



ABRAHAM 

 LINCOLN





SO LONG as this country exists the name of ABRAHAM LINCOLN will be one of the most prominent in its history. "He looms up from the very heart of American life, a true and characteristic son of the men of the West." Everything connected with his life has special interest to us.

Some years ago, certain gentlemen who had been neighbors of Abraham Lincoln during the many years of his residence at Springfield, began a collection of articles once owned and used by him.

They secured the old desk and ink stand and book case used in his office at Springfield. His old law library, the parlor furniture from his home, the old sofa which he had made expressly for his own use nearly fifty years ago, before he was married, and used first in his office, afterwards at his home.

The old hickory chair in which he was sitting when the dispatch was handed him announcing his nomination for President by the Republican Convention at Chicago in 1860.

Original photographs of Abraham Lincoln, taken in 1856 and 1858. The original photograph of Sarah Bush Lincoln, at the age of 76, stepmother of Abraham Lincoln. Reproduced in the Century Magazine for November, 1886.

But perhaps the most interesting part of the collection is the manuscripts and letters written by him, specimens of his penmanship when only seventeen (17) years of age. His

stepmother is entitled to our thanks for their preservation. A letter written at New Salem, Illinois, while he was postmaster, in 1835, then 25 years of age. Written before envelopes were invented, the letter shows the address, the stamp of the post office and the frank of A. Lincoln in place of the postage stamp. This was a petty office indeed, but the first public position which he filled.

Next we find him captain in the Black Hawk war, and a pair of stirrups worn by him at that time are still preserved.

As a surveyor we find his notes of surveys made in 1836.

Soon after this he is admitted to the bar and we see his briefs, notes on cases, contracts, letters and bills running through the long series of years, from 1837 to 1860, including the papers relating to the interesting suits for and against the Illinois Central Railroad Company.

The last letter in the collection is an affectionate one written from the White House to his old law partner, W. H. Herndon.

There is one book in the collection which, although it did not belong to Mr. Lincoln, possesses peculiar interest. It was the first law book Mr. Lincoln ever read. He was too poor to buy it and so he borrowed it. Years afterward the owner presented it to Mr. Herndon.

We have mentioned only a few of the many interesting objects to be seen in this collection. No one should fail to spend an hour or so in its inspection. There they will learn more of Abraham Lincoln, his life and times, than they can from any biography.





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ABRAHAM LINCOLN,

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This Exhibition is in charge of Mr. Wm. H. Herndon, Lincoln's old law partner, which is a guarantee of its genuineness.

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TO ALL VISITORS TO THE COLLECTION.

