

Gordon Block collection of Lincolniana

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Summary Information

Repository	University of Pennsylvania: Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Gordon Block collection of Lincolniana
Call number	Ms. Coll. 941
Date [bulk]	1840-1950
Date [inclusive]	1760-1963
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Language	English
Abstract	<p>Gordon Alexander Block (1885-1964) was a Philadelphia lawyer and collector of Lincoln documents and memorabilia. The collection includes twenty-three documents either signed by Lincoln or in his hand including a number of pleadings and court documents from his years as a lawyer in Illinois. The collection also contains a variety of ephemera from the Civil War era, including campaign ribbons and songbooks from 1860 and 1864 as well as broadsides, ribbons, and mourning cards issued after Lincoln's assassination. In addition, researchers will find a rich selection of visual representations of Lincoln in the collection, including lithographs, prints, photographs, and engravings of the sixteenth president.</p>

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Biography/History

Gordon Alexander Block (1885-1964) was a Philadelphia lawyer and collector of Lincoln documents and memorabilia. Born on January 4, 1885 in Philadelphia, Block attended the University of Pennsylvania and graduated with a bachelor of laws in 1905. He went on to become a successful Philadelphia lawyer and eventually a partner in the firm Wolf, Block, Schorr and Solis-Cohen. In 1911 he married Reba Fleisher and they had two children, Ida (b. 1911) and Gordon Jr. (b.1914). He died in Philadelphia on October 19, 1964. He left his extensive collection of Lincolniana to the University of Pennsylvania in his will and it was received by the library in 1965.

Scope and Contents

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Processing Information note

Many of the materials in this collection were housed in scrapbooks or other volumes. These have been removed and are now foldered separately. The original location of items is noted in the folder descriptions. An inventory of the collection as it was received is available in Box 5, folder 36.

Collection Inventory

LINCOLN MANUSCRIPTS, 1839-1865.

ORIGINAL LINCOLN DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE, 1839-1865.

	Box	Folder
Enclosing leaf of a bill in chancery from the Sangamon County Circuit Court in the case of Keeling v. Bragg and Ware. Signed by Lincoln "Stuart & Lincoln."(Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. Ms. 8), 1839 January 26.	1	1
Plea, Replication in Woods, Stacker & Co. v. Taylor. Signed by Lincoln: "Logan & Lincoln", 1841 March.	1	2
Summons issued in the Sangamon Circuit Court in the case of Butler v. Truett. Signed "Logan & Lincoln" (Formerly in a scrapbook named Block/Linc. Ms. 8), 1841 November.	1	3
Obligation for \$20 to Lincoln from James Gambrel signed at Springfield, Ill.. Endorsed in Lincoln's hand "Logan & Lincoln" (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. Ms. 8), 1842 February 24.	1	4
Bill of Complaint in Jackson v. Stafford. Signed by Lincoln.(Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. Ms. 8), 1842 March 4.	1	5
Logan County Court document mentioning Lincoln as attorney in James Kelly v. David G. Evans, et al. This court document written in Lincoln's hand includes his own name in three different forms: "A.	1	6

Lincoln”, “Abraham Lincoln”, and “Lincoln.” The letter was formerly tipped in to an 1846 edition of Joseph Angell's Treatise on Limitations owned by Lincoln (now UPenn call no. KF450.L55 A58 1846), 1855 August 10.

Petition to the Sangamon County Circuit Court by Lincoln on behalf of Samuel Jones in Jones v. Bishop, signed "Lincoln & Herndon" (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. Ms. 8), 1860 February.

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Petition to the Sangamon County Circuit Court by Lincoln on behalf of Daniel Reed in Reed v. Bergen. (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. Ms. 8), 1860 August.

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Letter from John J. Cisco to Simon Cameron; endorsement by Abraham Lincoln to Simon Cameron. “Let Charles F. Van Dusen, son of the gentleman named within be appointed a 1st Lieutenant, if there is any vacancy. Sept. 10. 1861” (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. Ms. 8), 1861 September 9.

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Printed form signed by Lincoln appointing Thomas S. Thomas as Chaplain at the United States Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa. (This item is part of the volume formerly labeled Block/Linc. 118), 1862 July 11.

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Appointment of Eliakim H. Moore as Collector of Taxes for Fifteenth Collection District of the State of Ohio. Signed by Lincoln, 1862 August 9.

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Letter from George B. Hoge to Abraham Lincoln offering a recommendation for a position with autograph endorsement by Lincoln to Edwin M. Stanton. “If this appointment can be conveniently made, I shall be glad. March 6. 1863.” (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. Ms. 8), 1863 February 2.

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Letter from governor of Indiana Oliver P. Morton to Abraham Lincoln on the danger of northwestern states reaching a separate peace. Also a February 12, 1936 newspaper clipping describing the letter when it

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was in the possession of Dr. I. Weir Newmayer.(Formerly Block/Linc. Ms. 6), 1863 February 9.

Robert Schenck to Abraham Lincoln introducing David Wood of Boston; endorsement by Abraham Lincoln to Lorenzo Thomas.(Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. Ms. 8), 1863 June 6. 1 13

Letter from Andrew G. Curtin to Abraham Lincoln recommending a military promotion. Endorsement by Lincoln to Edwin M. Stanton and Henry W. Halleck: "Submitted to the Sec. of War and General in Chief. Dec. 29. 1863."(Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. Ms. 8), 1863 November 21. 1 14

Adjutant General's Office, Special Orders No. 522. Endorsement by Abraham Lincoln to Edwin M. Stanton: "Will the Secretary of War please order Gen. Harrow to report to Gen. Grant. Jan. 7. 1864."(Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. Ms. 8), 1863 November 24. 1 15

Samuel F. Miller to Abraham Lincoln; endorsement by Abraham Lincoln. With presentation certificate to Gordon Block dated April 21, 1951.(Formerly Block/Linc Ms. 5), 1864 April 4. 1 16

Petition of William Milnes and others to Abraham Lincoln. Endorsement by Lincoln to Edwin M. Stanton: "On the representation and petition of Allbright and Dimmick who prosecuted in this case and W.D. Relsy's endorsement of them as every way reliable. John Paul named within is pardoned for the [] part of his sentence. June 15. 1864" (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. Ms. 8), 1864 May 28. 1 17

Note from Abraham Lincoln to William H. Seward relating to a "Gentleman from Canada" (Formerly Block/Linc. Ms. 1), 1865 January 31. 1 18

Petition of Thomas M. Pomeroy and others to Abraham Lincoln.(Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1865 February 18.	1	19
Abraham Lincoln to Edwin M. Stanton. (Formerly Block/Linc. Ms. 3), 1865 March 2.	1	20
Endorsement of Abraham Lincoln to Unknown.(Formerly Block/Linc Ms. 2), circa 1861-1865.	1	21
Autographs of Abraham Lincoln and his Cabinet, circa 1862-1863.	1	22
Clipped Lincoln signature from a check. Includes a letter of transmittal by Robert Todd Lincoln dated January 3, 1878. Formerly framed, undated.	1	23

FACSIMILES OF LINCOLN CORRESPONDENCE, 1863-1865.

	Box	Folder
Photographic facsimile of a January 14, 1863 letter from Lincoln to Gen. Dix.(Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1863 January 14.	1	24
Photographic facsimile of a January 26, 1863 letter from Lincoln to Gen. Hooker. (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1863 January 26.	1	25
Photographic facsimile of an April 30, 1864 letter from Lincoln to Gen. Grant. (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1864 April 30.	1	26
Photographic facsimile of an unidentified letter. (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), circa 1861-1865.	1	27

BOOKS OWNED BY LINCOLN BEARING HIS SIGNATURE.

	Call-Number
The works of William Paley: containing his life, Moral and political philosophy, Evidences of Christianity, Natural theology, Tracts, Horae Paulinae, Clergyman's companion, and sermons, printed verbatim from the original editions : Complete in one volume. Philadelphia : J. J. Woodward, 1836. Lincoln's copy, signed "A. Lincoln".	BR75 .P3 1836
Joseph Angell, A treatise on the limitations of actions at law and suits in equity and admiralty : with an appendix containing the American and English statutes of limitations, and embracing the latest acts on the subject. Boston : C.C. Little and J. Brown, 1846. Includes Lincoln autograph as well as his firm's name in ms. "Lincoln & Herndon" – a letter describing the book's provenance accompanies the item.	KF450.L55 A58 1846
Thomas Evans, A concise account of the religious Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers : embracing a sketch of their Christian doctrines and practices. Philadelphia : Friends' Book Store, 1856. Lincoln's copy, signed "A. Lincoln".	BX7731 .E82 1856

MANUSCRIPT LETTERS OF CONTEMPORARY POLITICIANS, 1856-1869.

	Box	Folder
Letter signed by Jefferson Davis as secretary of war to N.P. Banks Jr. (a U.S. Representative) about a military deserter. Washington, 1856 April 11.	1	28
Letter from the Republican Presidential executive committee in Washington. (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1860 May 2.	1	29
Letter from the Republican Presidential executive committee in	1	30

Washington. (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1860
June 20.

Letter from Simon Cameron (former U.S. Secretary of War) to Henry
Leeman of Lancaster, Pa.(Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc.
117), 1865 March 31. 1 31

Letter from former Vice President Hannibal Hamlin, dated at Bangor
recommending a military appointment. (This item is part of a
commemorative volume labeled Block/Linc. 118), 1865 July 18. 2 4

Letter from Maj. Gen. W.H. Emory to the Adjutant General's Office
recommending a promotion dated September 15, 1865. Signed on the
reverse by Ulysses S Grant "Not Approved. U.S. Grant", 1865 October
10 . 1 32

Letter from Andrew Johnson as president appointing Benjamin Pierce a
member of the Lighthouse Board. (This item is part of a commemorative
volume labeled Block/Linc. 118), 1867 March 6. 2 6

Note by former Vice President Hannibal Hamlin dated at Bangor.
(Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1869 June 14. 1 33

PENNSYLVANIA ELECTORAL COLLEGE DOCUMENTS, 1860-1864.

Scope and Contents note

This series consists of manuscript material related to the Pennsylvania Electoral College in the elections of 1860 and 1864. In January and February of 1930, Maurice Apfelbaum bought these documents from the Philadelphia paper dealers P. Mosman & Son, the firm had acquired the documents when hired to remove paper from the Philadelphia Post Office building.

Box Folder

<p>A custom-made blue leather portfolio titled in gilt “Pennsylvania Electoral Ballots.” This portfolio, labeled Block/Linc. 118, formerly included two envelopes containing Electoral College material from 1860 and 1864 and eight bound-in pages with prints depicting Abraham Lincoln, Hannibal Hamlin, as well as Andrew Johnson, notes or documents signed by these figures. The portfolio also includes several pieces of 1864 presidential campaign ephemera and two printed 1864 campaign songsters. All of these materials are listed elsewhere in the finding aid, 1860-1864.</p>	2	
<p>Typed document signed by Maurice Apfelbaum stating the provenance of the collection of Electoral College manuscripts, 1930 September 17.</p>	2	8
<p>Official state certification of the names of the electors chosen during the general election Signed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth at Harrisburg. (Formerly part of a commemorative volume labeled Block/Linc. 118), 1860 December 4.</p>	8	1
<p>Letter by William F. Packer to E. Reed Meyer of Bradford County, Pa. notifying him that he had been selected as an elector. Includes a certificate of authenticity and seal of the commonwealth. Also includes a manuscript copy of the official document certifying that the Pennsylvania electors had chosen Lincoln and Hamlin as president and vice president. Signed by the Electors. (Formerly part of a commemorative volume labeled Block/Linc. 118), 1860 December 5.</p>	1	34
<p>Manuscript copy of the official document certifying that the Pennsylvania electors had chosen Hamlin as vice president. Signed by the Electors. (Formerly part of a commemorative volume labeled Block/Linc. 118), 1860 December 5.</p>	1	34
<p>Manuscript copy of the official document certifying that the Pennsylvania electors had chosen Lincoln as president. Signed by the Electors. (Formerly part of a commemorative volume labeled Block/Linc. 118), 1860 December 5.</p>	1	35

Envelope formerly enclosing the documents in the three folders above, transmitted for deposit in the court of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. (Formerly part of a commemorative volume labeled Block/Linc. 118), 1860 December 15.	1	36
A list of electors signed by the secretary of the commonwealth. (Formerly part of a commemorative volume labeled Block/Linc. 118), 1864 December 6.	1	37
Certificate signed at Harrisburg by the Pennsylvania electors announcing their choice of Lincoln and Johnson as president and vice president. (Formerly part of a commemorative volume labeled Block/Linc. 118), 1864 December 7.	1	37
Another copy of the electoral certificate above. (Formerly part of a commemorative volume labeled Block/Linc. 118), 1864 December 7 .	1	38
Envelopes formerly containing the three documents above, addressed to the Eastern District Judge of Pennsylvania and the President of the U.S. Senate (Formerly part of a commemorative volume labeled Block/Linc. 118), 1864 December 10.	1	39

PRINTS, NEWSPAPERS, ARTIFACTS, AND EPHEMERA OF THE CIVIL WAR ERA, 1860-1865.

THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN OF 1860.

	Box	Folder
Engraving of Hannibal Hamlin done by J.C. Buttre of New York based on a Matthew Brady photograph, circa 1860.	2	3

Sheet Music. Honest Old Abe (Blodgett and Bradford Buffalo, 1860).(Formerly labeled Block/Linc. 112), 1860.	3	1
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Sheet Music. The "Wigwam" Grand March (Oliver Ditson and Co., Boston). (Formerly labeled Block/Linc. 110), 1860.	3	2
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Print entitled "Taking the Stump or Stephen in Search of his mother" Currier and Ives. (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1860.	3	3
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Campaign flag reading "Lincoln and Hamlin", 1860.	8	2
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"President Elect addressing the people" from Harper's Weekly (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1861 March 2.	3	4
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THE CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865.

	Box	Folder
Issue of Harper's Weekly reporting the attack on Fort Sumter, 1861 April 27.	3	5

Cartoon depicting several figures including Lincoln wielding a plank to save an Eagle, 1861 May 24.	8	3
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General Shields at the Battle of Winchester Va. Colored Engraving by Currier and Ives [30.4 x 40.5 cm], 1862.	8	4
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Printed form letter with date filled in manuscript from the National Union City executive committee of Philadelphia condemning disloyal members of the city government.(Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1863 February 25.	1	40
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Printed Confederate treasury certificate to Charles R. Jones for \$600 at 7% interest. Executed at Richmond and printed by J.T. Paterson and co. Columbia S.C. (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117),	1	41
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1863 July 16.

Issue of the Philadelphia Inquirer reporting Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, 1863 November 20.

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Printed invitation to the White House, 1863 December 19.

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THE PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN OF 1864.

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Printed circular dated at New York from the "Union Lincoln Association" reprinting a February 1864 letter of S.C. Pomeroy advocating the candidacy of Salmon P. Chase. (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1864 February 20.

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Blank printed form for the "Lincoln and Johnson Campaign Club" inviting the bearer to a meeting of the executive committee, New York, signed John M Costa in print. (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1864.

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Untitled engraving of Andrew Johnson, circa 1864.

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Campaign ribbon for the national union ticket (15th ward) reading "Lincoln and Johnson", 1864.

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Cloth campaign badge reading "Union and Liberty" and "For President Abram Lincoln"[sic] printed at the satin and paper badge depot, 147 south third st. Philadelphia, 1864.

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Printed list of candidates entitled "Union National Ticket" with Lincoln and Johnson for president and vice president and local candidates for office in Burlington, Brattleboro, Rutland and other cities indicating a Vermont origin, 1864.

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Printed list of candidates entitled "Union National Ticket" with

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Lincoln and Johnson for president and vice president and local candidates for office in Santa Clara and other cities indicating a California origin. (Formerly labeled Block/Linc. 105), 1864.

Printed envelope for Lincoln/Johnson campaign entitled "With these true hearts, through Victory to Union and Peace. Abraham Lincoln. A. Johnson" (L. Prang – Boston), 1864. 1 46

Lincoln campaign songster. For the use of clubs. Containing all of the most popular songs. Philadelphia, Mason, 1864. 16 p. [11 cm.]. (Housed in commemorative volume formerly labeled Block/Linc. 118), 1864. 2

M'Clellan campaign songster: for the use of clubs. Containing all of the most popular songs. Philadelphia : Published by Mason & Co.16 pp. (Housed in commemorative volume formerly labeled Block/Linc. 118), 1864. 2

THE DEATH OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN.

	Box	Folder
Printed General Order no. 51 - Department of the Navy. Announcing Lincoln's death. (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1865 April 15.	1	47

Printed General Order no. 66 - Department of War. Announcing Lincoln's death.(Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1865 April 16.	1	48
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Bundles of newspapers tied with a black mourning ribbon. (Formerly labeled Block/Linc. 88), 1865 April 15-1865 June 5.	8	5
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Scope and Contents note

Contains issues of the New York Times for April 15,18,19,21,22,24,25,26; May 4,31; June 5 and an issue of the New

York Tribune for May 13.		
New York Herald bearing issue number 10,456. Likely a later reprint.(Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1865 April 15.	3	7
New York Herald bearing issue number 10,456. Another slightly different later reprint.(Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1865 April 15.	3	8
New York Herald bearing issue number 10,459. Likely a later reprint. (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117);, 1865 April 15.	3	9
New York Tribune (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1865 April 15.	3	10
Philadelphia Inquirer (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1865 April 17.	3	11
Lafayette (In.) Daily Journal (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1865 April 17.	3	12
Printed Treasury Department order to wear crepe in honor of Lincoln. (Formerly labeled Block/Linc. 113), 1865 April 17.	3	13
One printed pass to admit the bearer to the White House on April 19, 1865. One Mourning envelope reading “we mourn a father slain” and one mourning card with a picture of a tombstone., 1865 April.	1	49
Three mourning badges for Lincoln. One dated in manuscript, 1865 April 20.	1	50
Mourning badge for services at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. (Formerly labeled Block/Linc. 115), 1865 April 22.	1	51
Broadside reading "Dedicated to the Memory of Abraham Lincoln" and included lines of poetry beginning "America's noblest sons are	4	1

weeping" (8 lines), copyright James Logan [Philadelphia]. (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1865.

Death of President Lincoln at Washington D.C...The Nation's Martyr. Currier and Ives colored engraving [26.9 x 36.2 cm.]. Two copies, 1865. 8 6

Cartoon from Punch entitled "Brittania Sympathises with Columbia" in ms. "Copied from the original for A. Boyd" [Andrew Boyd, Albany].(Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1865 May 6. 3 14

Sheet Music. President Lincoln's Funeral March (Lee and Walker, Philadelphia). (Formerly labeled Block/Linc. 111), 1865. 3 15

Reproduction of a photograph of the Execution of the Lincoln Conspirators by Alexander Gardner, 1865 July 7. 4 2

A carte de visite of Lewis Payne, one of the assassination conspirators, reading "Payne alias Wood alias Hall" photo by Alexander Gardner (Washington, D.C. : Philip & Solomons), 1865. 4 3

Untitled carte de visite of John Wilkes Booth. Photo by Alexander Gardner (Washington, D.C.: Philp & Solomons), 1865. 4 3

Print: "Ford's Theatre, Washington D.C. April 14, 1865 Abraham Lincoln, Our First Martyred President", 1865. 4 4

Lincoln Assassination Documents Photostat Reproductions by the Lincoln National Life Foundation (Ft. Wayne, In.). Formerly part of scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117, 1865 April. 3 16

Scope and Contents note

Documents reproduced in this portfolio are a copy of the New York Mercury announcing the death of the president on April 15, 1865, a Ford's theatre program April 14, 1865, a reward poster dated April 20,1865, and a print of "The Last hours of Lincoln" with signatures of

those with him.

THE END OF THE CONFEDERACY, 1865.

	Box	Folder
Printed pass filled in by hand from the office of the Provost Marshal of Virginia. (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1865 June 28.	4	5
Broadside reading "Died near the South-Side Rail road on Sunday April 9th, 1865, The Southern Confederacy" Jas. B. Rodgers, Pr. 52 & 54 North Sixth st. (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1865.	4	6
Carte de visite portraying Jefferson Davis in woman's clothing with caption "I thought your government was more magnanimous than to hunt down women and children" (published by C.H. Anderson), 1865.	4	6

PORTRAITS AND VISUAL REPRESENTATIONS OF LINCOLN, 1860-1963.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF LINCOLN, 1861-1865.

	Box	Folder
Photograph of Lincoln in Philadelphia. Includes correspondence and clippings about the photograph. (Formerly labeled Block/Linc. 92), 1861 February 22.	4	7
"The President and General McClellan on the Battle-field of Antietam" photograph by Alexander Gardner. (Formerly in a	4	8

scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1862 October 4.

Photograph of Lincoln taken at Matthew Brady's studio, 1864 February 9.	4	9
A reproduction of an 1864 photograph of Lincoln discovered by Stefan Lorant and published in the Saturday Evening Post: July 19, 1947. (Two copies), 1864.	3	17
Portrait photograph of Lincoln, 1865 March 23.	8	7
Portrait photograph of Lincoln. Same sitting as previous but with different crop marks and damage, 1865 March 23.	8	8
Carte de visite of Lincoln. Photograph taken at Matthew Brady's studio.	1	23
Carte de visite of Lincoln by Alexander Kientzle, reading "Photographed by A. Kientzle no. 155 North Sixth Street, Philadelphia." (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), circa 1860-1865.	4	10
Carte de visite of Mary Todd Lincoln captioned "Mrs. Lincoln." (Formerly labeled Block/Linc. 108), circa 1860-1865.	4	11
Carte de visite captioned "Lincoln Family." (Formerly labeled Block/Linc. 109), circa 1860-1865.	4	11
Carte de visite depicting Lincoln and son reading (no caption), circa 1860-1865.	4	11
Unidentified photograph of Lincoln in partial profile (formerly framed), circa 1860-1865.	4	12

REPRODUCTIONS OF LINCOLN PHOTOGRAPHS IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES.

General note

This subseries consists of reproductions of photographs of Lincoln taken by Matthew Brady between 1860 to 1865. The originals are held at the U.S. National Archives in record group 111.

	Box	Folder
Copy of a series of three photos of Abraham Lincoln and Tad Lincoln (B-5737), circa 1860-1865.	4	13
Copy of a series of three photos of Lincoln (111-B-3658), circa 1860-1865.	4	14
Copy of a series of 2 photos of Lincoln (B-5307), circa 1860-1865.	4	15
Copy of a series of three photos of Lincoln (B-2566), circa 1860-1865.	4	16
Copy of a series of 2 photos of Lincoln (B-5768), circa 1860-1865.	4	17
Copy of a photo of Lincoln (RB-5560), circa 1860-1865.	4	18
Copy of a photo of Lincoln (B-2323), circa 1860-1865.	4	19
Copy of a photo of Lincoln and Tad (B-2088), circa 1860-1865.	4	20
	Box	Folder
Booklet of reproductions of Lincoln photographs from the Frederick Hill Meserve collection, New York (1908), 1908.	4	21

ENGRAVINGS, PRINTS, AND ARTWORK DEPICTING LINCOLN, 1860-1963.

	Box	Folder
Colored engraving captioned: "Abraham Lincoln, Republican Candidate for Sixteenth President of the United States" (Kellogg, Hartford) [35.6 x 25.4 cm.], 1860.	3	18

Lithograph captioned "Lincoln at Home" no. 169 (E.B. & E.C. Kellogg, 245 Main St., Hartford, Ct. and F.P. Whiting, 87 Fulton st., New York) . (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), circa 1863-1866.	3	19
Engraving of Lincoln with a vignette depicting the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, signed "WTB." (Housed in a commemorative album formerly labeled Block/Linc. 118), after 1863.	2	1
Sketch of Lincoln at the Soldiers Home in Washington done by Pierre Morand, reproduction from the original at the Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis (S-1212). (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1864 June.	4	22
Engraved card reading "A. Lincoln, President of the U.S", circa 1861-1865.	4	23
Untitled contemporary engraving of Lincoln. (Formerly Block/Linc. 96), circa 1861-1865.	4	23
Reproduction of a William Morris Hunt painting of Lincoln in the possession of Dr. Hyatt Lyle, before 1879.	4	24
Engraving entitled "Lincoln Family" engraved by A. B. Walter after a painting by F. Schell (published by John Dainty 15 6th St. Philadelphia). (In contemporary frame), circa 1864-1890.	6	
Engraving of Lincoln entitled "Freedom to the Slaves" Currier and Ives (152 Nassau St.), circa 1863-1867.	8	9
Engraving of Lincoln in profile by Thomas Johnson. Printed by Charles Barmore, New York, circa 1892-1901.	4	25
Engraving of Lincoln in profile by Thomas Johnson. Printed by Charles Barmore, New York, circa 1892-1901.	8	10
Engraving of Lincoln in profile by Thomas Johnson. Printed by	3	20

Charles Barmore, New York, 1908.

Otto J. Schneider engraving of young Lincoln on board. Published by Charles Barmore. (Formerly Block/Linc. 97), 1908. 8 11

Otto J. Schneider engraving of Lincoln standing. Published by Charles Barmore, 1908. 8 12

Otto J. Schneider engraving of Lincoln with beard and glasses, gazing downwards.(Formerly Block/Linc. 98), 1908. 3 21

Otto J. Schneider engraving of Lincoln with beard, staring straight ahead, 1908. 3 22

Portrait on cardboard of Lincoln and a dog (Published by Campbell Art co. Elizabeth NJ), 1908. 4 26

Engraving of Lincoln by Kemp based on an 1864 Brady photograph (Published by W.K. Barmore), 1912. 8 13

Portrait of Lincoln by J.P. Nuyttens (Josef Pierre), 1915. 8 14

Original woodblock used by Timothy Cole to produce his Abraham Lincoln portrait engravings. Housed in a red case with a copy of the engraving drawn from the block. (Formerly labeled Block/Linc. 120), 1919. 7

Two proof copies of the engraving of Lincoln signed by Timothy Cole, 1919. 8 15

Drawing of Lincoln by Douglas Volk based on a life mask made by L.W. Volk in 1860., 1922. 8 16

Woodblock print of Lincoln with sons by Wilfred Tower after F. Walter Taylor. (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1926. 3 23

Color Print of Lincoln by T. Hamilton Crawford, 1927.	8	17
Engraving of Lincoln by Timothy Cole, 1928.	3	24
Lithograph portrait of Lincoln by Dwight C. Sturges entitled "A Lincoln Anecdote", 1931.	8	18
A pictorial outline of the life of the sixteenth president of the United States by John Speed and Karl Smith, Louisville, Ky. (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1934.	3	25
Two photographs of the statute of Lincoln in the Lincoln Memorial, Washington D.C. (one labeled Fernberger), circa 1934.	3	26
Silhouette entitled "Abraham Lincoln and his Family" by Alice Hall, 1940.	3	27
Engraving of Lincoln by William Harry Warren Bicknell captioned "Private plate issued exclusively to members of the Bibliophile society", circa 1900-1912.	8	19
Engraving of Lincoln by S.C. Woods, undated.	8	20
Twentieth century print of Lincoln on board, undated.	8	21
Woodblock print of Lincoln by Aries Fayer. (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), after 1900.	3	28
Charcoal sketch of Lincoln by Boardman Robinson. (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), undated.	3	29
Three prints issued by the Lincoln Memorial University Foundation, depicting scenes from Lincoln's life, 1963.	3	30
Engraving of Lincoln captioned "Bureau of Engraving and Printing", undated.	4	27

Lincoln woodblock print by W.S. Thompson, undated.	4	28	
Drawing of Lincoln by Boris Riedel captioned "My God another Book", undated.	4	29	
Unidentified print of young Lincoln on log with axe, undated.	4	30	
Photograph of a sculpture depicting Lincoln with an axe standing on a log., undated.	4	31	
Photograph of a bust of Lincoln done by Augustus St. Gaudens (Published by Knapp Co. Ny.), undated.	4	32	
Photograph of a Lincoln sculpture by Gutzon Borglum in Newark Nj.(Published by Knapp Co. Ny.), undated.	4	33	
Unidentified reproduction of a color portrait of Lincoln, undated.	4	34	
Unidentified reproduction of an oil painting of a young Lincoln. (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), undated.	4	35	
Unidentified reproduction of a color portrait of Lincoln. (Framed with an eagle ornament), undated.	4	36	
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Large oil painting of Linclon by Boardman Robinson entitled "Portent", undated.		1	Fold
Burnt wood portrait of Lincoln, undated.		2	

LINCOLN MEMORABILIA AND COMMEMORATIVE ITEMS, 1876-1957.

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Handkerchief with Lincoln's portrait from the Sesquicentennial Exposition in Philadelphia. (Formerly labeled Block/Linc. 116), 1876.	5	1
Two W.H. Tipton and Co. stereophotographs of Gettysburg. (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), circa 1865-1890.	5	2
Scope and Contents note		
591. Monument in Soldier's National Cemetery 605. General View of Soldiers' National Cemetery, from East Cemetery Hill		
International Souvenir sales booklet of photos on Gettysburg [Philadelphia, Pa. : J. Murray Jordan, 1897?]. (Formerly labeled Block/Linc. 104), 1897.	5	3
Tobacco Card: "Inauguration of Lincoln" B.L. Just Suits Cut Plug (Factory no. 10 - 5th Dist. N.J.), circa 1900.	5	4
Assorted postcards, circa 1905-1930.	5	5
Scope and Contents note		
Abraham Lincoln through Log Cabins to the White House (O.H. Olroyd, Washington DC, 1905); Ford's Theatre and the House in which Lincoln Died (Olroyd); Letter to Mrs. Bixby about her 5 sons (Olroyd); Lincoln Memorial Hall, Hodgenville, Ky. no. 10644 (Bagby Howe co., Louisville Ky.); Lincoln Statute, Hodgenville, Ky. no. 11154 (Bagby Howe co., Louisville Ky.); Lincoln Memorial, Washington D.C.: no. 11827 (B.S. Reynolds co., Washington DC)		
Two sermons by Rabbi Joseph Krauskopf on Lincoln with a note dated February, 1940 giving them to Gordon Block., 1905-1940.	5	6
Scope and Contents note		
Lincoln and Inspiration a Discourse. Temple Keneseth Israel, Philadelphia (Series XVII no.14) February 12, 1905. Could a Lincoln be President in our day? Reform congregation Keneseth Israel, Philadelphia (Series XXV nos 14-15) February 11+18, 1912.		

Printed membership certificate of Millard F. Gloria in the Lincoln Farm Association. (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1907 November 1.	5	7
Assorted souvenir reproductions of documents, 1908.	5	8
Scope and Contents note		
Facsimile of Lincoln's letter to Mrs. Bixby (Copyright, 1908 by the Newton Co. Ny.). Facsimile of Lincoln's letter to Mrs. Bixby on artificial aged paper Facsimile of the Gettysburg Address on artificial aged paper Facsimile of Lincoln's second inaugural on on artificial aged paper Facsimile of the Emancipation Proclamation on artificial aged paper.		
Children's book entitled "Abraham Lincoln" (New York : Saml. Gabriel Sons & Co) 14 pp., 1918.	5	9
Three menus and programs from the Lincoln Club of Philadelphia, 1923-1927.	5	10
Scope and Contents note		
Menu and program of Banquet (February 10, 1923). Bellevue-Stratford, Philadelphia Menu and program of Banquet (February 12, 1924). Union League, Philadelphia Menu and program of Banquet (February 12, 1927). Union League, Philadelphia		
Film booklet promoting the Philadelphia showing of "the dramatic life of Abraham Lincoln" 16 pp., 1924.	5	11
Pamphlet entitled "Lincoln Memories" by Harry A. Mackey containing a "Written reverie before the Lincoln statute in London" 9 pp., 1924.	5	12
Printed facsimile card of a letter (May 28, 1860) from Lincoln to Samuel Haycraft, 1925.	5	13
Pamphlet entitled "Abraham Lincoln, preserver of his country" by Mabel Mason Carlton (Boston : John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co.), 15 pp., 1926.	5	14

Abraham Lincoln an address before the Union League of Philadelphia, 1926 February 12.	5	15
"God's Parallel" a poem by Irving U. Townsend. Offprint from the Boston Transcript, 1928 February 18.	5	16
Radio address on the importance of Lincoln delivered and signed by president Herbert Hoover, 1932 February 12.	5	17
Lincoln's beard. Photostat reproductions of correspondence between Abraham Lincoln and Grace Bedell (Lincoln National Life Foundation), 1933.	5	18
Printed keepsake for the seventieth anniversary of the Gettysburg address., 1933.	5	19
Newspaper clipping "Negro who Helped Booth Flee, Dead" from the Daily Local News (Westchester, Pa.), 1934 January 19.	5	20
Abraham Lincoln's favorite poem: its author and his book, by M.L. Houser, 1935.	5	21
Abraham Lincoln first day covers, stamps, and postal material, 1938-1948.	5	22
Photographic stills from the movie "Abe Lincoln in Illinois" starring Robert Massey. (Formerly labeled Block/Linc. 101), circa 1939-1940.	3	31
Piece of wood from Lincoln's Springfield home and leaf from Lincoln's tomb with a note conveying these to Gordon Block, 1939 September 26.	3	32
Letter from Henry C. Friend to Block about Lincoln's legal knowledge along with comment about an 1846 edition of Joseph Angell's Treatise on Limitations owned by Lincoln (now UPenn call no. KF450.L55 A58 1846), 1948 May 5.	5	23
Typescript "Abraham Lincoln as Receiving Attorney: Kelly vs.	5	23

Blackstone" by Henry C. Fried. Mentions Block's copy of Angell's on limitations and notes that 1855 doc. with 3 signatures comes from this copy., circa 1948.

Small souvenir photos of Lincoln sites in Kentucky, circa 1950. 5 24

Correspondence with Gordon Block about a clock purportedly owned by Lincoln given to Rev. John Henry Brooks who as a teamster helped Lincoln move to White House and was given clock as a gift. (Formerly Block/Linc. 124), 1952-1953. 5 25

Printed facsimiles of two letters from Lincoln to Major Thomas T. Eckert printed by the Plantin Press. (Formerly Block/Linc. 107), 1957. 5 26

Three undated typescripts containing stories relating to Lincoln, after 1900. 5 27

A copy of the Gettysburg address finely printed with medallion of Lincoln, undated. 5 28

New Year's card of George M. Kofsky with a picture of Lincoln: "I'm a slow walker but I never walk back", undated. 5 29

Photograph Album with many black and white photographs of Lincoln sites in Illinois, before 1900. 5 30

Poster reproducing Abraham Lincoln's saloon license, after 1900. 8 22

Large photograph of the Lincoln Cabin, undated. 8 23

Pictorial outline of the life of the sixteenth president, after 1900. 8 26

LARGE OBJECTS AND ARTIFACTS.

Box

Metal engraved copy of the Gettysburg Address, after 1900.	9
Assorted Lincoln coins, busts, physical objects, and a snow globe.	10
Lincoln busts, book-ends, mugs, and small sculptures, as well as a death mask.	11-12
Commemorative china bearing Lincoln's image.	13

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIAL RELATING TO LINCOLN ANCESTORS, 1760-1963.

	Box	Folder
Manuscript petition in the Berks county, Pa. court of common pleas signed by Thomas Lincoln, 1760 May 16.	5	31
An issue of the Pennsylvania German newspaper "Readinger Adler", 30 September 1806.	3	33
Reproduction of an oval portrait of Sarah Bush Johnston (Lincoln), undated.	5	32
Article entitled "the Pennsylvania Ancestors of Abraham Lincoln" from the Philadelphia Forum Magazine. (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), circa 1921-1938.	5	33

OTHER HISTORICAL AND PERSONAL MATERIAL COLLECTED BY GORDON BLOCK, 1881-1963.

	Box	Folder
Issue of the Philadelphia Record reporting the shooting of President	8	24

Garfield. (Formerly in a scrapbook labeled Block/Linc. 117), 1881 September 20.		
Photograph of Chester A. Arthur, framed with his autograph. (Formerly labeled Block/Linc. 93), before 1900.	5	34
Photograph of Winfield Scott Schley, Rear Admiral U.S. Navy (Hoff, Savannah, Ga.). (Formerly Block/Linc. 89), 1902.	5	35
Unidentified photograph with inscription to Gordon Block, after 1900.	8	25
Gordon Block collection material including inventory of collection when given to the University of Pennsylvania, a father's day card, a certificate celebrating fifty years in the Philadelphia Bar Association, and a letter from Rufus Wilson dated 1932 about a Lincoln matter, circa 1930-1965.	5	36