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1. Harlan Hoyt Horner

Horner, born on a farm near Moravia, Iowa, grew up in Cerro Gordo, Illinois. At the University of Illinois, he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. After graduating in 1901, he served as secretary to Andrew Sloan Draper, during Draper's last years as president of the University. Horner then followed Draper to New York where he held a succession of administrative positions in that state's Education Department. In 1940, he edited What Makes Lincoln Great: Papers and Addresses of Andrew Sloan Draper. Horner concluded his career as executive secretary of the American Dental Association's Council on Dental Education.

1. Biographical

Vita, 1917 (2 pages).

"Academic and Professional Record of Harlan Hoyt Horner," [1878-1953], (7 pages).

Clippings and newsletters, including Rotary Club (Albany, N.Y.) and Sigma Alpha Epsilon (University of Illinois), 1958-61.

Obituaries.

2. Miscellaneous

University of Illinois, sketch of Thomas Arkle Clark (in the faculty and later a dean), 1897.

Newspapers, including The New Era (Cerro Gordo, Ill.), May 12, 1897, in which Horner's graduation address is printed.

Commencement invitation, 1900, with card for "H. Hoyt Horner"
Photograph, 1905, of Gioga Dagmar Gaston, Harlan Horner's first wife.


B. C. Kassell Co., Chicago, testimonial (a framed certificate, 22.5" x 18") to Horner, Secretary of the Council on Dental Education, presented by his colleagues on the Council from 1940 to 1948; a scroll in the style of an illuminated manuscript, signed by 16 of Horner's colleagues. Stored with oversize framed items, Deck 8.


3. Correspondence

Draper, Andrew Sloan, to Horner, Aug. 8, 1910, on his European trip, including a reference to passing Czar Nicholas riding in a carriage at the Winter palace.

Kinley, David, to Horner, Apr. 4, 1940, on death of Arthur H. Daniels; and on Horner coming to Chicago. (Kinley and Daniels were presidents of the University of Illinois.)

Wall, Bernhardt (Lime Rock, Conn.), 1938-39, four letters, and an etching of himself, addressed to both Harlan and Henrietta Horner.

Ziegler, Grace M. (Rochester, Minn.), 1973-74, letters relating to a Hesler print of Lincoln, from a neighbor of the Horners in Albany.

4. Photographs


Horner with Gov. Alfred E. Smith and others, c.1930.

Horner with Gov. Nelson Rockefeller and others at the New York State Education Building in 1962, in a program to mark Horner's role in saving the original draft of the Emancipation Proclamation from a fire in 1911; nine photographs and related clippings.

5. Horace Greeley

Greeley, "Abraham Lincoln." Photostatic copy (50 pages) of the original manuscript in the Huntington Library. On the verso of each page is a transcription of the original as deciphered by Harlan and Henrietta Horner. They also annotated a copy, in this box, of Joel Benton, ed., Greeley on Lincoln, with Mr. Greeley's Letters to Charles A. Dana and a Lady Friend to which are Added Reminiscences of Horace Greeley (New York: Baker & Taylor, 1893). The Horners' prefatory note to the photostatic copy reads as follows: "Benton took unwarranted liberties in editing" the work. "Benton took out practically all the purely Greeley touches and in our judgment failed to decipher several words correctly. In the following pages the manuscript has been deciphered and all the Greeley capitalization and punctuation have been restored. Notes at the bottom of each reproduced page indicate Benton's departure from Greeley's manuscript." A similar note appears in Harlan Hoyt Horner, Horace Greeley (1953), 33.


Greeley, Horace, New York Tribune, to Wm. T. Robinson, Sept. 4, [no year given]. In this manuscript letter, Greeley gives advice to a would-be stenographer or newspaper reporter.

6. Harlan Hoyt Horner's Writings

Unpublished work:


Publications:
[The first file in this section includes printouts of bibliographical records of these publications. It ends with a few related items.]

New York State Education Department:

Arbor Day publications, 1906-9 [Horner is credited as the compiler of the booklets of 1907-9].

Lincoln Centenary, February 12, 1909: A Prospectus for the Schools of the State, compiled by Horner. Certain pages are pasted in; other copies are in IHLC, 973.7L 63 FN48L.
Lake Champlain Tercentenary, July 4-10, 1909, [compiled by Horner], 1909. Also an unbound copy. Other copies are in the Main Stacks, 974.754 N48L.

Hudson-Fulton Celebration, 1609-1807-1909, compiled by Horner, 1909. Also an unbound copy. Another copy is in the Oak Street facility.

[In 1909, a copy of each of the preceding booklets were bound in a single volume and inscribed to Gioga Gaston Horner.]

Souvenir of the Dedication of the New York State Education Building, Albany... (1912). Another copy is in the Oak Street facility, 027.22 N532s.

Dental Education Today (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1947). There is also a copy in the Oak Street facility, 617.607 H78d.

Lincoln and Greeley (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1953; reprint, Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1971). Other copies are in IHLC and the Main Stacks, 973.7L63 BH78LA.

Education in the State of New York (Albany, N.Y.: State Education Department, 1954). Other copies are in the Main Stacks, 370.9747 N48ed.

Report of the Emancipation Proclamation Shrine Planning Committee... (Albany, N.Y.: State Education Dept., 1962). Copies are also in IHLC, 973.7L63 EEM11r.

Box 2

2. Henrietta Calhoun Horner

Henrietta Calhoun, a native of Clarinda, Iowa, received both B.S. and A.M. degrees from the University of Illinois. A member of Chi Omega sorority, she graduated in 1901, after which she became a science teacher in Escanaba, Michigan. In 1912, she received a doctor of medicine degree from the University of Michigan. She later served as a professor of bacteriology at the University of Iowa, and as an associate in neuropathology at Albany Medical College. She was the author of numerous papers and articles on scientific and medical studies.

Henrietta Calhoun married Harlan Hoyt Horner in 1928, and thereafter they worked together in building the Lincoln collection which they donated to the University of Illinois. Her own research interest centered on Lincoln's ancestry, particularly Thomas Hanckes, five generations removed from Nancy Hanks, Abraham Lincoln's mother.
7. Biographical

Album of letters recommending Henrietta Calhoun for teaching positions, 1901-3. [The label on the cover reads "Horner Binder B"]

Bacteriology lecture notes, 1903; Notes on the education of women, n.d.; Michiganensian (University of Michigan yearbook), 1917, photocopies of pages on which Henrietta Calhoun is listed; Guestbook: signatures of guests coming to the Horners' home to meet David Kinley, Oct. 16, 1936; drawings of floor plans of their home, n.d.

Photographs of nurses in training, medical department, University of Michigan; of Henrietta in college, 1900; and of her with Harlan at the door of their home in Albany, c.1928. Also a Christmas card sketch of the Horners' home.

"An Open Letter to an Ex-Marine" (typescript, 7 pages) and cover letter to the editor of the Saturday Evening Post, Dec. 10, 1944.

Correspondence with J. L. McConnell, Chicago, Apr. 12-15, 1940, and Mrs. W. J. Ferguson, Berkeley, Calif., Jan. 9, 1945, partly regarding the insanity of Helen Cash, Henrietta's sister. Other letters are from Uncle Irwin, postmarked May 8, 1946, and from Dr. Alexander Howard Milne, June 16, 1963.

8. Letters to Henrietta Horner

Angle, Paul M., Chicago Historical Society, Dec. 12, 1946, regarding Mulligan's Lincoln statue in Pana, Ill.


Baber, Adin, Kansas, Ill., Apr. 6, 1940. Comments on Lincoln genealogists, especially William E. Barton.


Ehrmann, Bess V., Rockport, Ind., Mar. 28, 1940, on her lack of copies of the Southwestern Indiana Historical Society Bulletins, and on the petition for a stamp in honor of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, together with related flyers of the Spencer County Historical Society. [See Keith A. Erekson, Everybody's History: Indiana's Lincoln Inquiry and the Quest to Reclaim a President's Past (2012).

Randall, Ruth Painter:

"H.E.P." [Harry E. Pratt], review of Ruth Painter Randall, *Lincoln's Sons*, *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*, 49:1 (Spring 1956), 112-13 (copy). This extremely critical review of *Lincoln's Sons* (1955) was probably written by Marion Bonzi Pratt, not by Harry E. Pratt. This is explicitly indicated in the following letter by Allan Nevins and in Ruth Painter Randall's letter of Feb. 27, 1957.

Nevins, writing to Mrs. Clarence Berdahl on Feb. 8, 1956 (typed copy), advised against objecting to the review of *Lincoln's Sons* in the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*. Rather, he proposed, when the occasion arose, that he and others (he suggested Bruce Catton, David Donald, Ralph Newman, and Benjamin P. Thomas) point out, in the *Saturday Review of Literature*, "the high merits of Ruth's book."

Between Feb. 27, 1957 and Feb. 4, 1962, Ruth Painter Randall wrote 20 letters and 4 Christmas cards to the Horners, usually to Henrietta Horner. Her letters, written as she drafted *Colonel Elmer Ellsworth: A Biography of Lincoln's Friend and First Hero of the Civil War* (1960), are mainly concerned with the location of Ellsworth's birthplace in Malta, New York. Also included are six photographs of the site, taken by Henrietta Horner in 1958, and Ruth Randall's three-page discussion of the matter, "Colonel Ellsworth's Birthplace?"

Here and there, Ruth Randall noted her earlier work, *Mary Lincoln: Biography of a Marriage* (1953). She regarded James A. Rhodes and Dean Jauchius, *The Trial of Mary Todd Lincoln* (1959) as "an atrocious thing," noting that Robert Lincoln's "old law firm in Chicago is threatening to sue the publishers for criminal libel" (July 19, 1959). Then, however, they dropped the idea as "it would advertise the worthless book." In the same letter, she noted that she was revising her Ellsworth manuscript. Because her editor at Little, Brown believed it to be "entirely too laudatory of Ellsworth," she "deleted many flattering adjectives and made other revisions..." (Sept. 20, 1959).

The Horners also received from Ruth Painter Randall a three-page list of her books and articles.

Vaughan, Victor C., Dean, Univ. of Michigan Medical School, Feb. 18, 1921; Richmond, Va., 1929.

Wessen, Ernest J., Mansfield, Ohio, Feb. 7, 1947 [formerly cataloged as MS 973.7L63 AW519Le]. Wessen harshly criticized both Fish and Monaghan.

Wilson, Rufus Rockwell, Elmira, N.Y., Dec. 23, 1943; Jan. 29, 1944; and flyers for his *Lincoln in Caricature* (1945).
9. Henrietta Calhoun's Papers

Bound typescript: "Ann Frow," 192 pages (photocopied), 1945. This is an account of Ann Frow Ferguson, Henrietta Horner's grandmother, and of William Carson Ferguson, her grandfather. "It is fiction only in a slight rearrangement of events, a slight change in chronology. The characters and names are real" (Preface to Draft A).

Drafts (both manuscripts and typescripts):
B. "English Colonial Policy in Virg."; "Mr. Thomas Hanckes of Virg."

Boxes 4-6

"Lincoln Scrap Book"

Henrietta Horner compiled Lincoln material in 26 scrapbooks. These bound volumes contain newspaper and magazine clippings, book notices and reviews, and ephemera. The material dates between 1932 and 1953, and was apparently collected and mounted in the scrapbooks in 1953. Many items are annotated to show their source and date, and their proximity to other items makes it possible to date them too.

Some volumes in the collection bring together material on the same topic or from the same source, such as clippings from the Grandview Monitor in Vol. 26. Grandview is located in Spencer County, Indiana, where Lincoln grew up.

Henrietta Horner compiled a detailed index at the back of each of the 26 volumes, most of which are marked marked "Newspaper and Magazine Clippings" on the spine, and "Abraham Lincoln Scrap Book with Illustrations" on the cover. There is a library barcode tag in each volume. The volumes are now stored in three record storage boxes: Vols. 1-10, 11-20, 21-26.

At the back of Box 6 are three bound notebooks kept by Henrietta:
"Notes on Lincoln Trails, August 1934"
"Thomas Hanckes, 1635-1680"
"Nancy Hanks Lincoln"

Photograph album. This album is filed on the side of Box 6. The pictures on both sides of 47 disbound pages were collected and annotated by Henrietta Calhoun. Most of the photographs are dated between 1897 and 1912, but many were taken well into the 'teens. The
album opens with numerous photographs of friends, faculty, and buildings on the University of Illinois campus during Henrietta's years at the University, after which the album contains many pictures of her and her traveling companions on trips to Colorado, the Great Lakes, the East, and also to England and the Continent as well as to South America. There are also pictures of people and places where she lived and worked, including Escanaba, Michigan; Davenport and Iowa City, Iowa; and Ann Arbor, Michigan.

3. Horner Acquisition
[Filed at the back of Box 2]

10/1. Deed of Gift, carbon copy, dated Nov. 23, 1951, with signatures of Harlan Hoyt Horner, Henrietta Calhoun Horner, Lloyd Morey (Comptroller, University of Illinois), A. J. Janata (Secretary, Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois), John H. Armstrong (University of Illinois Foundation), and attested by three others, including and R. B. Downs (Director, University Library).


Leslie W. Dunlap, "The Horner Lincoln Collection," script for WILL program (3 pages), and Lincoln Room, University of Illinois Library, booklet (12 pages), 1953; 973.7L63 A3IL6L.


[Martha O. Friedman], [remarks on the rededication of the Lincoln Room, 1982].

10/2 - 10/6: Correspondence relating to the Horner gift and the formation of the Library's Lincoln Room.

1931, 1939
1950-1951
1952
1964-1968
2008-2011

The collection began when Harlan Hoyt Horner wrote an item for the 1909 centennial. The Horners made a point not to collect museum items or original manuscripts. Although they stipulated that the Lincoln Room at the University of Illinois should not be known as the Horner collection, they did arrange for their names to appear on the bookplate for the collection. [The Horner collection at the University of Illinois should not be confused with the Gov. Henry
Horner collection of the Illinois State Historical Library (now the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library).

The earlier letters on file in this collection are from James G. Randall, professor of History, to Phineas L. Windsor, Librarian. On June 4, 1931, Randall opposed the purchase for $80,000 of the Lincoln collection of Joseph Benjamin Oakleaf. (In 1942, it was sold to Indiana University.) On May 2, 1939, however, Randall offered several points in support of the acquisition of the Horners' Lincoln collection.

On Jan. 13, 1950, Robert B. Downs, Director of the Library, wrote President George B. Stoddard, welcoming the Horners' offer of their collection, although taking exception to the stipulation that it be separately housed. On Feb. 28, 1951, Stoddard wrote Harlan Horner about this. On March 12, 1951, Ralph G. Newman of the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop sent Randall a copy of Horner's letter to him regarding the Library's position. An extensive correspondence ensued. It included eight letters to or from Harlan Horner, Bernhard Wall, and Robert B. Downs regarding the design of a bookplate for the Lincoln Room.

Notes on items in the Acquisition file:

The Horners considered placing their collection at the New York State Library if it would not be accepted by the University of Illinois. This is noted in Downs's correspondence with the New York State Librarian, Charles Francis Goodell.

Goodell wrote on Mar. 20, 1951, that the Horner collection should be kept together as a unit, otherwise part of it would not classify under "Lincoln" and the collection as a whole would lose its value.

On Mar. 7, when Downs noted that librarians have found that separately maintained collections are "unsatisfactory, expensive and inefficient," he was ready to turn down the Horner collection.

On July 22, however, the issue was settled when the Library agreed to "maintain a Lincoln Room indefinitely while at the same time preserving the freedom to alter the administrative procedure as the years may dictate."

This last letter also also referred to a bronze bust of Lincoln that has been given to Horner when he retired. The lettering on the back of the bust reads "Geo E Bissell / Sc / Gorham [?] / 046. A plaque at the base reads, in capital letters, "Presented to Harlan H. Horner by his associates and the professional boards of the [New York] Education Department 1939". The bust is about 16 1/2" high. The bust is now placed on a file cabinet in the unit.

12. Miscellaneous

Lincoln clippings.
Copies of Lincoln documents.
Unidentified family photographs.
Photographs of incompletely identified places.