Manuscript Collection Inventory
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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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James G. Randall
Lincoln and Randall Material, 1865-1953.

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Collection organization and location guide

**Part 1. Herndon-Weik collection photostats**

Box 1 (record storage box)
- Hertz accession Vols. 3-5, bound in 12 Parts: 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 5-1, 5-2, 5-3, 5-4, 5-5, 5-6

Box 2 (flat storage box)
- Hertz accession Vols. 1-2, 6-7
  - [Hertz accession, Vol. 8: see Emanuel Hertz collection]

**Part 2. Herndon-Weik Library of Congress Collection microfilm**

Uncat. microfilm cabinet, Right hand cabinet, 6th drawer
- Row 1, Indexes to Herndon-Weik.
  - Also Greeley et al. (perhaps filmed for Harlan Hoyt Horner).
- Row 2, Herndon-Weik as first filmed by Library of Congress.

**Part 3. Herndon-Weik Library of Congress Collection microfilm prints**

Box 5, record storage box
- Prints of Herndon-Weik microfilm, organized chronologically

**Part 4. Lincoln-related sources in the Library of Congress**

Box 3 and Box 4 (flat storage boxes)
- 973.7L 6381, Vols. 1-9
- 973.7L 6381, Vols. 10-17

Oversize items (flat storage)
- 973.7L 6393 (Lincoln's re-election)

**Part 5. Lincoln-related sources in various libraries**

Box 2 (flat storage box) (cont.)
- 973.7L 638, 7 vols.

Oversize items (flat storage) (cont.)
- 973.7L 638, Vol. 5

**Part 6. Lincoln Data microfilm**

Uncat. microfilm cabinet, Right hand cabinet, 6th drawer
- Rows 3-4, "Lincoln Data Microfilm," 14 reels.
- Lincoln-related sources in various libraries.

**Part 7. Material by or about Randall**

Box 6
- Book reviews (7.1), Correspondence (7.3), Articles (7.4)

Box 7
- Offprints and reprints (7.2 and 7.5)

Box 4 (cont.) and flat storage
- Drawings (7.6)
Detailed information on Sources for Parts 1-6

Part 1. Herndon-Weik collection photostats
Hertz accession. [This list duplicates the Library's initial inventory of this accession.]

I. Lincoln papers, 55 documents: letters, notes, official papers, etc., some in Lincoln's handwriting or with his signature; others, copies.

II. Legal documents, 28 documents: deeds, complaints, briefs, etc., most of them pertaining to cases tried by Lincoln.

III. Herndon biographical fragments, 29 items: notes and preliminary drafts of chapters for his book. [A collection of Herndon memoranda.]

IV. Herndon-Weik correspondence: 89 items from Herndon to Weik, in Hertz, The Hidden Lincoln. [Bound in three volumes: 1881-86, 1887-88, 1889-91]

V. Field notes, interviews, correspondence, etc. In Hertz, The Hidden Lincoln: 70 letters from Herndon to various individuals; 48 letters and statements from various individuals to Herndon; 16 letters from various individuals to Weik; 21 others letters, including five from Herndon to Gilder; 30 field notes, interviews, etc. [Bound in alphabetical order by correspondent.]

VI. Newspaper material, broadsides, pictures, and miscellaneous, 34 items.

VII. Lincoln's scrapbook (used in Lincoln-Douglas debates).

VIII. Hertz correspondence and miscellany: filed in the Hertz collection.

Part 5. Lincoln-related sources in various libraries
"Lincoln material, chiefly manuscripts, selected by J. G. Randall from various collections."

973.7L 638, 7 vols.


v. 2. Chicago Historical Society [Chicago History Museum]. From the Reavis papers: 8 letters, Dec. 10, 1860-Dec. 3, 1864; from the Gunther collection: 2 letters, Sept. 23, 1862-May 18, 1864; a ms. signed W. W. Patton, Sept. 21, 1862; from the A. Eastman papers: A.L.S. of Salmon P. Chase, Oct. 24, 1864; from the Barton

v. 3. Essex institute, Salem, Mass. From the N. P. Banks mss.: 11 letters, Apr. 11, 1860-Aug. 29, 1864

v. 4. Maine Historical Society Library. From the Nathan Clifford papers: 15 letters, April 18, 1861-Jan. 20, 1882

v. 5. Massachusetts Historical Society. From the Bellows mss.: 2 letters, May 13, 1862-April 23, 1863; from the Everett mss.: 5 items, Aug. 5, 1861-Oct. 18, 1862 (including a commission, signed Abraham Lincoln, Sept. 12, 1861); from the John A. Andrew mss.: 9 items, Jan. 28, 1864-Dec. 1, 1864; 11 broadsides, 1861-1865; a proclamation of Gov. Andrew, Mar. 1, 1865 (oversized, in flat storage)

v. 6. 3 A.L.S. of Roger Brooke Taney, from the Papers of Judge Samuel Treat in the Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis, June 5, 1861; from the New-York Historical Society, July 11, 1863; from the Chase mss. in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania


"Lincoln material selected by J. G. Randall from the Division of Manuscripts in the Library of Congress, 1866-1866"

973.7L 6381, Vols. 1-9.... 973.7L 6381, Vols. 10-17.

v. 1. Letters to James Gordon Bennett (Feb. 4, 1862-Dec. 15, 1864)

v. 2. Papers of Jeremiah S. Black (Nov. 14, 1860-Sept. 19, 1864)

v. 3. Correspondence of Zachariah Chandler (Sept. 3, 1860-Apr. 23, 1865)

v. 4. Papers of John J. Crittenden (Oct. 30, 1860-Apr. 23, 1861)


v. 6. A.L.S. of Norman Eastman to John Locke Scripps (Aug. 6, 1862)

v. 7. Papers of Thomas Ewing and Thomas Ewing Jr. (May 6, 1860-Feb. 22, 1865), with an Abraham Lincoln autograph (May 16, 1864)

v. 8. Correspondence of Joshua R. Giddings and George W. Julian (May 25, 1860-Jan. 28, 1862)

v. 9. Letters to James O. Harrison (Apr. 22 and 25, 1865)

v. 11. Papers of Andrew Johnson (March 29, 1861-May 1, 1866). A.L.S. of Abraham Lincoln (Jan. 24, 1863)

v. 12. Papers of John Sherman (May 20, 1860-Feb. 17, 1861 [i.e. 1862])

v. 13. Correspondence of Thaddeus Stevens (Feb. 4, 1861-Jan. 9, 1865)


v. 15. Letter of Benjamin Franklin Butler to Henry Wilson (Feb. 22, 1863)


973.7L 6393 (in flat storage)

Lincoln's re-election


Part 6. Lincoln Data microfilm

BOX Title on film

Andrew Mss. V.14

Andrew Mss. V.14

Andrew Mss. V.16, V.15, V.14, V.26, V.25, V.23, V.12, V.8, V.5, V.4, V.3

Andrew Mss. V.23, V.22, V.16

Andrew Mss. V.14

6 MHS #1, Mass. Hist. Soc.
Andrew Mss. V.2
Everett Mss.


Bellows Mss.

10 Montgomery Blair Mss.
Library of Congress

Bellows #4

12 William Lloyd Garrison #1

Lawrence #1, V.25, V.33

14 Lawrence
Bancroft
A. A. Lawrence Mss
Andrews #1 V.23, V.22; V.26

15 Lincoln Mss;
Gurowski Mss
Dickinson Mss

Detailed inventory for Part 7

7.1 Book Reviews by Randall
Hubbard, Henry Clyde, The Older Middle West, 1840-1880: Its Social and Political Life and Sectional Tendencies Before and After the Civil War (1936)

Jones, Edgar De Witt, Lincoln and the Preachers (1948)

Munford, Beverley B., Virginia's Attitude toward Slavery and Secession (1909)[notes].

Riddle, Donald W., Lincoln Runs for Congress (1948)

Stephenson, W. H. (managing editor, Mississippi Valley Historical Review), asking Randall to review Leroy Fischer's paper on Gurowski.

7.2 Offprints and reprints of articles by Randall.


"Democracy and War," History Teacher's Magazine, 8:10 (Dec. 1917), 329-36. [Randall at Roanoke College]


"War Tasks and Accomplishments of the Shipping Boards," Historical Outlook [continuing the History Teacher's Magazine], 10:6 (June 1919), 305-10. [Randall as "Special Expert, United States Shipping Board"]

George Rogers Clark's Service of Supply," Mississippi Valley Historical Review, 8:3 (Dec. 1921), 250-63.


"The Rule of Law under the Lincoln Administration," Historical Outlook [], 17:6 (Oct. 1926), 272-81.
"Lincoln in the Role of Dictator," *South Atlantic Quarterly*, 28:3 (July 1929), 236-52.


"George Washington and 'Entangling Alliances," *South Atlantic Quarterly*, 3:3 (July 1931), 221-29.


"'With Malice toward None'" (with Avery O. Craven and T. V. Smith), University of Chicago Round Table (broadcast Feb. 11, 1945), 1-15.


### 7.3 Randall Correspondence, 1926-53

**Letters Sent**

Sandburg, Carl, praising *The People, Yes*, after hearing the recording of it, sent to Randall by Jack Kapp, Decca Record's president), Sept. 29, Nov. 4, 1941.

Letters Received


Basler, Roy P., June 23, 1950, enclosing his letter to Freeman Champney (manager, Antioch Press, Yellow Springs, Ohio), June 25, 1950, regarding Basler's categorical view that a certain "Lincoln" letter could not be genuine. The letter in question had been submitted to Randall as an authentic Lincoln document.

Clark, Arthur C., Co., advertising Grenville M. Dodge, *Personal Collections of Lincoln, Grant, and Sherman* (1915), and Randall's bill for a copy, Apr. 30, 1938.


Eisenschiml, Otto (Chicago), Aug. 20, 1942: on negative reviews of Eisenschiml's *In the Shadow of Lincoln's Death* (1940); on his discussion of this in his autobiography, *Without Fame: The Romance of a Profession* (1942); and on his support of LeRoy Henry Fischer's study of "Adam Gurowski and the Civil War: A Radical's Record" (Ph.D. diss., University of Illinois, 1943; published as *Lincoln's Gadfly*, Adam Gurowski (1964).

Hambrecht, George P., on an exchange of off-prints of their articles, Dec. 11, 1926.


Pratt, Harry E., wanting to talk with Randall, June 26, 1931.

Roderick Paul Thaler on his article in the *Slavonic Review* and on his graduate courses at Harvard, Oct. 12, 1952; later two other offprints.

Rolle, Andrew F., on his military service in World War II and the Korean War, and on finishing his Ph.D. at UCLA. Also offprints of his articles, "California Filibustering and the Hawaiian Kingdom, *Pacific Historical Review*, 19:3 (Aug. 1950), and "Futile

Ronalds, Francis S. (Morristown National Historic Park), Mar. 29, 1943.

Stephenson, Wendell H. (manager editor, Mississippi Valley Historical Review), urging Randall to review Fischer's manuscript on Gurowski, Oct. 1, 1948.

Wasson, R. Gordon (a vice president of J. P. Morgan & Co.), asking if he might quote from Randall's letter to him on the jacket of a new edition of Wasson's work, The Hall Carbine Affair (1941, 1947); Randall's replied, not wishing to be quoted as "I do not consider myself an authority on this particular subject; and Wasson's acknowledgment. Letters of Jan. 20, 22, 26, 1948. Also photocopies of two reviews of Wasson's book.

7.4 Articles about Randall


7.5 Offprints of articles collected by Randall.

The Randall collection contains about 82 separate articles, all probably given to Randall by his students and friends and some of which are inscribed with notes of appreciation. A few are also inscribed to Ruth Painter Randall. The old Lincoln Room card catalog (row 1, drawer 10) contains an early set of cards for these uncataloged items.

In addition, this section includes certain early or special items:


4. Mathew, Lewis Baltzell, "The Clay-Thompson Mission into Canada," typescript [iii, 80], carbon typescript submitted for an M.S. in Education (1946). Pencil note by Randall on ii: Randall's "Memo. Since Ms. Mayhew did not take the A M in Hist., this is not a master's thesis, & is not deposited as such in Library. It is merely accepted as 2 units (grad) in Hist. 12/14/46

### 7.6 Drawings

Randall and Lincoln on the cover of the *Saturday Review of Literature*, Nov. 14, 1945, drawn by Frances O'Brien (Garfield). [Framed; stored in open flat storage cabinet]

Pencil sketch by Randall [digitized and filed in Box 4]. "Wayne C. Temple / from Life / J. R. Randall / Nov. 16, 1951" [Gift of Dr. Temple]. Biographers of Randall often point out his talent in making portraits in pencil, water color, and oil.

**Manuscript Repositories holding Lincoln material in Parts 4-5**

*Q.973.7 L638 facsim., v. 1.*

**Boston Public Library**


*Q.973.7 L638, v. 2.*

**Chicago Historical Society**

Barton Collection, Univ. of Chicago, Willie Lincoln to Henry Reeman, 1859.


Eastman, Z., papers, 1864.

Gunther Collection, papers, 1862-64.

Patton, W. W., papers, 1865.

Reavis, Logan Uriah, papers, 1860-64.
Essex Institute, Salem, Mass.
Banks, Nathaniel Prentiss (Governor, Mass.; Union Major General), papers, 1860-64.

Library of Congress
Q973.7 L638 facsim., v. 1-15
Single collections per volume:

Bennett, James Gordon (Editor, New York Herald), papers, 1862-64. Q973.7 L6381 facsim., v. 1.

Black, Jeremiah Sullivan (Attorney General, Pa.; Secretary of State under Buchanan), papers, 1860-64. Ibid., v. 2.

Chandler, Zachariah (U.S. Senator, Mich.), papers, 1860-65. Ibid., v. 3.

Crittenden, John Jordan (U.S. Senator, Ky.), papers, 1860-61. Ibid., v. 4.

Dana, Charles Anderson (Asst. Secretary of War; Editor, New York Sun), papers, 1860-66. Ibid., v. 5.

Doolittle, James Rood (U.S. Senator, Wisc.), letter from Norman Eastman to John Locke Scripps, 1862. Ibid., v. 6.

Ewing, Thomas (U.S. Congressman, Ohio; Secretary of the Treasury; Secretary of the Interior), papers, including Lincoln to Ewing [1864], 1860-65. Ibid., v. 7.

Giddings-Julian Collection (Giddings, Joshua Reed (U.S. Congressman, Ohio) and Julian, George Washington (Republican Party Leader)), papers, 1860-62. Ibid., v. 8.

Harrison, James Orlando (of Kentucky), papers, 1860-66. Ibid., v. 9.

Holt, Joseph (Judge Advocate General, Union Army), papers, including Lincoln to Holt [1861], 1860-66. Ibid., v. 10.

Johnson, Andrew (U.S. Vice President; U.S. President), papers, including Lincoln to Johnson [1863], 1861-66. Ibid., v. 11.

Sherman, John (U.S. Senator, Ohio), papers, 1860-62. Ibid., v. 12.

Stevens, Thaddeus (U.S. Congressman, Penn.), papers, 1861-65. Ibid., v. 13.
Welles, Gideon (Secretary of the Navy), papers, 1860-65. Ibid., v. 14.

Wilson, Henry (U.S. Senator, Mass.), papers, 1863. Ibid., v. 15.

Multiple collections:

Chase, Salmon Portland (Secretary of Treasury; U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice), papers, 1863-64.

Pierce, Franklin (U.S. President), letter from Roger B. Taney (U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice) to Pierce, 1861.

Sherman, John (U.S. Senator, Ohio), papers, 1864.

Wade Benjamin Franklin (U.S. Senator, Ohio), papers, 1862.

Washburne, Elihu B. (U.S. Congressman, Ill.), papers, 1862.

Multiple collections:

Lincoln, Abraham (U.S. President), letter to Gen. Godfrey Weitzel, 1865.

Lincoln, Abraham (U.S. President), statement, 1865.

Seward, William Henry (Secretary of State), letter to Charles Francis Adams (U.S. Minister to Great Britain), 1861.

Maine Historical Society Library

Clifford, Nathan (U.S. Supreme Court Justice), papers, 1861-62.

Massachusetts Historical Society Library


Everett, Edward, papers, including commission signed by Lincoln [1861], 1861-62.

Andrew, John Albion (Governor, Mass.), papers, 1861-65.
Q.973.7 L638 facsim., v. 7.

**New York Public Library**

Greeley, Horace (Editor, *New York Tribune*), papers, 1862-64.

Q 973.7 L638 facsim., v. 6

**Other Repositories**

Taney, Roger Brooke (U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice), papers, 1861-63. [from Treat Papers, Missouri Historical Society; Chase Papers, Historical Society of Pennsylvania; New-York Historical Society]

F973.7L63 BL6393 facsim.

**Library of Congress, Newspapers**

Albany Journal, Aug. 12, Sept. 15, 1864
Albany Evening Journal, Aug. 13, Sept. 15, 1864
Baltimore Daily Gazette, Aug. 23, 26, and 27, 1864
Boston Daily Advertiser, Aug. 27, 31; Sept. 14, 16, 29, 1864
Commercial Advertiser (Buffalo), Aug. 30, Sept. 15, 1864
Daily Constitutional Union (Washington), July 16, Aug. 10, 13, 15, 16, and 20, 1864
Morning Express (Buffalo), July 27, Aug. 2, 24, 26, 29, Sept. 15, 1864
The Press (Philadelphia), Aug. 17, 19, 1864
The Sun (Baltimore), Aug. 20, 30, 31, Sept. 14, 16, 1864