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Hertz's Correspondence
 Angle through Dondero

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Angle, Paul M., to Hertz, April 2, 1935, stating that he had briefly viewed the "magnificent" collection, but had not yet consulted Governor Henry Horner about it.

Baker, G. A., and Co., (M. Harzof), New York, to Herbert Putnam (Librarian of Congress), October 6, 1931, reporting that Harzof, in letters to Edward A. Harkness and W. E. Benjamin, had suggested that they help to acquire the Herndon-Weik collection as a gift to the nation.

Barker, H. E., (dealer in Lincolniana), San Francisco, to Henry T. Rainey, January 25, 1934, seeking proof that Lincoln "took a drink whenever he wanted it, or felt that he had to do it at social functions," as stated in an Associated Press statement. (2 copies)

Barrett, Oliver R., to Jesse Weik, December 17, 1921, his "amazement over the quantity, interest and importance of your collection of Lincolnia," and expressing his interest in buying the non-legal Lincoln documents.

Barrett, Oliver R., to Hertz, November 16, 1933, noting that "about eleven hundred pages" of Lincoln legal documents "which had been taken from the files of Illinois courts" should be returned to the state; that Albert J. Beveridge thoroughly used other documents in the collection; and that

“copies of the Weik material are in the Huntington Library [the Ward Hill Lamont collection].”

Butler, Nicholas Murray, to Hertz, November 14, 1933, stating that Columbia University’s “financial stringency” made it impossible for it to buy the Herndon-Weik collection.

Dondero, George A. (member of Congress from Michigan, 1933-1957), to Hertz, January 4, 1936, sending his two letters which Dondero received from Stephen I. Gilchrist.

Stephen I. Gilchrist

In 1934, after a letter to Hertz in 1931, Gilchrist wrote at length (28 typed pages) regarding the Herndon-Weik collection when it was in Hertz's hands. Since 1928, Gilchrist had been employed as the director of the Henry B. Joy Historical Research office in Detroit, Michigan, where he collected a mass of Lincoln-related material. For the draft of his unpublished study of Nancy Hanks's legitimacy, see MS 026, Stephen I. Gilchrist, Nancy Hanks draft, 1933.

January 20, 1934. To George A. Dondero, opposing the proposal for Congress to buy the Herndon-Weik collection.

January 22, 1934. To George A. Dondero, protesting "against a Lincolniana price being put upon the worthless and inept Herndon propaganda..."

January 30, 1934. To George A. Dondero, opposing the "attempt to expand Herndonism." Importance of Lincoln's Kalamazoo speech. Zachariah Chandler's radicalism. Criticism of "Herndonism[,] Beveridgeism... Hertzism...[and] Minorism.

December 23, 1931. To Hertz, regarding Hertz’s *Abraham Lincoln: A New Portrait*, Vol. II.

February 28, 1934. To Lester Markel (*New York Times*) stating that Markel and the *Times*, in publishing Hertz’s “Lincoln, The Man, Emerges,” in the previous Sunday’s paper, “have been made the victims of a propaganda to sell the Herndon collection.. .to the Government at fancy Lincolniana prices" and referring to "Mr. Hertz's unfounded claims for the Herndon-Weik conglomeration of hoaxes and libels." (3 copies)

November 20, 1934. To Lester Markel (*New York Times*) taking issue with Hertz's pamphlet which discusses, and dismisses, Gilchrist's criticisms of him; and asking Markel to send Gilchrist's letter to Hertz.

January 30, 1934. To Henry T. Rainey, offering to send him "some enlightening and interesting facts as to the major errors of Herndoniana" and criticizing David Rankee Barbee, Edgar Lee Masters, and others.

February 15, 1934. To Henry T. Rainey, on the political uses of Lincoln. Rainey's staff’s acknowledgement of this letter on February 17 is included.

January 28, 1934. Clipping from the *Detroit News* based on a letter from Gilchrist to Senator Robert J. Bulkley of Ohio, objecting to the “attempt to soak the people a quarter million dollars or so” for the Herndon-Weik collection.

Emanuel Hertz

September 9, 1937. To Abraham L. Berman, proposing a theatrical production about Lincoln. "We must not judge by the poor effort of John Drinkwater"

who was "neither American nor acquainted with the great background which produced Lincoln." (2 copies)

October 25, 1933. To G. A. Baker and Co., after "a cursory examination" of the Herndon-Weik catalog, Hertz urges that the collection be not "dispersed to the four corners of the world" but rather "consigned either to the Library of Congress or to one of the two or three outstanding great libraries of this country....Never again, in my opinion, can such a collection of contemporary opinion of Abraham Lincoln be collected as this one is, by the greatest and most reliable commentator upon Lincoln--William H. Herndon."

November 28, 1933. To Ira Friedman: "I am authorized by the Weik Manuscript Corporation... to notify you that the Corporation had set aside 200 shares of capital stock which you have purchased" for \$10,000.

December 19, 1933. To Henry T. Rainey (Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives), suggesting that the two Lincoln notebooks in the Herndon-Weik Collection be shown to President Roosevelt.

January 30, 1934. To Henry T. Rainey (Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives), opposing not only Herndon (as in his letters to Dondero) but also David Rankin Barbee.

February 15, 1934. Henry T. Rainey on Gilchrist's "non-political" research. Also, Rainey's secretary to Gilchrist, acknowledging receipts of his letters.

Lores through Putnam

Lores, L. F. (President of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad), to Senator David A. Reed of Pennsylvania, October 17, 1932, introducing him to M. Harzof, asking Reed to introduce a bill to acquire the Herndon-Weik collection from the Library of Congress.

Markel, Lester (*New York Times*), to Hertz, March 7, November 22, and December 5, 1934, relating to Stephen I. Gilchrist's attacks on Hertz.

Milton, George F. (*Chattanooga Times*), to Henry T. Rainey, January 11 and 18, 1934, during the period when Rainey had from the Herndon-Weik collection Lincoln's scrapbooks which Lincoln used in his debates with Douglas in 1858, as well as the Douglas notebook owned by Martin F. Douglas. (2 copies)

Putnam, Herbert, to G. A. Baker and Co., October 26, 1931, replying to a note from Harzof on Oct. 24, stating that the Herndon-Weik collection "should certainly be in this, the National Library, in association with the papers of Abraham Lincoln deposited here by Mr. Robert T. Lincoln," but, for lack of "any government appropriation" for such a purchase "our only hope of acquiring" the collection "must rest on the possibility that some citizen" might buy it for the Library. (2 copies)

Henry T. Rainey

March 6, May 19, December 11, December 20, and December 23, 1933, and January 9, April 28, and May 9, 1934. To Hertz regarding purchase of the Herndon-Weik collection.

December 23, 1934, memorandum of Rainey's secretary, having received from Hertz "Lincoln's notebook during the Lincoln-Douglas debate" and Lincoln's "notebook containing Lincoln's clippings on slavery."

Rainey, Ella M. (the Speaker's wife), and her secretary, to Hertz, September 19 and 28, 1934, notes on returning items to Hertz.

January 22, 1934. To H. E. Van Horn (Murfreesboro, Tennessee), suggesting that he write the Library of Congress regarding a photograph he wishes to sell.

Stanton through West

Stanton, William S. to Henry T. Rainey, January 15, 1934, objecting to Herndon's genealogy of Lincoln which differs from that provided by William Dean Howell's biography.

Stewart, Lucy S., to Hertz, October 21, 1937, appreciating his pamphlet on the Trent affair and dissenting from Archibald Rutledge's "Lincoln: A Southern View."

Tarbell, Ida M., to G. A. Baker and Co., September 23, 1933, expressing her view that the Library of Congress acquire the Herndon-Weik collection, "the most important in existence outside of the Robert Lincoln collection."

Tarbell, Ida M., to David A. Randall (New York City), September 23, 1933, similarly urging that the Library of Congress acquire the Herndon-Weik collection. (2 copies)

Townsend, William H., to Henry T. Rainey, December 28, 1933, asking about "certain unpublished letters of Abraham Lincoln which show that on occasion he took a social drink." (2 copies)

Weik, Jesse W., undated, writing "Several autograph dealers have asked me for a catalogue of the [Herndon-Weik] collection." Weik has not complied, wanting the entire collection to go to the Library of Congress. Being unable to "get [Andrew Carnegie's] ear," Weik wishes to identify "some equally wealthy and generous man" to buy the collection and present it to the Library of Congress.

West, C. S. (War Department), to Henry T. Rainey, December 26, 1933, referring to an article that he wrote in 1897 in which he cited Robert W. Hitt's letter to him regarding Hitt's reporting of the Lincoln-Douglas debates.

Hertz's Papers

Published Writings

Hertz's published writings: 23 pamphlets, some duplicates (1925-1929, 1936), filed in order by Monaghan number, and 3 articles, all collected from diverse sources.

Unpublished Writings

Hertz's unpublished writings and bibliographical notes: 30 pages, mainly typescripts with interlineations. Many of these pages were paginated more than once and duplicate each other.

Clippings

News clippings and magazine articles dated between 1928 and 1936, including "Lincoln Collection Sold at New York: Items Valued at \$100,000 Go to Private Collector" and "I Saw and Heard Lincoln at Gettysburg."

Photostat Reproduction Requests

Hertz's requests for copies (photostats) of manuscripts in the Huntington Library, mainly the Ward Hill Lamon collection.

Photostats of manuscripts in the Herndon-Weik collection.

Miscellaneous

4 other items: Note by Ward H. Lamon on Mr. Herndon, 2 photocopies of clippings, and a reprint from *The Political News* titled "Great Emancipator a Politician and Proud of It."