowler, H. Alfred (Lincolniana)

Plate engraved by Arthur N. Macdonald (*Lincoln Lore* No. 1271, 1953) "about the size of a postage stamp."

Freeman, Ernest Maynard

Library of Lincolniana. Gift of . . . Altar surmounted by bust of Lincoln; panel on front Lincoln studying on floor before cabin fireplace.

Gerken, C. A.

His Book. Silhouette bust of Lincoln, in frame.

Gray, Arthur Fairfield

Lincolniana. Artist unknown but note on back of one print says "touched up by W. H. W. Bicknell, Winchester, Mass." Log cabin and pines. There is an exact copy of this plate bearing the name Johnson, which may be from the original plate.

Greenly, A. H.

Collection of Lincolniana. William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan, 1939. Young Lincoln on log raft with axe in hand and city towering behind him.

\*Harvard College Library

Alonzo Rothschild Lincoln Collection. The Gift of Mrs. Alonzo Rothschild. 1916. Engraved.

Hertz, Emanuel, LL.D.

Donated by . . . to Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tennessee, Cumberland Gap. Type. "Are we not all children of one Father? Hath not one God created us all?—Malachi"

\*Hill, John Wesley

Library of . . . No. Directly above "There are more mines above the earth's surface than below it." A. Lincoln. Above portrait of Lincoln (Meserve 39) seated with a book on his knee with Tad looking down at the volume. Engraved by Allen Sherwin. Without border. 1st state, rectangular. 2nd state: with indented (at corners) border of



double lines, the outer thin, the inner broader; in the upper corner indents an acorn and oak leaf; in the lower ones a lighted Greek lamp. The lower portion of the portrait complete with the background slightly tinted. Rectangular.

- \*Illinois State Historical Library  
Henry Horner Collection. Pen drawing of Borglum head by Proctor, in classic frame.
- \*Illinois State Historical Library  
In Panel: "Transfer of this duplicate from the Illinois State Historical Library was made possible by Governor Horner's gift of his Lincoln Collection to the people of Illinois."
- \*Iowa, State University Libraries  
The James W. Bollinger Collection. Gift of Judge James W. Bollinger of the Class of 1888. Typographical, with dome of tower in red.
- \*Iowa, State University Libraries  
Without gift note.
- Jackson, Stewart W.  
Etched by Bernhardt Wall, 1923, featuring head of the Antietam Lincoln wearing a tall hat, with a reproduction of the Lincoln birthplace cabin.
- Jansen, Nels  
Collection of . . . Lincoln Memorial University. Young Lincoln with axe and grindstone.
- \*Johnson  
(See plate listed under name of Arthur Fairfield Gray.)
- Lackey, H. W.  
From H. W. Lackey's Lincoln Library, Chicago, Illinois. Type frame.
- Landis, Marshall D.  
Lincolniana Ex libris. Profile portrait possibly based on Meserve 62.
- Library of Congress  
Rare Book Collection. Alfred Whital Stern Collection of Lincolniana Gift to the Library of Congress. Library seal by Rockwell Kent.



FROM THE  
LINCOLN  
LIBRARY  
OF  
CARL W. SCHAEFER



This bookplate made by Bernhardt Wall in 1947 was designed to designate the Lincoln pamphlet collection of Carl W. Schaefer at Lincoln Memorial University.

- Lincoln Centennial Association  
Springfield, Illinois. Same design as E. M. Freeman.
- Lincoln First Federal Savings and Loan Association  
Ex Libris, head of Lincoln. Spokane, Washington. Framed by printer's flowers.
- Lincoln High School  
Ex Libris (no place shown). Presented by . . . Accession No. . . . Portrait in decorative frame, similar to Meserve 108.
- Lincoln Home, The  
Springfield, Ill. Three type labels, 1, 189-, 2, 190-, 3, no date and signed by Custodian.
- \*Lincoln Library, The  
Springfield, Illinois. Lincoln Reference Collection. Lincoln and Tad Meserve 39).
- Lincoln Memorial University  
Library of the . . . "Books perpetuate and record the progress of civilization and constitute a source of knowledge and inspiration." Borglum head. By P. B. Glassford 1931.
- Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, The  
Ex Libris. Lincoln head, shelf of books and candlestick.
- Lyman-Lincoln Collection, The.  
Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. Ohio.  
Lincoln bust. Plate designed by Ed O. Beets.
- McClelland, Stewart W.  
Library of . . . Bernhardt Wall 1941. Boy reading a book prone before a stone fireplace. Over the fireplace in panel:  
Who hath a book hath but to read  
And he shall be a King indeed;  
His Kingdom is his Inglenook,  
All this hath he who hath a book.
- McLelland, Charles Woodberry  
Lincolniana. Engraved by Arthur N. Macdonald 1922. Profile portrait on page of book. McLellan Collection purchased and given to Brown University by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in 1923. On the library's plate a panel is added "Library of Brown University."
- McMurtry, R. Gerald  
Director, Dept. of Lincolniana, Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, Tennessee. Seated Lincoln, model by Niehaus. By Bernhardt Wall. 1939.
- Nelson, David F.  
Lincolniana. Saint Gaudens' standing Lincoln.
- Oakleaf, Joseph Benjamin  
Ex Libris. By Beulah M. Clute. 1911. See variant in Fowler's "Lincolniana". (His collection was acquired by Indiana University Library.)
- Olson, Lester W.  
Lincoln Collection. Marquette University Libraries. Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Head of Lincoln by Pickett.
- Packard, R. D.  
Lincoln library. Borglum head.
- Redlands Lincoln Memorial Shrine  
This book presented to  
by . . . "And that government of the people by the people for the people, shall not perish from the earth." Photogravure of head by George Grey Barnard. Plate designed by Leo Sarkadi.

- \*Reed, Chauncey W.  
From the Library of. ¾ length portrait of Reed, Member of Congress from Illinois, full face, in front of shelves of books. Bust of Lincoln and elephant on top shelf. Drawn by Earle D. Chesney.
- Rickman, Kathryn Isabelle  
Ex libris. By Thomas H. Rickman 1937. Saint Gaudens statue in Lincoln Park, Chicago, is sketched in one panel.
- \*Riennndyl, G. A. von  
Ex Libris Historicis G A v R. *Ipse fecit* 1946 Linocut. Voorschoten, Holland. (Lincoln cut not described)
- Rosenthal, James  
Re-drawn Brady profile of Lincoln. Meserve 82.
- Sage, Harold K.  
Lincoln Collection of. Plate by Bernhardt Wall shows Lincoln cabin, 1809, and White House, 1861, with Lincoln standing before soldiers' tents in center. Signed by etcher.
- Santa Barbara State College  
Ex libris, Lincoln Library. By Evelyn Foster. Profile of French statue in Lincoln Memorial, Washington. Houses the Wyles Lincoln Collection. The College now University of California, Santa Barbara College. Two sizes.
- Schaefer, Carl W.  
Ex Libris. Castle above rocky mountain; on streamer, "not failure but low aim is crime;" books below with titles of Lincoln, Lowell, Holmes and Jefferson with Holy Bible. By Bernhardt Wall. 1947.
- Schaefer, Carl W.  
From the Lincoln Library of . . . Engraved sketches of White House and Log Cabin. By Bernhardt Wall, 1947.
- Schriner, Lester O.  
Library of. In frame of book shelves, picture of Lincoln Tomb monument. By Bernhardt Wall.
- Seligman, Isaac Newton  
Ex Libris. Motto: *Forti Nihil Difficile*. Marble supports on each side show busts of Washington and Lincoln. Signed: Schanck.
- Shaw, Archer H.  
Lincoln reading at table. Inscriptions: "General reading broadens the mind." "Let us keep step to the music of the Union." "It is a loss not to have grown up among books." Decorative frame.
- Sheldon, Bert  
From the Library of . . . Halftone cut of French statue in Lincoln Memorial, Washington.
- Sheldon, Bert  
Ex Libris. Lincoln head. Linoleum block cut.
- Shutes, Milton Henry, M.D.  
Ex Libris. Shelf of books, Lincoln head above.
- Simmonds, C. E.  
Ex Libris. Lincoln head, Anthony stereograph No. 2969, with lettered ribbons above and below.
- Smith, Jesse Low  
Memorial Lincoln Collection. Presented to the Highland Park Library by Alfred Whital Stern. "With malice toward none." Designed by Ralph Fletcher Seymour. Illinois Lincoln with shawl, umbrella and tall hat.



## \*Spiro, Herzl Robert

Ex Libris. Lincoln face in upper left above U.S. Supreme Court Building, with inscription "Equal justice under law." Picture of Theodore Herzl, upper right, above burning bush. Hebrew motto "and the bush was not consumed." Ex. 3:2, on left flambeau. On right five branched candlestick.

## Starr, John William Jr.

Library of Lincolniana. (Same design as E. M. Freeman.)

## Starr, Thomas Irwin

From the Lincoln library of Detroit, Michigan. "Lincoln borrowed most of the books he ever read. He returned them . . . He was a great man." Lincoln profile above.

## Stewart, Judd

Ex libris. Motto: *Verdad es Verde*. Engraved by Arthur N. Macdonald 1909. Profile portrait (Meserve 84) reversed. The Stewart Collection went to the Huntington Library.

## Stewart, Judd

Ex Libris. *Verdad es Verde*. Profile portrait of Lincoln within wreath. (Meserve 84) reversed. Cap L with rays. Earlier and simpler than the Macdonald engraved plate.

## Stone, Edward Carlton

Collector of Lincolniana. Books with Lincoln bookends. By Bernhardt Wall.

## \*Strasbourg

Bibliothèque-Américaine de L'Université de, surrounding an oval portrait of Lincoln. Inscription: Fondation / Vesta-Westover-Channon / le 6 Octobre 1923 a Strasbourg a la glorieuse memoire de Pasteur / No. Don de/Engraved by Agry. Rectangular.

## Sumner, G. Lynn

Ex libris. By R. K. L. 1927. Drawing of a smiling and reading Lincoln.

## \*Tarbell, Ida M.

From the Lincoln Collection of. Book shelves with silhouette of Lincoln in tall hat. Signed RMH.

## Townsend, William H.

Ex Libris. Young Lincoln in arm chair studying. "The books and your capacity for understanding them, are just the same in all places." A. Lincoln in script.

## Tracy, Gilbert A.

Collection. His Gift to the Watkinson Library, Hartford, Conn., through his Daughter, 1918. Lincoln portrait by Hicks. Transferred to Trinity College Library 1954.

## Turner, Justin G.

Ex libris. Partial facsimile of Declaration of Independence and on book "Manuscripts and Autographs." Pictured are Lincoln, Jefferson and Washington.

## Underwood, E. R.

Ex Libris. Army caps on crossed swords before full face portrait of Lincoln. Meserve 59, drawn by Jerome Connolly, no border.

## Wall, Doris Turbet, Bernhardt, M/S James Webster Moray

Lincoln portrait, books, elephants, floral decorations. Signed by Bernhardt Wall. 1944.

## Washington, State College of

Lincoln Collection. Gift of Mrs. A. W. Witherspoon of Spokane.

"With Malice Toward None, With Charity for All." Lincoln head in seal.

## Weil, Richard

Engraved by Arthur N. Macdonald 1918. A corner in a library with an oval picture of Lincoln on the wall.

## Winchester Public Library,

## Winchester, Massachusetts

Gift from Edgar J. Rich for the Lincoln and Lee Library, "given in the hope that by the study of these two great Americans there may come a better understanding between the North and the South." Floral border, silhouettes of Lincoln and Lee. Designed by Ernest Dudley Chase, 1952.

## Lincoln Collectors' Bookplates

In addition to the Lincoln bookplates that have been acquired by the Foundation, a collateral group has been assembled of the collectors whose libraries contained sizeable quantities of Lincolniana. They follow: E. L. Bangs, G. W. Brackenridge (from this library Lincoln is said to have borrowed books), Harlan F. Burket, The University of Chicago Libraries, O. T. Carson, Crampton, H. Alfred Fowler, Frank P. Hadley, George P. Hambrecht (his bookplate states that "Books Like Chickens, Should Come Home To Roost"), Robert P. King (Collector of Lincoln medals and Medallions), John Friend Lodge, William P. Palmer, Adam Pietz, Edgar J. Rich, Otto L. Schmidt, F. Darwin Smith, Edith Getts Truesdell, Winfred Porter Truesdell, Thomas Irwin Starr, Agnes E. and Alfred Stern, Judd Stewart, Hal W. Trovillion, B. George Ulizio, State College of Washington, F. G. Weeks, Abel Mortimer White, Yale University Library (Gift of Stuart W. Jackson) and Jeremiah Zimmerman (Library of Gettysburg College).

## Places Lincoln Visited

Editor's Note: The August, 1969 issue was given over to the topic "Places, Villages, Towns and Cities Where Lincoln Lived and Visited." In the article the statement was made that the compilation was not considered complete, and that the editor was eager to learn of other places that Lincoln visited. Several letters have been received from our subscribers calling attention to places not included in the compilation, as well as a few errors as to spelling and dates.

R. G. M.

Dr Louis A. Warren, in his book *Lincoln's Youth—Indiana Years Seven to Twenty-one 1816-1836*, Appleton, Century, Crofts, Inc., 1959 on pages 137-138, is of the opinion that Lincoln may have visited Vincennes as early as 1824 along with other Indiana towns; namely, Boonville, Princeton (*Lincoln Lore* 1193), Troy, Portersville and Petersburg. Also, Monroe City is in Indiana and not Illinois.

There is also ample evidence that Lincoln visited Eureka, Illinois, as a marker appears in that city on the site of the Walnut Grove Academy, with the inscription "Lincoln Spoke Here—1856." Another subscriber has pointed out that Lincoln's first visit to Bloomington, Illinois, was in 1837. In reading *Lincoln Day By Day—A*

*Chronology*, the editor discovered on page 230 of volume II, 1849-1860 that in 1858 "Winchester Republicans escorted him (Lincoln) to Florence on Illinois River, where party from Pittsfield meets him." Florence cannot be found on a modern road map.

Other Illinois places not appearing in the original compilation include Rockford, 1855 (See *Lincoln Lore* 1516); Stillman Valley (a monument calls attention to Lincoln's visit); Macoupin Point, 1834; Lexington, 1860; Fairfield(?) and Sublett, 1832. Lincoln passed through Naples as early as 1852 rather than 1854, and through Hillsboro as early as 1834 rather than 1843. Lewiston should be spelled Lewistown. Without a doubt many other Illinois places could be added to the list, but the line has to be drawn somewhere.

Inadvertently, Concord, New Hampshire was omitted from the compilation, and it is definitely known that Lincoln spoke there on Thursday, March 1, 1860 at 2 o'clock P.M.

Several letters have been received insisting that Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln visited Cape May, New Jersey, citing as evidence the hotel guest register of the Mansion House. The register contains this information: "A. Lincoln & wife—Phila. Room 24" under the date of July 31, 1849.

*Lincoln Day By Day—A Chronology, vol. II, page 18*, carries this entry for July 31, 1849: "Lincoln, writes, signs, and files in Sangamon Circuit Court, declaration and affidavit in Henry Butler v Oliver Davis." Also on July 28, 1849 page 17 of the above mentioned work, this entry is found: "Lincoln writes (from Springfield, Illinois) to John M. Clayton criticizing policy of leaving responsibility for appointments to departments."

We know that on June 11, 1849 Lincoln left Springfield en route to Washington, D.C. He was unaccompanied. On June 25, he was en route home. There appears to be no evidence that will sustain the Cape May, New Jersey claim. Then, too, it is hard to believe that Lincoln would give as his residence the city of "Phila." A further check reveals that Mrs. Ruth Painter Randall, in her book *Mary Lincoln—Biography of a Marriage*, Little, Brown and Company, 1953, does not place Mrs. Lincoln at any time during her life in Cape May.

Lincoln visited Rockville, Maryland in 1848, and made a second visit there in August 1861. Frederick W. Seward, in *Reminiscences of a War Time Statesman and Diplomat 1830-1915*, writes (page 175) that he accompanied his father, the President and General McClellan to Maryland where arrangements were made to meet "General Banks . . . at his headquarters at Rockville." The purpose of the trip was a conference with Banks about his actions in connection with suppressing the (unexpected) "secession session" of the Maryland Legislature in September.

Now for a correction, Atchison, Kansas was misspelled.