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Papers, 1840-1965**

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1. Writings

"Bibliography," *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*, 49:2 (Summer 1956), 143-148.

"David Davis, 1815-1886," Ph.D. diss., 1930, 206 leaves.

Photocopy, circa 1982. [Formerly cataloged as B.D.259p1]

"David Davis, 1815-1886," Abstract of a Thesis, reprinted from the *Transactions of the Illinois State Historical Library*, Publication No. 37 (1930), 157-183.

"The Life of John Dean Caton," [1933], carbon typescript ("Only 3 copies typed"), 150 pages, with 7 illustrations tipped in. [Formerly cataloged as MS.B.366p]

"Contributions, 1920-31" [title on spine], including the abstract of Pratt's dissertation and his articles on Orme (1930), Swett (1931), and Allen (1931). Tipped-in is a letter from Judge Henry Horner, July 11, 1931. [Bound in 1932] [Formerly cataloged as 973.7 P88c]

"Articles" [title on spine], a collection of 22 articles [listed at the front and in the Bibliography cited above]. [Formerly cataloged as 973.7L63 GP88a]

Box 1

Various published articles (unbound).

"Lincoln-Douglas Debates," carbon typescript, 46 pages. [Published?]

Book reviews.

Flyer for *The Personal Finances of Abraham Lincoln* (1943)

Notes and typescripts on various topics. Many relate to research for Pratt's dissertation.

2. Correspondence

All are addressed to Harry E. Pratt, unless otherwise noted.

Angle, Paul M., October 7, 1949, regarding the lack of openings for "historical work."

Atlantic Monthly (Charles W. Morton, Jr.) to Pratt and Ernest E. East, January 17, 1942, rejecting their proposal to "put together some interesting details from Mrs. Lincoln's affairs."

Barker, H.E. (Lincoln Fellowship of Southern California) to M.L. Houser, March 24, 1937 (typed copy on Abraham Lincoln Association stationery), on books owned by Lincoln.

Bailey, Theodore L., Harriman, NY, January 14, 1951, regarding "an exotic cane which belonged to Dr. Charles A. Leale."

Barondess, Benjamin, New York, April 30, 1954, on the wording of a telegram from Edwin M. Stanton to Lincoln, two days before the Gettysburg Address: was it "A. Carnegie will call for you at 12" (Louis A. Warren, *Lincoln Lore*, #1023, November 15, 1948) or "A carriage will call for you at 12" (*Collected Works*, 7:16)? According to Barondess, *Three Lincoln Masterpieces* (1954), 36, the latter reading is correct.

Bartley, Joseph L., Shawneetown, IL, January 25, 1940, on documentation of the *Dorman* litigation.

Barton, Bruce, New York, April 19, 1938, declining an invitation.

Barton, Robert S., Foxboro, MA: September 2, 1940, on postmasters in New Salem, with Pratt's note on verso; July 23, July 31, August 16, 1950, on Zarel C. Spears and Barton's *Berry and Lincoln* (1947).

Benadum, Clarence E., Muncie, IN, April 24, 1951, sending Pratt a copy of his novel, *Bates House* (1951).

Bishop, Jim, New York, March 15, 1955, and Bantam Books, February 14, 1956, regarding Bishop's *The Day Lincoln Was Shot* (1955).

Bollinger, James W., Davenport, Iowa, to Paul M. Angle, April 18, 1927, mentioning the Browning diary.

Bonzi, Marion Dolores, November 6, 1949, on David Donald, *Lincoln's Herndon* (1949); December 10, 1949, on Benjamin P. Thomas, *Portrait for Posterity: Lincoln and His Biographers* (1947); December 11, 1949, on editing the "Writings" [*The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln*], and

January 28, 1950, on *Lockett v. Ruckel* (1839) [typescript of an plea apparently not in *The Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln*]. Each letter also touches on other matters. Also Harry Pratt, Muskegon, MI, to Marion Bonzi, with a carbon of a letter from Pratt to his Devore in-laws, September 14, 1950.

"Books Across the Sea" Society of America (May Lamberton Becker), New York, to Hjordes Lind Pratt, July 17, 1946, enclosing nine items by or about the organization.

Broadcast Music, Inc. (Russell Sanjek), May 7, 1953, regarding a review of Lloyd Lewis, *Captain Sam Grant* (1950).

Brown, Mary Edwards (1866-1958), Dunellen, NJ, undated, regarding purchase of certain furniture: "say what you will give for it." She was the Lincoln Home custodian, 1918-1924 [Wayne C. Temple, *By Square & Compass: Sage of the Lincoln Home* (2002)].

Bryan, G.S. [George Sands], Pelham, NY, November 29, 1941; April 11, 1942, regarding his book, *The Great American Myth* (1940), including a typescript of part of J.G. Randall's review of the book in the *American Historical Review*, 46:4 (July 1941), 941-942, and criticizing T. Harry Williams, *Lincoln and the Radicals* (1941) and Margaret Leech, *Reveille in Washington* (1941).

Bullard, F. Lauriston, Boston, Milrose Highlands, MA, May 9, 1941; June 16, 1943; September 14, November 15, December 3, December 13, 1949; March 14, September 6, 1950, on current Lincoln matters, including notes on Milton H. Shutes, *Lincoln and California* (1943); prospects for Lincoln Memorial University, and a satisfactory position for Pratt himself. Also a typed copy of letter to Marion Bonzi, December 31, 1949, applauding her "selection for the [Collected] Works job."

Butt, Harry S. (Clerk, Circuit Court, Decatur, IL), May 21, 1940, regarding a Lincoln case in 1839.

Chenery, William Dodd, inscription on a fly-leaf of one volume in a set of J. Fenimore Cooper's works: "To my esteemed friend, Harry E. Pratt." Chenery also wrote: "John William Chenery, and his father, William Dodd Chenery, I, were the last hosts, in the Chenery House, in Springfield, of Abraham Lincoln." The flyleaf of other volumes of the set read "Jno. W. Chenery / Springfield / Ills / July 1st '58."

Corneau, Octavia, Boston, MA, to Alice Bunn, undated, enclosing *An Address by Abraham Lincoln on the Death of Mr. Benjamin Ferguson, Delivered February 8, 1842* (Monaghan 1778; *Collected Works*, 1:268-269) and an envelope for this item in the hand of John W. Bunn.

Cowan, Emeline, Pontiac, IL, April 26, 1944, and Pratt to Paul M. Angle, May 22, 1944, regarding her father, Augustus M. Cowan.

Dathpalia[?], Y.P. (National Archives, New Delhi), December 21, 19[29?], season's greetings.

Davis, David (grandson of Judge Davis), Bloomington, IL, March 7, 1929, offering to make the judge's papers available to Pratt.

Davis, Granville, Little Rock, AR, November 1, 1949, thanking Pratt for assistance with his Ph.D. dissertation, "Factional Differences in the Democratic Party in Illinois, 1854-1858" (Illinois, 1936).

Dennett, Tyler (President, Williams College), June 2, 1937, on being unable to "inveigle" the college library into becoming a library member of the Abraham Lincoln Association.

Dick, Jane W. (Mrs. Edison Dick), Lake Forest, IL, March 19, 1953, regarding her book, *Whistle-Stopping with Adlai* (1952).

Donald, David, February 28, 1951, and January 30, 1953, on obtaining pamphlets by and about Sen. Charles Sumner, and on reviewing *The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln*.

East, Ernest E., Peoria, IL, May 29, 1939, regarding certain legal cases in Peoria, 1850-1853.

Edwards Brothers (lithographers and publishers, Ann Arbor, MI), to Paul M. Angle and to Pratt, May 12, 23, September 9, 1938; August 3, 1939, proposing a change in the format of the *Lincoln Day by Day* series, including a page of *Lincoln: 1847-1853* (1936) to illustrate this change; Pratt's notes on the costs; information on the company's lithoprinting.

Felsenthal, Morton, undated, mock certificate of the Confederate States of America, making Pratt an "Honorary Colonel in the Confederate Air Force."

Fifer, Joseph W., Bloomington, IL, August 5, 1931, praising Pratt's thesis on David Davis.

Gates, Arnold F., Cleveland, OH, May 7, 1941, sending a copy of his second *Amberglow* (on Joshua Speed).

Halbert, Sherrill, Porterville, CA, September 9, 1941, acknowledging a copy of Paul M. Angle's booklet, *The Marine Bank* (1931) and praising the new *Abraham Lincoln Quarterly*.

Hertz, Emanuel, August 4, 1929, to Paul M. Angle, faulting Angle for not crediting Hertz for items included in the manuscript of *New Letters and Papers of Lincoln* (1930) that Hertz first "brought to the surface." Also Angle's note on Hertz's *Abraham Lincoln: A New Portrait* (1931), Vol. 2, listing both the number of published items that Hertz represented as new and the pages containing "Lines cribbed from Angle."

Hix, John, on *Strange As It Seems* stationery, May 25, 1938, thanking Pratt for furnishing data for a story.

Houser, M.L. (Martin Luther), Peoria, IL, typescript of letter from Esther C. Cushman (Charles W. McLellan Collection of Lincolniana, Brown University), March 30, 1937, commenting in detail on Houser's list of books thought to have been read by Lincoln; postcards, Houser to Pratt, November 23, 1938, June 29, 1940, in part regarding Elliott's *Journal and Debates of the Federal Constitution* (1836).

Illinois State Library (Helene H. Rogers), undated, regarding two copies of Carl Sandburg's *Always the Young Strangers* (1952) that he autographed for Pratt and his daughter.

Indiana University Press, November 18, 1954, wanting the mailing list of the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* so as to promote Lewis Atherton's *Main Street on the Middle Border* (1954).

Jacobs, Warren (Secretary, Railway and Locomotive Historical Society, Inc.), November 8, 1940, verifying the wording of the tablet to mark the site of the Hudson River Railroad station in New York at which Lincoln passed on February 19, 1861, and his funeral train passed on April 25, 1865.

James, Marquis, Pleasantville, NY, November 18, 1937, returning "the [Andrew] Jackson photostats."

Jones, Zarel, Honolulu, Hawaii, September 22, 1941, enclosing a card regarding her uncle, Thomas Dow Jones. The card, issued by C.B. Galbreath, Ohio State Librarian, refers in particular to Jones's Lincoln and Soldier's Memorial in the Ohio Capitol.

Judson, Clara Ingram, from Pratt, July 9, 1950, regarding her *Abraham Lincoln: Friend of the People* (1950); Wilcox & Follett (publisher) to Pratt, March 22, 1951. Proofs of the book, annotated by both Harry and Marion Pratt, are in Sec. 4.

Kentucky Historical Society (Bayless E. Hardin), August 3, 7, 1953, providing data on whites and blacks in tax books of Hardin County, KY, in 1799-1802, 1810-1811, and Pratt's note of thanks for the information.

Kilby, Frank L., Bloomington, IL, February 18, 1935 (forwarded to Pratt by Louis A. Warren's secretary), recounting what he was told by "Beyers" [Abraham Byers] regarding Byers' photograph of Lincoln in Beardstown, IL, May 7, 1858. His account approximates that in Lloyd Ostendorf, *Lincoln's Photographs: A Complete Album* (1998), 14 (0-5).

King, Willard, to Benjamin P. Thomas, November 30, 1953, on an 1852 Lincoln letter regarding a legal fee, and on Abraham Brokaw's story about Stephen A. Douglas withholding a sum due Brokaw, "a disbarable offense today."

Knopf, Alfred A. (Harold Stauss), January 31, 1941, acknowledging receipt of Pratt's January 25 letter and notes on corrections to make in Henry Villard *Lincoln on the Eve of '61*, ed. Harold G. and Oswald Garrison Villard (1941).

Lackey, George A., Lawrenceville, IL, November 8, 1939, regarding a receipt signed by Lincoln relating to the estate of Daniel L. Gold.

Lewis, Lloyd, August 4, 1938, stating that he does not recognize Grant or anyone else in a picture sent to him by Pratt; Kathryn Lewis, April 6, 1954, on the disposition of Lloyd Lewis's research notes.

Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania (Coleman, J. Walter), undated, mimeographed report on a meeting in Gettysburg on November 19.

Lincoln University, Lincoln University, PA (Horace Mann Bond, President), August 15, 1950, mimeographed letter seeking to develop a Lincoln collection; pamphlet, *Lincoln University and the Medical Sciences*.

Lindstrom, Ralph G. (Lincoln Fellowship of Southern California), June 11, 1941, praising Pratt's two volumes in the series, *Lincoln Day by Day*; and November 8, 1949 (copy of letter to Marion Bonzi) regarding the Lincoln campaign scrapbook for 1858.

Little, Brown & Company (Herbert F. Jenkins), November 6, December 4, 1939, regarding Pratt's review of Agnes Rogers, *Abraham Lincoln: A Biography in Pictures...* (1939).

Lorant, Stefan, Scarsdale, NY, and Lenox, MA, letters, telegrams, postcards, November 24, December 5, 1941; February 22, March 9, 1942; January 18, December 27, 1951; January 29, June 22, June 30, July 25, July 28, August 12, November 18, 1952; January 1, 1955, mainly regarding Lorant's *Lincoln: His Life in Photographs* (1941) and *Lincoln, A Picture Story of His Life* (1952), books that Lorant sent to the printers before taking Pratt's corrections into account. Lorant's letter of November 18, 1952 apparently refers to the newly-discovered "coffin picture" of Lincoln and the "misunderstanding" between Lorant and Pratt over its publication in *Life*. See also Lorant's volumes as cataloged, including a dummy copy, with annotations and notes by Pratt.

Lowden, Frank O., Oregon, IL, to Thomas Rinaker, Carlinville, IL, April 26, 1925, declining an invitation.

Luedke, Hermann, Wurzburg, Germany, to Mrs. Knudsen (Garden Club of Illinois, Springfield), May 29, 1940, referring to his play, *Abraham Lincoln* (transl. 1936).

Luthin, Reinhold, March 6, 1950, asking for information on the almanac trial.

- McClelland, Stewart W. (Lincoln Memorial University), July 3, 1941, congratulating Pratt on finishing the Day by Day series.
- McPharlin, Paul, Birmingham, MI, June 19, 1942, asking if Lincoln ever saw a puppet show.
- Mearns, David C., October 12, 1949, indicating his delight on Pratt's "return to Mr. Lincoln."
- Megan, Charles P., Chicago, January 6, 1939, enclosing a copy of his article, "Reflections on Lord Macmillan's Visit to Chicago," *Chicago Bar Association Record* (November 1938).
- Meserve, Frederick H., January 11, 1951; May 21, July 15, 1953, on the publications of his Lincoln photographs and *Lincoln's Ellsworth's Letter*.
- Missouri Historical Society (Charles van Ravenswaay), November 28, 1950, regarding Lincoln items in the Missouri Republican, and a file of *The Curiosity Hunter* (Belvidere [Rockford?], IL 1876-1877).
- Mitgang, Herbert, November 14, 1955, thanking Pratt for photostats contributing to Mitgang, ed., *Lincoln as They Saw Him* (1956).
- Monaghan, J. (Illinois State Historical Library), September 13, 1950, reference to Pratt's marriage.
- Morehouse, Frances, Shafer, MN, August 20, 1938, regarding the papers of Jesse Fell and David Davis.
- Nathan, Adele Gutman, New York, June 15, 1955, reply to Pratt's corrections of her *When Lincoln Went to Gettysburg* (1955). Also Pratt to the publisher, June 9; publisher's reply, June 13; Pratt's acknowledgment, June 22; and Pratt to the author, June 22, 1955.
- National Archives and Records Service (Jane F. Smith), April 30, 1952, regarding the identity of the recipient of a note from Tad Lincoln.
- Nevins, Allan, January 5, 1953, somewhat regretting the publication of *The Statesmanship of the Civil War* (1953), his Page-Barbour lectures at the University of Virginia.
- New York Times Book Review, October 7, 9, 1949, asking Pratt to review Kenneth P. Williams, *Lincoln Finds a General*, Vol. 3.
- Newman, Ralph, to Marion Bonzi Pratt, August 17, 1959; undated
- Nicolay, Helen, June 11, 1941; January 9, 1943; August 20, 1953; January 12, 1954, thanking Pratt for *Lincoln, 1809-1839*, and *Abraham Lincoln Chronology*; also a copy of Pratt to Helen Nicolay, June 12, 1952, on letters of Willie and Tad Lincoln.
- Oakleaf, Josephus Leroy (son of Joseph Benjamin Oakleaf), carbon typescript of his remarks at the program to mark the acquisition of

the Oakleaf collection of Lincolniana by Indiana University [February 13, 1943]; Robert E. Miller (director of libraries, Indiana University), June 6, June 15, 1945, on additions to the collection.

Packard, R.D., Cleveland Heights, OH, January 28, 1950, on being delighted that Pratt is "back in the Lincoln field."

Pond, Fern Nance, to Robert S. Barton, April 2, 1948, and to Pratt, July 31, 1950, regarding Zarel C. Spears and Barton, *Berry and Lincoln, Frontier Merchants: The Store that "Winked Out"* (1947).

Pratt, Harry E., to Wayne C. Temple, August 5, 1953, asking him to check J.G. Randall's copy of Benjamin P. Thomas, *Abraham Lincoln: A Biography* (1952), to pinpoint details to correct other than those corrected in the third printing.

Pratt, Marion Bonzi, to Ralph Newman, undated, regarding his review of Irving Stone's *Love is Eternal* (1954); Harold G. Baker, East St. Louis, IL, to Marion Pratt, February 28, 1956. See also Marion Bonzi, for her letters to Harry E. Pratt before their marriage on October 1, 1950.

Random House, Inc. (Lewis Miller), February 27, 1940, thanking Pratt for a list of Lincoln associations and dealers.

Randall, Ferris S. (Library, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale), May 5, 1955, providing a copy of *Illinois in 1837*.

Randall, James Garfield, November 21, 1939, concurring with Pratt's criticisms of Agnes Rogers, *Abraham Lincoln: A Biography in Pictures with Accompanying Text* (1939); September 21, 1949 (postcard); August 5, 1953.

Randall, Ruth Painter, November 11, 1949; April 3, 1951 (postcard), on visits of the Pratts to Urbana.

Riddle, Donald W., January 5, 1951; February 16, 1952, on material for *Congressman Abraham Lincoln* (1957).

Rietveld, Ronald: copy of Pratt's letter to him on September 10, 1952, regarding the picture of Lincoln that he found in the Nicolay and Hay papers at the Illinois State Historical Library, and indicating that it would appear in Stefan Lorant, *Lincoln: A Picture Story of His Life* (1952). See Pratt, "Only Known Photograph of Lincoln in His Coffin," *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*, 45:3 (Autumn 1952), 252-256.

Sandburg, Carl: undated note to Pratt with items to "pick and choose and be an editor which you are" in preparing the one-volume edition of Sandburg's *Abraham Lincoln...* (1954); Catherine McCarthy (Sandburg's editor at Harcourt, Brace), note regarding the publication of this edition, September 8, 1954; Speech at the dedication of Carl Sandburg

High School (Orland Park, IL), October 10, 1954 (carbon); two requests for a copy of the Sandburg issue of the *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*, 45:4 (Winter 1952).

Schmidt, Otto L., business card.

Schriver, Lester O., text accompanying a photograph of the Lincoln tomb, December 25, 1939.

Shaw, Archer H., March 7, 1950, regarding errors in *The Lincoln Encyclopedia* (1950).

Shutes, Milton H., June 13, 24, 1943, regarding reviews, by Pratt and others, of his *Lincoln and California* (1943).

Smith, George W. (Southern Illinois University, Carbondale), to Henry B. Ward (professor of Zoology, University of Illinois), February 3, 1941, regarding Smith's *When Lincoln Came to Egypt* (1940); to Pratt, undated, regarding *Park v. Mason* (1842).

Starr, John W., Jr. (Millersburg, PA), July 8, 1931, regarding three of his Lincoln books.

Starr, Thomas I. (Detroit, MI): October 27, 1941, referring to a letter by H.G. Wells that was found after the publication of Starr's *Lincoln's Kalamazoo Address...* (1941); July 11, 1950, referring to Pratt's corrections to Sandburg's *Lincoln*; August 1, 1950.

State Historical Society of Missouri, Columbia (Floyd C. Shoemaker), July 18, 1941, thanking Pratt for a reference to John M. Clemens (Mark Twain's father).

Statler, Boyd B., editor, *National Legionnaire* (Indianapolis), March 11, 1944, regarding the Virginia delegation at the Republican national convention in 1860.

[Stevenson, Adlai E.] Carol Evans (Stevenson's personal secretary), February 21, 1952, regarding the "Lincoln" dinner at the Governor's mansion; Elizabeth Stevenson Ives to the Pratts, thanks them for a gift as they leave "Lincoln's town," January 9, 1953; Democratic National Committee acknowledges Marion Pratt's gift, February 19, 1953; Carol Evans acknowledges photostats from Marion Pratt, October 11, 1954; gift copy of Elizabeth Stevenson Ives, *My Brother Adlai* (1956), sent to the Pratts, January 6, 1956; Stevenson's cards, acknowledging Marion Pratt's Christmas cards, January 7, 1959, undated

Stone, Irving, regarding *Love Is Eternal* (1954): telegram with Pratt's notes on back, February 11, 1954; note regarding Pratt's correcting the proofs, "always understanding" that the book is "a novel and not a history," May 5, 1954; to Margaret Flint at the Illinois State Historical Library, referring to book's completion before Ruth Painter

Randall's *Mary Lincoln* (1953), August 31, 1954; on several matters, including the Lincoln engagement and marriage, October 5, 1954.

Stratton, William G., invitation to program at New Salem of the Society of the Sons of Utah Pioneers, June 21, 1954.

Tarbell, Ida M.: her secretary acknowledges notes by Pratt on Sandburg's *Abraham Lincoln: The War Years*, January 29, 1940.

Temple, Wayne C.: on a Sandburg misreading of Noah Brooks, March 7, 1951 (postcard); listing errors in two chapters of Kenneth P. Williams, *Lincoln Finds a General*, Vol. 3 (1952), October 21, 1952.

Templeton, Kenneth S., January 6, 1956, regarding R. Gordon Wasson, *The Hall Carbine Affair* (1941, 1948).

Thomas, Benjamin P.: To Arthur T. Meyer (Sussex, WI), September 7, 1933, regarding Thomas Lincoln's homes in Coles County, IL, and the "mystery" concerning the disappearance of his log cabin in 1893; to Pratt, December 5, 1949, on his return to "the Lincoln field" and on Thomas's *Portrait for Posterity* (1947); and September 17, 1950, regarding Thomas's *Theodore Weld* (1950).

Townsend, William H. (Lexington, KY): To Charles Kirkendall (Peoria, IL), September 29, 1942, regarding errors in his unpublished manuscript "Whiskey in Illinois," particularly one taken from Emanuel Hertz, *Lincoln Talks* (1939); to Pratt, February 2, July 12, 1955, regarding pictures for Townsend's books.

Truman, Harry S., by his secretary, April 7, 1953, acknowledging copy of Pratt's *The Personal Finances of Abraham Lincoln* (1943).

Wakefield, Sherman Day (New York) to Harry J. Lytle (Davenport, IA), May 7; Lytle to Wakefield, May 25; Wakefield to Lytle, June 1, 1939, regarding Lytle, "A Selected List of Books About Lincoln," in M.L. Houser, *The Education of Abraham Lincoln* (1938), 45-50, and Wakefield's *How Lincoln Became President: The Part Played by Bloomington, Illinois...* (1936). Also Pratt to Wakefield, and Pratt to Paul M. Angle, June 6, 1936, taking exception to Wakefield's view of the prominence of Bloomington in Lincoln's nomination; and Wakefield to Pratt, January 19, 1940, regarding the *Illinois State Bulletin* (1852) and the Lincoln Circuit markers.

Warren, Louis A., April 4, 1940, regarding errors in Agnes Rogers, *Abraham Lincoln: A Biography in Pictures...* (1939), "a fine example of the average author's attempt to break in the [into a] highly specialized field"; December 26, 1941, incomplete letter formerly attached to Pratt's copy of Stefan Lorant, *Lincoln: His Life in Photographs* (1941), noting several errors and commenting that "accuracy was sacrificed" in the rush to publish.

Pratt family and friends

Miscellaneous correspondence

On Shelf

3. Books

Most of these books contain annotations by Pratt. Some contain original manuscripts that Pratt tipped in. And a few contain inscriptions or other writings by the author.

Of particular interest in this collection of Pratt's books is his copy of Carl Sandburg's *Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years*. Pratt affixed 89 original manuscripts, mostly court papers, into those two volumes. If a particular person was mentioned both in one of Pratt's manuscripts and in Sandburg's text, Pratt would paste the item as near as possible to the point of the text where that person is mentioned. The manuscripts have no relation to the text apart from Pratt's own wish to bring the two together.

The 89 manuscripts are described, and their location in the Sandburg volumes is indicated, in a list prepared in 1998 by Christopher A. Schnell for "The Lincoln Legal Papers," the documentary project that led to Series 1 of *The Papers of Abraham Lincoln*. This list is filed in this section of the Pratt collection while the books in the collection are shelved in call number at the end of the collection. These books have been separated from the Library's cataloged collection, although each one is preceded by its call number ["L" = 973.7L63]:

L/A3SW3C Sweet, *Directory of Collectors of Books, Autographs, Prints and other historical material relating to Abraham Lincoln*, 1949.

L/BH43hi, c.2. Hertz, *The Hidden Lincoln* (1938).

L/BH44ab, v.2, c.3 and c.4. Hertz, *Abraham Lincoln: A New Portrait* (1931).

L/Bsa5ap, v.1 and v.2, c.13. Sandburg, *Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years* (1926).

L/BW 61L 1940, c.3. Angle's edition of Henry Clay Whitney's *Life on the Circuit* (1940).

L/B2R16p c.3. Rankin, *Personal Recollections of Abraham Lincoln* (1916)

L/C3Sp3b, c.3. Spears and Barton, *Berry and Lincoln, Frontier Merchants: The Store that 'Winked Out'* (1947).

L/CB46a, v.1 and v.2, c.6. Beveridge, *Abraham Lincoln* (1928).

L/CZR15m c.7. Randall, *Mary Lincoln: Biography of a Marriage*, 1953.

L/ET36L, c.8 and c.10. Thomas, *Lincoln's New Salem* (1934).

L/E3W69L, c.3. Rufus Rockwell Wilson, *Lincoln in Portraiture* (1935).

L/H3Y88. *Young Mr. Lincoln*: original story and screenplay by Lamar Trotti (Twentieth Century-Fox Film Corp., 1939). The title page of this volume includes the autographs of Darryl F. Zanuck, John Ford, Kenneth Macgowan, and Lamar Trotti. Opposite the title page is a signed photograph of Henry Fonda. Pasted onto the inside cover is the program for the world premiere of the film, in Springfield, IL, on Memorial Day, 1939, at which Lowell Thomas was master of ceremonies and Marian Anderson sang *America*, Schubert's *Ave Maria*, and *My Soul's Been Anchored in the Land* (a Negro spiritual). Tipped into the volume are 44 stills from the picture. This volume is separately boxed.

L/N1860aYba, c.2. Barondess, *Three Lincoln Masterpieces* (1954).

L/P1917, c.5. Tracy, *Uncollected Letters of Abraham Lincoln* (1917).

L/P1930, c.5. Angle, *New Letters and Papers of Lincoln* (1930).

L/H4J92a, c.3. Judson, *Abraham Lincoln: Friend of the People* (1950), and proofs of the book annotated by Harry and Marion Pratt.

Box 3

4. Manuscripts and Documents

This series originally included the following note: "Various documents by Lincoln's contemporaries. See card entry for specific contents. Items from Pratt Folder "Notes etc." #2

William Butler, clerk, circuit court of Sangamon County, debt collection forms (both fragments): (1) Jesse B. Thomas, by his attorney A.T. Bledsoe, seeking payment of \$135.00 from Jonas Whitney, October, 1840, and (2) James Bell and Joshua L. Speed [claimants?] October 22, 1840.

John Calhoun, Clerk of the Sangamon County Circuit Court, to the Sheriff of Gallatin County, regarding a debt of \$5,000 and damages of \$1,000, in the case of *People v. John Wood et al.*, December 31, 1847.

John B. Helm, Bowling Green, KY, to Judge William Martin, Alton, IL, December 9, 1848. On "locating [land warrants] to advantage on prairie land between Springfield and Alton...as near the route of the contemplated rail road as possible."

Receipt for \$12.90, paid by W.P. Ferguson on behalf of Philip C. Johnson, to cover costs in the Sangamon County circuit court case of *Stuart and Edwards v. Johnson*, December 2, 1851.

Appointment of Peter Folsom as McLean County surveyor by Gov. Joel A. Matteson, November 14, 1855; Folsom takes oath, November 30, 1855.

Wood, Fernando (mayor of New York City), March 9, 1860. A note on "the present divisions of the Democratic party" of New York from which the recipient "may be enabled to form a correct conclusion as to the merits of the claims of the contesting delegations to Charleston Convention."

Thos. W.S. Kidd, publisher of the *Sangamo Monitor*, certifies on October 6, 1875, that an attachment notice in the case of *Lord & Barrell v. Ross C. Snow* was printed in his paper for four consecutive weeks.

Music score and lyrics (undated half page), "'Taps' in memory of Gen. Phil. Sheridan" (died August 5, 1888).

Thomas F. Tipton, Jas. Ewing, and J.W. Fifer, Bloomington, IL, to A. Sample, Paxton, IL, October 8, 1885, regarding a case involving Harvey L. Harris.

S.E. Onstott to James R.B. Van Cleave, March 17, 1909, regarding his grandfather's recollections of Lincoln in New Salem and Lincoln items his plat of the town of Huron, and S.K. Walker (postmaster, Forest City, IL) to Van Cleave, March 12, 1909, on delivery of the Onstott letter.

Box 1 (cont.)

5. Research Notes (6 folders)

This section of the Pratt collection contains a box of his notes on Franklin William Scott's *Newspapers and Periodicals of Illinois, 1814-1879* (1920). Pratt collected information that is missing from that volume. His notes, on 3x5 cards, are arranged in alphabetical order by city. On each card Pratt indicated the page in Scott's book on which the newspaper is cited and the additional information he had compiled. The collection also contains worksheets that list publishers, dates of publication, locations of copies and the degree of completeness of holdings for some of the newspapers Pratt annotated.

Also filed here are transcriptions of sources used by Pratt in his dissertation as well as an unsorted miscellany of his notes from much subsequent research.

6. Other Publications and photographs

List of materials in series 6 created by Thomas F. Schwartz

Historic Illinois Radio Scripts, 1940

"The Lineage and Childhood of Abraham Lincoln," 1944

"The Pulpit and the Assassination of Lincoln," 1963
 "The Death of President Lincoln," undated
 Lincoln Springfield photograph story, 1938
 Excerpts from Lincoln's letters, undated
National Republic, 1944; "Lincoln and the Bible," *Presbyterian Life*, 1964
 "Forever this "Land," 1951
 "Fall Tour to the Coles County Lincoln Country," 1953
 "Abe Lincoln in Illinois" programs, 1953, 1957-1959
Illinois Quest, 1937-1939, 3 issues
 "Centennial of Lincoln's Admission to the Bar-An Historic Event," *American Bar Association Journal*, 1937
 Program for Civil War Centennial Commission's Eighth National Assembly, 1965
 "The Sublime Parallel," undated
 Prospectuses, 1941-1952
 Photographs, undated
 Reviews of Lincoln books, 1929-1941
 Clippings and programs, 1925-1951
 Clippings and programs, 1925-1952
 Pamphlets, programs, clippings, and ephemera, undated
 Clippings, undated
 Clippings, undated
 Clippings, undated
 Clippings, undated
 Lincoln programs, 1915-1954
 Lincoln programs, 1938-1965

Box 2

"In Honor of the President of the U.S..." pamphlet, 1911
 Illinois Land of Lincoln, undated; Governors of Illinois, 1918
 "Life Sketches of Rev. Jesse Head who Married President Lincoln's Parents," 1921
American Historical Review articles, 1926-1943
 Copies of Drafts of the Gettysburg Address, 1950; Thanksgiving proclamation, undated; "St. Gauden's Lincoln," undated

- "The Glenwood Boy," 1933; Abraham Lincoln illustrated children's book, undated
- "Abraham Lincoln was here," *The Book of Beloit*, undated;
"Coultrap-Cramblit Lineage," undated; *Remarks of Henry Ashurst*, 1935
- "Illinois Watches and their Makers," undated; *Junior Models for Lithoprinting*, 1938
- Hobbies*, 1938
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- Illinois Quest*, 1937-1940
- "Lincoln's Gettysburg Address," *Zion's Herald*, 1938; "Abraham Lincoln and the Statehood of Nevada," *American Bar Association Journal*, 1940
- "Humor Lincoln Enjoyed," *National Republic*, 1940; "Father Abraham's Men," *American Legion Magazine*, 1940
- Abraham Lincoln Book Shop Catalog, undated; A. Edward Newton Collection sale book, 1941
- Vital Speeches of the Day*, 1941, 1943
- "Lincoln and the Yankee Gunsmith," *Yankee*, 1942; *The Palimpsest*, 1931
- "The Lincoln Collector," *Indiana Magazine of History*, 1943
- The Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, June 1944
- The Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, September 1944
- "The Vengeance of Boston Corbett," 1944
- Lincoln collection, *Midland Notes*, 1946, 2 copies
- "Lincoln's New Salem," *Illinois Public Works*, 1946; "The Engineering Mind of Abraham Lincoln," *Illinois Tech Engineer*, 1946
- American Association for State and Local History publications 1941-1946
- Illinois Junior Historian* Lincoln issue, 1955, 2 copies; *Lincoln and Byron-Lovers of Liberty*, 1941
- "The Man Who Avenged Lincoln," *Argosy*, 1955; "Mr. Lincoln At Harper's Ferry," *The West Virginia Review*, 1944
- "Lincoln the Lawyer," 1948; "Abraham Lincoln, LLD: A Professional Portrait," undated
- "There were Kinsmen of Abraham Lincoln in Schuylkill County," 1952; "When New Salem was New," 1946

Lincoln Herald article reprints, 1948-1959
 "Abraham Lincoln and the Indians of the Central West," *Journal of the Illinois State Archaeological Society*, 1949; *Cimco News*, 1955
The Perfect Tribute, 1935; *Kelso Hollow Theatre*, 1957; *Forever This Land*, 1952
American Jewish Archives journal, 1952; *Field Notes*, 1948, *Golden Gardens* 1952, *The National Gardiner*, 1953
 Letter from Gold Hill, NV, 1950; "Of the People" poster, undated
 "Cincinnati Reminiscences of Lincoln," 1951
 "Lincoln's Faith," 1951; *Bulletin of the Detroit Historical Society*, 1951
 "Vacation tour through Lincoln Land," *National Geographic*, 1952
 "Our Lincoln Heritage from Ida Tarbell," 1950; "Lincoln and Democratic Morality," 1952
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 "Illinois-Healthy Heart of the Nation," *National Geographic*, 1953
 "Abraham Lincoln: Principle and Pragmatism in Politics," *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, 1953
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 "America's Greatest Unsolved Murder," *True*, 1953
 "History News," 1955
 "Lincoln's Springfield, A Guide Book and History," 1955
The New Bluebook, 1955
 "With Malice Toward None," 1955; "A Lincoln Reading List," 1959
Land of Lincoln Capitennial, 1957, 2 copies
Hobbies, 1957
Lincoln Sesquicentennial, 1959, 3 copies
 "The Ohio Lincoln Calendar," 1959; "The Critter in Marble," 1959
Lincoln's New Salem coloring book, 1961, 2 copies
New Salem play script, undated
 Copy of Mrs. Bixby letter, undated
Reminiscences of Francis Durbin Blakeslee, undated
Life of Mrs. Helen Edwards, undated, *Lincoln chronology*, undated
Picture guide book of New Salem State Park, undated

"Life Stories of American Presidents," undated

Illustrated stories of the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln, undated

"Facts about Illinois," undated; Official state symbols pamphlet,
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Illinois history pamphlets and publications, 1940-1955, undated

Illinois historic site pamphlets, undated

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All the King's Horses, undated