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Box 1

**1. Writings**

- "Bibliography," *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society*, 49:2 (Summer 1956), 143-48
- "David Davis, 1815-1886," Ph.D. dissertation, 1930, 206 leaves. Photocopy, c.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), 157-83
- "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), Stuart-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]
- Various published articles (unbound)
- "Lincoln-Douglas Debates," carbon typescript, 46 pages [Published?]
- Book reviews
- Notes and typescripts on various topics, including 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, New York, 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, Illinois, January 25, 1940, on documentation of the Dorman litigation.
- Barton, Bruce, New York, April 19, 1938, declining an invitation.
- Barton, Robert S., Foxboro, Massachusetts: 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 Robert S. Barton's *Berry and Lincoln* (1947).
- Benadum, Clarence E., Muncie, Indiana, 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 a plea apparently not in *The Law Practice of Abraham Lincoln*]. Each letter also touches on other matters. Also Harry Pratt, Muskegon, Michigan, 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's *Captain Sam Grant* (1950).
- Brown, Mary Edwards (1866-1958), Dunellen, New Jersey, undated, regarding purchase of certain furniture: "say what you will give for it." She was the Lincoln Home custodian, 1918-24 [Wayne C. Temple, *By Square & Compass: Sage of the Lincoln Home* (2002)].
- Bryan, G. S. [George Sands], Pelham, New York, 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), 941-42, and criticizing T. Harry Williams, *Lincoln and the Radicals* (1941) and Margaret Leech, *Reveille in Washington* (1941).

- Bullard, F. Lauriston, Boston, Milrose Highlands, Massachusetts, 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, Illinois), May 21, 1940, regarding a Lincoln case in 1839.
- Chenery, William Dodd, inscription on a flyleaf 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, Massachusetts, 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, 1:268-69) and an envelope for this item in the hand of John W. Bunn.
- Cowan, Emeline, Pontiac, Illinois, 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, Illinois, March 7, 1929, offering to make the judge's papers available to Pratt.
- Davis, Granville, Little Rock, Arkansas, 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, Illinois, 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 Senator Charles Sumner, and on reviewing *The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln*.
- East, Ernest E., Peoria, Illinois, May 29, 1939, regarding certain legal cases in Peoria, 1850-53.
- Edwards Brothers (lithographers and publishers, Ann Arbor, Mich.), 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, Illinois, August 5, 1931, praising Pratt's thesis on David Davis.
- Gates, Arnold F., Cleveland, Ohio, May 7, 1941, sending a copy of his second *Amberglow* (on Joshua Speed).

- Gernon, B. B., Columbus, Ohio, April 30, 1943.
- Halbert, Sherrill, Porterville, Calif., 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, Illinois, 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* in order 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, New York, 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 book, *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 Section 4.
- Kentucky Historical Society (Bayless E. Hardin), August 3, 7, 1953, providing data on tax books of Hardin County, Kentucky, in 1799-1802, 1810-1811, and Pratt's note of thanks for the information.
- Kilby, Frank L., Bloomington, Illinois, 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, Illinois, May 7, 1858. His account approximates that in Lloyd Ostendorf, *Lincoln's Photographs: A Complete Album* (1998), 14 (O-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's *Lincoln on the Eve of '61*, ed. Harold G. and Oswald Garrison Villard (1941).
- Lackey, George A., Lawrenceville, Illinois, 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's book, *Abraham Lincoln: A Biography in Pictures...* (1939).
- Lorant, Stefan, Scarsdale, New York, and Lenox, Massachusetts, 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, Illinois, to Thomas Rinaker, Carlinville, Illinois, 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* (translated 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, Michigan, 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?], Illinois 1876-77).
- Mitgang, Herbert, November 14, 1955, thanking Pratt for photostats contributing to Mitgang, editor, *Lincoln as They Saw Him* (1956).
- Monaghan, J. (Illinois State Historical Library), September 13, 1950, reference to Pratt's marriage.
- Morehouse, Frances, Shafer, Minnesota, 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, Ohio, January 28, 1950, on being delighted that Pratt is "ack 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, Illinois, 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), 252-56.
- 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, Illinois), 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, Michigan): 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, Indiana), 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, Wisconsin), September 7, 1933, regarding Thomas Lincoln's homes in Coles County, Illinois, 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, Kentucky): To Charles Kirkendall (Peoria, Illinois), 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, Iowa), 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 "accuracy was sacrificed" in the rush to publish.
- Pratt family and friends, miscellaneous items.

### 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. Appendix A contains the list of items Pratt tipped into his copy.

Pratt's books have been separated from the Library's cataloged collection, although each one is preceded by its call number ["L" = 973.7L63]:

- L/BH43hi, c.2. Emanuel Hertz, *The Hidden Lincoln* (1938)
- L/BH44ab, v.2, c.3 and c.4. Emanuel Hertz, *Abraham Lincoln: A New Portrait* (1931)
- L/Bsa5ap, v.1 and v.2, c.13. Carl Sandburg, *Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years* (1926)
- L/BW 61L 1940, c.3. Paul M. Angle's edition of *Henry Clay Whitney's Life on the Circuit* (1940)
- L/C3Sp3b, c.3. Zarel C. Spears and Robert S. Barton, *Berry and Lincoln, Frontier Merchants: The Store that 'Winked Out'* (1947)
- L/CB46a, v.1 and v.2, c.6. Albert J. Beveridge, *Abraham Lincoln* (1928).
- L/ET36L, c.8 and c.10. Benjamin P. 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, Illinois 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." Tipped into the volume are 44 stills from the picture. This volume is separately boxed.
- L/N1860aYba, c.2. Benjamin Barondess, *Three Lincoln Masterpieces* (1954)
- L/P1917, c.5. Gilbert Avery Tracy, *Uncollected Letters of Abraham Lincoln* (1917)
- L/P1930, c.5. Paul M. Angle, *New Letters and Papers of Lincoln* (1930)
- L/H4J92a, c.3. Clara Ingram 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

- William Butler, clerk, circuit court of Sangamon County, Illinois, debt collection forms (both fragments): (1) Jesse B. Thomas, by his attorney A. T. Bledsoe, seeking payment of \$135 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, Sangamon County, Illinois 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, Illinois, 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 Governor 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, Illinois, to A. Sample, Paxton, Illinois, 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, Illinois) to Van Cleave, March 12, 1909, on delivery of the Onstott letter.

Box 1, cont.

## 5. Newspaper 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. Articles, Booklets, Programs, Clippings

The first folder in this section contains lists of the material drawn up by Thomas F. Schwartz in the early 1980s.

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  
*Hobbies*, 1939  
*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  
 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, Nevada, 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  
 "Lincoln's New Salem Restored," *Daughters of the American Revolution Magazine*, 1952  
 "Illinois-Healthy Heart of the Nation," *National Geographic*, 1953  
 "Abraham Lincoln: Principle and Pragmatism in Politics," *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, 1953  
*The Blumhaven Digest*, 1957; *Autograph Collectors Journal*, 1953  
 "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, undated  
 Illinois history pamphlets and publications, 1940-1955, undated  
 Illinois historic site pamphlets, undated  
 Other programs and pamphlets, undated

Announcements and programs, 1940-1954, undated  
*All the King's Horses*, undated

## Appendix A

This is a brief inventory of manuscripts that Harry Pratt pasted into Carl Sandburg's two-volume biography *Abraham Lincoln, The Prairie Years*. The volumes came to the University of Illinois from the Marion D. Pratt estate and were apparently Mr. Pratt's personal copies. Pratt pasted manuscripts bearing the handwriting of various Lincoln contemporaries, usually adjacent to a section of text where that respective individual was mentioned. In a few instances Pratt obtained manuscripts which highlighted or emphasized the text and pasted that item adjacent to that section. The origin of the manuscripts are unknown, although several appear to have been from Sangamon and Macoupin County (Illinois) circuit court case files and probate estate files. The volumes have the following University of Illinois call number: 973.7L63 Bsa5ap cop. 13 (vol. 1 and 2). This inventory was drafted on October 1 and 2, 1998.

### Volume I

- Opposite p. 34: Legal Instrument, Certificate of Protection, APPDS, October 2, 1835, to Seaman William Richards written and signed by A.B. Fannin(?) Collector of the District of Savannah. This document served as Richard's proof of citizenship. This document is pasted in a section of text which discusses indentured servitude (pages 34-35).
- Opposite p. 84: Currency, One Dollar-Indiana Script (from New Harmony), PPDS, 1862, signed by George T. Beatty (?) and J.E. Ricketts (?). This item is pasted in a section of text which mentions New Harmony, Indiana (pages 4-85).
- Opposite p. 92: Letter, ALS, September 10, 1835, from Heberton, Heiskell, & Hoskins of Philadelphia to Anderson, Bell & Co. of Louisville. A letter of introduction for Benjamin Godfrey, esquire of Lower Alton, Illinois. There is no obvious relation to the surrounding text.
- Opposite p. 108: Legal Instrument, Third of Exchange (promissory note?), APPDS, October 11, 1847, from Alexander & John Dennistoun & Co. of New Orleans and Liverpool to Timothy Keffe. This item is pasted in a section of text which mentions New Orleans (page 108).
- Opposite p. 120: Letter, ALS, May 10, 1819, from M. Holbrook of Charleston NC to Clarke Holbrook of (?) Massachusetts. Letter mentions slave runaways and punishment, and this matches text about slavery on page 121.
- Opposite p. 138: Currency, Five Dollars, APPDS, December 18, 1838, from Hernando Railroad & Banking Co. to F. Labanne. This item seems to match text on page 138, which mentions "Wildcat money."
- Opposite p. 142: Legal Instrument, Appeal Bond, PPDS, February 26, 1840, Sangamon County Circuit Court (hereafter SANCC). Written by Noah W. Matheny, deputy circuit clerk, signed by David Batterton and his surety John Wiseman (by his mark). This bond was taken to bring an appeal from the Justice of the Peace to SANCC in Webster & Hickox v. Batterton on a \$50.83 judgment. This document follows the text which mentions Wiseman on page 143.

- Opposite p. 146: Legal Instrument, Subpoena, ADS, May 15, 1831, SANCC.  
Written by Charles R. Matheny clerk of circuit court for Vincent A. Bogue to appear as witness in People v. William Watson. This document follows the text which mentions Bogue on pages 146-147.
- Opposite p. 158: Letter, ALS, April 24, 1886, from Mary Stuart to Judge David and Sarah Davis (Sarah had already passed away by this date?). Appears to be a sympathy letter. The text on page 159 mentions John T. Stuart.
- Opposite p. 163: Legal Instrument, Affidavit, DS, March 10, 1840, SANCC.  
Signed by Reuben Radford and written by Stephen A. Douglas for Roberts v. Radford. This document matches text on page 162 which mentions Radford. (Note: broken into two pieces)
- Opposite p. 166: Legal Instrument, Promissory Note, PPDS, September 7, 1839, Nelson Ally to William Butler of Springfield, Illinois for \$6.61. This note matches text on page 167 which mentions Ally.
- Opposite p. 178: Legal Instrument, Promissory Note, PPD, January 26, 1840, William Butler of Springfield, Illinois, to A.Y. Ellis & Co. of Springfield, Illinois (?), for \$28.87. This document matches text on page 179 which mentions Ellis.
- Opposite p. 186: Legal Instrument, Promissory Note, APPDS, May 11, 1848, Isaac Whitaker to Trustees of Illinois College for \$50.00. This matches text on page 187 which mentions Illinois College.
- Opposite p. 190: Legal Instrument, Order for Payment, ADS, February 22, 1838, Robert Allen payable to bearer. The order was on Captain (Wharton) Ransdell of Sangamon County, Illinois, for \$2.00. The order was file and endorsed by William Butler July 16, 1840. This document matches text on page 191 which mentions Allen.
- Opposite p. 192: Legal Instrument, Publisher's Certificate, APPDS, May 5, 1874, written and signed by E.L. Merritt & Bros. (Publishers of Illinois State Register, Springfield, Illinois). The certificate shows publication of an attachment notice against the Peter Cartwright estate. This document matches a photograph of Cartwright.
- Opposite p. 198: Legal Instrument, Promissory Note, DS, June 11, 1859, SANCC.  
John E. Denny and Elijah Wolfkill to Washington Crowder for \$431.50.
- Opposite p. 198: Legal Instrument, Promissory Note, DS, June 11, 1859, SANCC.  
John E. Denny and Elijah Wolfkill to Washington Crowder for \$1000.00. Both of the above were paid on order in Williams v. Crowder during October term 1863.
- Opposite p. 199: Legal Instrument, Receipt, DS, September 3, 1839, signed by Washington Crowder who received \$16.25 from William Butler, clerk of Sangamon County circuit court, for six cords of wood. All three of the above match text on page 199, which mentions Washington Crowder.
- Opposite p. 206: Legal Instrument, Account, AD, December 23, 1839, John R. Groves (et al.) with Milton A. Bridges for building a one room schoolhouse at \$68.00. There is no clear connection to the surrounding text.
- Opposite p. 218: Legal Instrument, True Bill, AD, undated, SANCC(?).  
Indictment of Sterling Wells for larceny in People v. Wells. A.G. Henry is

- listed as foreman of the Grand Jury matching text on page 219 which mentions Henry. (Note: fragment)
- Opposite p. 222: Legal Instrument, Declaration, ADS, September 26, 1838, Morgan County Circuit Court (hereafter MORCC). Written and signed by William Thomas attorney for plaintiff in *S. Ryder & Co. v. Ward & Hammer*. This document matches text on pages 222-223 which mentions Thomas.
- Opposite p. 230: Legal Instrument, Declaration & Account, ADS, July 2, 1840, SANCC. Written and signed by Stephen T. Logan attorney for plaintiff in *Bondurant v. Radford & Reed*.
- Opposite p. 230: Legal Instruments, Praeceptum and Plea (on verso), ADS, March, 1840, SANCC. Praeceptum was written and signed by Stephen T. Logan attorney for plaintiff in *Hackett v. Bradley*. Plea was written and signed by John C. Doremus attorney for defendant in *Hackett v. Bradley*, and endorsed by Cyrus Walker and Stephen T. Logan, attorneys for plaintiff. Items 22 and 23 do not seem to relate to the surrounding text.
- Opposite p. 234: Legal Instrument, Motion/or New Trial, ADS, 3/14/1840, SANCC. Written and signed by Judge Jesse B. Thomas (Thomas also signed for Stephen A. Douglas) filed in *Hackett v. Bradley*. This document matches surrounding text which mentions Thomas.
- Opposite p. 234: Legal Instrument, fragment, DS, undated, SAJ.~CC?. Razored fragment showing Evan Taylor Butler's (deputy circuit clerk) signature.
- Opposite p. 238: Legal Instrument, Promissory Note, DS, June 13, 1839, John Dryer and H.M. Armstrong (signed by) to William L. May of Springfield, Illinois (?) for \$134.40. Written by Judge Samuel H. Treat. This document matches the nearby text which mentions May.
- Opposite p. 268: Legal Instrument, Summons, APPDS, July 14, 1840, SANCC. Written and signed by circuit clerk William Butler in *Newton v. Newson*. William H. Herndon of Springfield, Illinois, was one of the persons summoned matching surrounding text which mentions Herndon.
- Opposite p. 284: Legal Instrument, Publisher's Certificate, APPDS, August 14, 1849 Macoupin County Probate Court. Written and signed by John Bailhache, certifying publication of a notice of settlement in the LeRoy Overstreet estate. This document matches text on page 284 which mentions the Alton Telegraph & Democrat Review.
- Opposite p. 286: Legal Instrument, Writ of Execution, APPDS, March 9, 1840, Sangamon County Justice of the Peace. Written and signed by William L. Duncan JP in *Cogdal v. Campbell*. This document matches surrounding text which mentions Cogdal.
- Opposite p. 286: Legal Instrument, Pleas, AD, July, 1840, SANCC. Written and signed by Schuyler Strong, filed in *Phillips & Dillman v. Reed & Radford*. Endorsed by Stephen T. Logan. This document matches surrounding text which mentions Logan.
- Opposite p. 286: Legal Instrument, Order for Payment, AD, August 31, 1840, Stephen Butler to Isaac Cogdal. This document matches surrounding text which mentions Cogdal.



- Opposite p. 298: Legal Instrument, Receipt, DS, 1840, SANCC. Signed by Moses Coffinan for witness fees in Ragsdell v. Spear and People v. Capps. Text on page 299 mentions Capps.
- Opposite p. 300: Legal Instrument, Receipt, ADS, November 8, 1834, signed by John Taylor receiver at Springfield land office after \$50.00 payment by William Glenn. Text on page 301 mentions the land office.
- Opposite p. 318: Legal Instrument, Promissory Note, PPDS, November 2, 1836, A.G. Herndon and Benjamin Talbott to Erastus Wright school commissioner of Sangamon County for \$186.66. Surrounding text mentions Herndon.
- Opposite p. 344: Military Discharge, APPDS, June 24, 1864, to Joseph A. Farrell, signed by Captain Patrick G. Galvin. No clear connection to text.
- Opposite p. 408: Legal Instrument, Witness Affidavit, PPDS, July 30, 1845, SANCC. Written and endorsed by John Calhoun, circuit clerk, signed by witness, filed in People v. Webb & Webb. Text on page 408 mentions Calhoun.
- Opposite p. 414: Legal Instrument, Subpoena, APPDS, December 3, 1839, SANCC (Justice of the Peace). Written and signed by James W. Keyes JP summoning witnesses in Webster & Hickox v. Cogdall. Surrounding text mentions Keyes.
- Pasted onto p. 415: Fragment, DS, undated, razored signature of William E. Channing.
- Opposite p. 418: Legal Instrument, Account, APPDS, December 5, 1866, William Butler to Smith & Parmelee (written and signed by) for \$10.00. This item follows text on page 419.
- Opposite p. 448: Order for Election, DS(?), August 8, 1851, signed by Governor Augustus French ordering the election of Macoupin County sheriff to fill a vacancy. This matches text on page 448.

The following items are all originally located inside a slip on the inside of the right-hand leaf of Volume I. They are now in a four-flap folder shelved next to Volume I.

- Pamphlet (torn) advertising Sandburg's Abraham Lincoln, The Prairie Years, undated.
- Newspaper clipping, February 3, 1926, "Lincoln Comes Home," by Harry Hansen from The Daily News, page 16.
- Newspaper clipping, February 10, 1932, "Short Biography of Lincoln," by Carl Sandburg from The Chicago D— (fragment)
- Newspaper clipping, undated, "From the Notebook of Carl Sandburg."
- Newspaper clipping, undated, "From the Notebook of Carl Sandburg."
- Newspaper clipping, undated, "Sandburg Given Degree by Knox," by William F. McDermott.
- Duplicate Letter, TL, January 22, 1941, Carl Sandburg to Mr. Maresh.
- Legal Instrument, Account, ADS, May 18, 1838, Reuben Dean to W. Ransdell (written and signed by) of Springfield, Illinois(?) for \$10.50.
- Legal Instrument, Promissory Note, PPDS, December 28, 1859, John Davis (signor) to Isaac Keyes of Springfield for \$179.65.
- Legal Instrument, Affidavit, DS, October 29, 1861, signed by Isaac Keyes.
- Legal Instrument, Receipt (fragment), DS, August 3, 1874, signed by McClemand & Keyes

## Volume II

- Inside left-hand leaf: Note, ANS, undated, Carl Sandburg to Harry Pratt. This is a message of thanks.
- Opposite p. 10: Legal Instrument, Praeipce, APPDS, April 7, 1870, SANCC(?).  
Written and signed by John McClernand for firm of McClernand & Broadwell of Springfield, Illinois. Case is unknown. McClernand is mentioned on page 10.
- Opposite p. 20: Legal Instrument, Summons, PPD, February 1, 1856, SANCC.  
Written by deputy circuit clerk, Fresco Wright who also signed for the circuit clerk James H. Matheny in the case of Wright v. Reed. Sheriff Jonathan Weber endorsed the verso February 23, 1856. Matheny is mentioned on page 20.
- Opposite p. 34: Legal Instrument, Promissory Note (check), APPDS, August 16, 1861, written and signed by David G. Evans payable to John Williams for \$3060.00 on order of Springfield Marine & Fire Insurance Co. Protested September 3, 1861, by Noah Divelbliss for non-payment. The Marine bank is mentioned on page 34.
- Opposite p. 46: Legal Instrument, Account, AD, December 3, 1855, Great Western Railroad's account with M.G. Moses (Moises?) & Co. for building materials. The Great Western Railroad is mentioned on page 47.
- Opposite p. 48: Legal Instrument, Indictment, ADS, November 1856, SANCC.  
Written and signed by Sangamon Co. State's Attorney Amzi Mc Williams in People v. William Wells for assault. Mc Williams is mentioned on pages 49-50.
- Opposite p. 50: Legal Instrument, Bond for Costs, DS, September 6, 1861, SANCC(?). Signed by Jacob Bunn who entered himself as security for costs in St. Louis Building & Savings Association v. Lamb & Quinlin. Bunn is mentioned on page 50.
- Pasted onto p. 57: Fragment, DS, undated, clipped signature of John W. Bunn. Bunn is mentioned on page 57.
- Opposite p. 62: Fragment, DS, February 27, 1869, SANCC. This is a file note that has been razored from a Decree presumably for Judge John Y. Rice's signature. Charles H. Lanphear, circuit clerk, also endorsed the file note. The case was Ritter & Mattell v. Bennard. Rice is mentioned on pages 62-63.
- Pasted onto the back of previous item: Legal Instrument, Promissory Note (check), APPDS, January 20, 1888, written and signed by Abram Brokaw payable to William B. Covlock (?) for \$724.00 to the order to The National Bank of Bloomington. This matches text on page 63.
- Opposite p. 64: Legal Instrument, Justice of the Peace Transcript, ADS, April 13, 1840, SANCC. Written and signed by J.P. Thomas Moffett for appeal in Alexander v. Batterton & Wiseman. Endorsed on verso by William Butler. Moffett is mentioned on page 64.
- Opposite p. 66: Legal Instrument, Praeipce, APPDS, June 2, 1869, SANCC.  
Written and signed by firm of John E. Rosette and Brother, filed in Myers v. Whitcomb & Hale. Endorsed on verso by circuit clerk, Charles H. Lanphear. Rosette is mentioned on page 66.

- Opposite p. 70: Scribbles, ADS?, undated, repeated signatures of Lawrence Weldon and Mary J. Weldon. Weldon is mentioned on page 70.
- Opposite p. 91: Legal Instrument, Affidavit of Decease, PPDS, March 12, 1849, Macoupin Co. Probate Court. Signed by Thomas Corr, witness to LeRoy Overstreet's death. Written and endorsed by probate J.P. John M. Palmer. Palmer is mentioned on page 91.
- Opposite p. 100: Legal Instrument, Affidavit, DS, March 14, 1840, SANCC. Signed by Daniel Ragsdall (author unknown), filed in Hackett v. Simmons. Endorsed by William Butler. Ragsdale (sp?) mentioned on page 100.
- Opposite p. 100: Legal Instrument, Praecipe, ADS, August 10, 1860, SANCC. Written and signed by firm of (Milton)Hay & (Shelby)Cullom, filed in Nuckolls v. Nuckolls. Endorsed by circuit clerk Presco Wright. Cullom is mentioned on page 101 of text.
- Opposite plate at p.107: Legal Instrument, Promissory Note (check), APPDS, May 13, 1836, John D. Caton to Jim Crain(?) for \$23.53 on order of the State Bank of Illinois, Chicago Branch. "Judge Dean Caton" is mentioned on page 107.
- Opposite p. 114: Legal Instrument, Affidavit (fragment), DS, August 21, 1866, SANCC. This was razored from a Declaration. Signed by T.W.S. Kidd, written by attorney William H. Herndon, and endorsed by circuit clerk Charles H. Lanphear and sheriff William P. Crafton. Filed in Yarnall v. Collier. Kidd is mentioned on page 115.
- Opposite p. 136: Legal Instrument, Receipt, APPDS, November 25, 1854, written and signed by (?). Manly upon receipt of goods at Carlinville, Illinois, shipped by the Chicago & Mississippi Railroad Co. The C&M Railroad is mentioned on page 137.
- Opposite p. 144: Legal Instrument, Receipt, ADS, November 25, 1846, written and signed by J.A. Chesnut upon receipt of payment by L.J. Woods for a subscription to the Missouri Republican. The newspaper is mentioned on page 144.
- Opposite p. 168: Fragment, DS, December 1, 1868, SANCC. Clipped signature of circuit clerk Charles H. Lanphear. Lanphear is mentioned on page 169 of text.
- Opposite p. 172: Legal Instrument, Deed, ADS(?), April 6, 1854, Governor Joel Matteson to Isaac Whitaker for 71 acres: Endorsed by Secretary of State Alexander Stone and clerk A.McKim Dubois. Matteson is mentioned on page 172.
- Opposite p. 174: Legal Instrument, Circuit Court Transcript (fragment), AD, February 21, 1840; SANCC. Unknown author (a deputy clerk) signed for circuit clerk William Butler and Henry E. Dummer's name appears in the transcript. This is only part of a larger transcript that was filed in Bassett & Taylor v. Porter et al. Dummer is mentioned on page 174.
- Loose at p. 258: Legal Instrument, Receipt, APPD, January 4, 1862, unknown author. This was a notice to William Butler that he received goods at the Springfield depot from the Great Western Railroad Co. There is no relation to text, but page 47 of Volume II mentions the Great Western.
- Opposite p. 278: Legal Instrument, Bond for Costs (fragment), ADS, August 8, 1862, SANCC(?). Written and signed by attorney John E. Rosette, case is

- unknown. This was razored from a Declaration. Rosette is mentioned on page 279.
- Opposite p. 280: Legal Instrument, Motion for New Trial, DS, July 28, 1840, SANCC. Written by attorney Schuyler Strong, signed and endorsed by Judge Samuel H. Treat, also endorsed by circuit clerk William Butler. Filed in Coffman assignee of Bondurant v. Reed. Treat is mentioned on pages 280-281.
- Opposite p. 282: Legal Instrument, Promissory Note, PPDS, December 7, 1858, Oliver McGarvey payable to C.M. Smith for \$101.98. Smith is mentioned on page 282.
- Opposite p. 300: Letter, TLS, January 17, 1931, Joseph W. Fifer of Bloomington, Illinois, to Harry Pratt at Carlinville, Illinois. Thank-you letter. Fifer is mentioned on page 300.
- Opposite p. 307: Legal Instrument, Fee Bill, ADS, May 1839, Macoupin County Circuit Court. Written and signed by circuit clerk Tristram P. Hoxsey, filed in Bell & Speed v. Black. Endorsed on verso by sheriff B.T. Burke January 2, 1840. Joshua Speed is mentioned on page 307.
- Opposite p. 314: Letter, ALS, April 11, 1899, Sarah p. Swayne of New York to Mrs. Wharton J. Green. David Davis (Sarah's father?) is mentioned on pages 314-315.
- Opposite p. 320: Legal Instrument, Praecipe, ADS, October 3, 1866, SANCC(?). Written and signed by firm of (Milton) Hay & (John E.) Rosette in Kusel v. North American Fire Insurance Co. Hay is mentioned on page 321.
- Opposite p. 330: Legal Instrument, Account (evidence), ADS, October 13, 1864, SANCC. Written and signed by auditor Jesse K. Dubois. Account of tax collector John D. Denning with State of Illinois, filed in People v. Denning. Endorsed by Stephen S. Whitehurst. Dubois is mentioned on page 330.
- Opposite p. 340: Fragment, DS, June 29, 1867, clipped signature of Carl Schurz of Commanding Department (Grand Army of the Republic), endorsed by Assistant Adjutant General Alexander Lowry. Schurz mentioned on page 340.
- Opposite plate at p. 347: Legal Instrument, Bond for Costs, ADS, April 21, 1840, SANCC. Written and signed by attorney James C. Conkling, filed in Tucker & Salisbury v. Tharp. Endorsed on verso by a deputy clerk for circuit clerk William Butler. Conkling is mentioned on pages 347-348.
- Opposite p. 359: Letter, ALS, October 11, 1862, Richard Yates of Springfield, Illinois, to Colonel W.W. Orme at Springfield, Missouri. Regards ordinance for an Illinois regiment. Yates is mentioned on page 358.
- Opposite p. 384: Legal Instrument, Petition (fragment), DS, undated, SANCC. Signed by attorney Stephen T. Logan filed in Thomas for use of Speed & Bell v. Whitney. Speed is mentioned on page 384.
- Loose at p. 406: Legal Instrument, Promissory Note (fragment), ADS, February 12, 1840, William Butler payable to Gersham Jayne for \$23.50. William Jayne is mentioned on page 406.
- Opposite p. 410: Legal Instrument, Publisher's Certificate, APPDS, June 25, 1861, SANCC. Written and signed by firm of Bailhache & Baker (publishers of the

Illinois State Journal), filed in Latham v. Sinclair. Endorsed by circuit clerk Stephen S. Whitehurst. The Illinois State Journal is mentioned on page 410.

## Appendix B

The following lists are the contents of various original documents collected by Harry Pratt and subsequently glued into books from his personal library given to the University of Illinois. According to Ralph Newman, Pratt had acquired this bad habit early in life. The documents are probably not very valuable save for the Seward signatures and those of Lincoln's associates that are more prominent. Pratt had a method to his madness, affixing the document to the page where a reference is made to one or more of the names found in it. He would highlight the reference on the printed page by underlining it in pencil and then paste the document between the pages. Most documents tend to be legal in nature, such as petitions, summons, cancelled checks, receipts, and bonds.

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Correspondence from Catherine Beveridge also signature of author Albert J.

Beveridge, front cover

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Petition Bowling Green, page 141

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Petition for William F. Elkin, page 154

Petition for Andrew McCormick

John T. Stuart Signature, page 164

Summons Jesse B. Thomas, page 165

Summons R. L. Wilson and Ambeny(?) Rankin, page 177

Petition Thomas Mather, page 196

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Petition William Butler, Clerk of the Sangamon Circuit Court, page 209

Petition John A. McClernand and Broadwell, page 210

Petition Logan and Barker (in the hand of Stephen T. Logan), page 212

Petition Dr. A.G. Henry, page 215

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Petition Reuben Radford, page 245

Petition Logan, Baker & Edwards, page 302

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Summons James H. Matheny, page 315

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