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Summary Information

Repository:	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
Creator:	Gordon, I. Cyrus, 1901-1980
Title:	I. Cyrus Gordon Collection of Abraham Lincoln Materials
ID:	4078433
ID:	MS#0504
Date [inclusive]:	1846-1980
Physical Description:	8 linear feet 11 boxes; 1 map case drawer; 5 sculptures
Language of the Material:	English .

Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); Abraham Lincoln collection; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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Biographical sketch

Israel Cyrus Gordon (Columbia A.B., 1924; LLB, 1926), a lawyer, was an avid collector of Lincoliana.

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Scope and Content

Letters, documents, memorabilia, printed material, prints, medals and sculpture relating to Lincoln and the Civil War period. Included are a letter from Edward Everett, a Philip Henry Sheridan autograph, a document by W. H. Herndon, Lincoln's law partner, 19th century letters and documents and 20th century clippings, pictures, etc. of or about Lincoln. The collection

features a John Rogers sculpture, "The Council of War," several busts of Lincoln and other two and three dimensional works of art.

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Arrangement

Selected items cataloged; remainder arranged by subject and genre.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

Papers and artwork: Source of acquisition--Gordon, Donald J. and Ross, Susan Gordon.
Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--07/07/86. Accession number--M-86-07-07.

Ownership and Custodial History

Gift of Donald J. Gordon and Susan Gordon Ross, 1986.

Processing Information

Papers and artwork Processed JR 11/--/86.

Accruals

Materials may have been added to the collection since this finding aid was prepared.
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Related Materials

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[Morton Pepper Collection of Abraham Lincoln Portraits and Memorabilia](#) Columbia University Libraries.

[Abraham Lincoln Collection](#) Columbia University Libraries.

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Controlled Access Headings

- United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

- Photographic prints
- Sculpture
- Prints
- Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865
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Collection Inventory

Series I: Cataloged correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
Everett, Edward. Boston, 29 May 1858 <u>Physical Description</u> : 1 a.l.s.	box 1
Sheridan, Philip Henry (fragment, closing and signature only)	box 1

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Series II: Cataloged Documents

Title/Description	Instances
Herndon, William Henry. Menard Co., Ill, 12 October 1857 Scope and Contents (Request for summons in the Circuit Court case Tonica and Petersburg Railroad Co. v. George U. Miles, Hendron's father-in-law)	box 1

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Series III: Cataloged Photograph

Title/Description	Instances
Lincoln, Abraham (in case), 1865 Scope and Contents Albumen print of a photograph of an engraving after the 1863 photograph by Anthony Berger at Matthew Brady's gallery. The 1863 photograph is the source of the Lincoln image on the \$5.00 bill.	box 1

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Series IV: Arranged Correspondence

Title/Description	Instances
19c.	box 1
19c. - Ackerman family	box 1
19c. - Lincoln -facsimiles	box 1
20c. - Sterrett, J.E.	box 1
20c. - Correspondence about Gordon's collection	box 1

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Series V: Arranged Manuscripts

Title/Description	Instances
Gordon -Lists of Lincolnians	box 1
Gordon - Research on 14 March 1860 Lincoln letter to James Babcock, March 1860	box 1

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Series VI: Arranged Documents

Title/Description	Instances
Civil War discharges	box 1
Civil War money	box 1
Gordon - Personal documents	box 1
Lincoln - Facsimile documents	box 1
Slave deed - Louisiana, 4, October 1859	box 1

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Series VII: Memorabilia

Title/Description	Instances
Stamps -Lincoln & Civil War memorial	box 1

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Series VIII: Printed Material

Title/Description	Instances
Ephemera:	
19c.	box 1
19c. facsimile	box 1
20c.	box 1
Lincoln:	
Clippings	box 1
Exhibition catalogs	box 1
Misc.	box 1
Pictures	box 1
Lincolniana	box 1
Rogers, John, 1829-1904	box 1
Gordon card files:	
Lincoln Index	box 2
Topical Index	box 2
Documents:	
Ackerman family deeds and cemetery deeds	flatbox 87
Gordon -Personal documents	flatbox 87
Printed material:	
Linen tea towel	flatbox 87
Miscellaneous	flatbox 87
Reprints & facsimiles	flatbox 87
Prints:	
Holcomh & Davis, "Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States", [1860]	flatbox 87
Lez, Felix, "Lincoln", n.d.	flatbox 87
Volk, Douglas, [Abraham Lincoln], c1922	flatbox 87

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Series IX: Oversized Materials	mapcase 13-E-10
Title/Description	Instances
Cataloged:	

Currier & Ives, "The Assassination of President Lincoln", New York, c1865	
-----, "The Deathbed of the Martyr President Abraham Lincoln". [New York], c1865	mapcase 13- E-10
-----, "Surrender of General Lee, At Appomattox Court House, Va., April 9th 1865". NY, c1865.	mapcase 13- E-10
Uncataloged:	
Kurz & Allison, "The Fort Pillow Massacre", Chicago, c1892	mapcase 13- E-10

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Series X: Artwork

Title/Description	Instances
Volk, Leonard Wells:	
Cast of Lincoln's first life mask	box 4a
Scope and Contents The original cast of the Volk life mask was made before Lincoln was inaugurated. Many copies were made over time, after 1860.	
Casts of Lincoln's hands	box 4b
Two reproductions of Lincoln Memorial statue	box 5
Metal images of Lincoln:	
Round penny portrait	box 6
Oval plaque made for the Republican Club of the City of New York, 1910.	box 6
Reproduction of Springfield, Ill. memorial	box 6
Facsimile Lincoln medals	box 6
Miscellaneous. Medals:	
Bicentennial (1)	box 6
Civil War (2)	box 6
Sir Thomas Raffles (1)	box 6
Seven medals with Lincoln's profile, in a frame	box 7 (Flat Box)
Three 20c. Silhouettes on celluloid	box 7 (Flat Box)
Cataloged artwork:	

Rogers. John "The Council of War". New York, 1868 <u>Physical Location</u> : 13v, aisle 31, section 1	item Art
Scope and Contents	
Plaster sculpture (24 x 15 x 13 inches).	
Scope and Contents	
(In this variant, Stanton is wiping his glasses behind Lincoln's head)	
Arranged artwork:	
Berks, Robert "Lincoln of the Gettysburg Address". sculpture of <u>Physical Location</u> : 13v, aisle 31, section 5	item Art
Lincoln's head. Alvastone reproduction of bronze original at the Lincoln, Museum, Washington, D.C. <u>Physical Location</u> : 13v, aisle 31, section 5	item Art
Lincoln's head in Alvastone reproduction <u>Physical Location</u> : 13v, aisle 31, section 5	item Art
Lincoln bust in plaster <u>Physical Location</u> : 13v, aisle 31, section 5	item Art
Plaque for Gordon's 70th birthday with 70 Lincoln head pennies	box 8 (Flat Box)
Plaque with Lincoln's profile	box 9 (Flat Box)
Plaque of Lincoln Memorial in bas-relief	box 10 (Flat Box)

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