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**COLLECTION REGISTER**

Name: **Lincoln, George Burt (1817-1890)** **MC 2000.3**

Material: Family Papers (1802-1890)

Volume: .25 linear feet (1 Document Box, 1 Photograph Folder, and 3 Oversized Folders)

Donation: Gift of Edward D. Gray, 1963

Usage: These materials have been donated without restrictions on usage.

**BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE**

George Burt Lincoln was born in 1817 in Hardwick, Massachusetts. After working for Benjamin Hamilton for three years, George Burt Lincoln moved to Brooklyn, New York in 1838 to start his own business. An abolitionist, he became involved with the Republican Party, and was an active supporter of both John Fremont and Abraham Lincoln. After serving in the defense of Washington D.C. at the start of the Civil War, George Burt Lincoln was appointed Postmaster of Brooklyn in May of 1861. He held that position until 1867, when he was appointed Sanitary Commissioner for the State of New York. After his retirement, George Burt Lincoln traveled the American West and Europe before returning to his property in Tenafly, New Jersey around 1885. George Burt Lincoln died in 1890.

**COLLECTION DESCRIPTION**

The George Burt Lincoln Collection is housed in one document box, one photograph file and three oversized folders and is divided into four basic categories: Correspondence, Family History, Miscellaneous Materials, and Printed Materials. This collection was donated by Edward D. Gray in 1963.

The Correspondence section largely contains letters received by George Burt Lincoln. One exception is a letter to Robert Todd Lincoln. All the correspondence is arranged in alphabetical order according to author, and then chronologically. Notable correspondents include Horace Greeley, Abner Doubleday and Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

The Family History section includes both family notes and legal papers. The Lincoln Family and McQuhae Family notes are in this section. Banister Family notes can be found in the Oversized section. Additionally, the Oversized section includes a document conferring the rank of Captain on William Mills, and an indenture conveying land to Richard Williams.

The Miscellaneous Materials section is grouped according to individual. George Burt Lincoln and his son, George Burt Lincoln, Jr. are listed. For George Burt Lincoln, this section includes an autograph collection, papers concerning a memorial service for Horace Greeley held in London and hosted by G. B. Lincoln, receipts for the Brooklyn Post Office, and certificates of support for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Cassius M. Clay's Battalion, the Hungarian Bond Fund, and the Union Campaign for 1865. More materials of George Burt Lincoln are listed in the oversized section. These include his commissions as Postmaster of Brooklyn, New York, signed by Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson, and his commission as Sanitary Commissioner of the State of New York.

All Printed Materials are listed in the oversized section. Single issues of newspapers, newspaper clippings, a political cartoon, and a booklet of Robert Burns poetry comprise the Printed Materials section. The newspaper clippings cover the Brooklyn Post Office, and/or are authored by George Henry Lincoln. The political cartoon is with regard to an election and Mugwumpism and published in *Judge*.

Three folders of oversized materials, designated OC 2000.3, include family genealogy, legal and financial papers, and printed materials. These oversized items are described briefly above within their appropriate section.

Three photographs, designated PC 2000.3, are included in the collection. These consist of images of George Burt Lincoln, John Hay and an unknown woman.

## COLLECTION INVENTORY

### BOX 1 - MC 2000.3

#### CORRESPONDENCE

- Folder 01) Bergh, Henry to George B. Lincoln - July 22, 1869
- Folder 02) Brownlow, William Gennaway to George B. Lincoln -  
Apr. 25, 1862
- Folder 03) Burritt, Elihu to George B. Lincoln - Jan. 8, 1859
- Folder 04) Clark, Emmons to George B. Lincoln - Mar. 2, 1869
- Folder 05) Colfax, Schuyler to George B. Lincoln - Dec. 19, 1865
- Folder 06) Conkling, Roscoe to George B. Lincoln - Jan. 30, 1868
- Folder 07) Doubleday, Abner to George B. Lincoln - Nov. 30, 1886
- Folder 08) Greeley, Horace to George B. Lincoln -  
Feb. 5  
Mar. 10, 1867  
Aug. 14, 1867
- Folder 09) Hamilton, Benjamin to George B. Lincoln - Feb. 1, 1838

## BOX 1 - MC 2000.3 (cont.)

### CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)

- Folder 10) Hay, John Milton to George B. Lincoln - Jan. 7, 1887
- Folder 11) Lincoln, George B.
  - To wife - Feb. 17, 1866
  - To Andrew Johnson - June and July, 1865
  - To Haywood, Elizabeth Salisbury - 1870
- Folder 12) Lincoln, Robert Todd to F. M. Williams - Apr. 7, 1890
- Folder 13) McCulloch, Hugh to George B. Lincoln - Oct. 6, 1888
- Folder 14) Phelps, William Walter to George B. Lincoln (w/reply) - July 2, 1889
- Folder 15) Smalley, George Washburn to George B. Lincoln -
  - Oct. 10, 1887
  - Nov. 13, 1887
- Folder 16) Stanton, Elizabeth Cady to George B. Lincoln - Aug. 24
- Folder 17) Sumner, Charles to George B. Lincoln - Oct. 16, 1850

### FAMILY HISTORY

- Lincoln Family
  - Folder 18) Miscellaneous notes on descendants of Thomas Lincoln  
Muster Roll of Captain Jared Weed's Company, Sgt. Burt  
Lincoln
- McQuhae Family
  - Folder 19) Copy of McQuhae family records  
Marriage Certificate of Sarah Jane McQuhea to William Mills -  
Feb. 25, 1874  
Death Certificate of William Mills - Dec. 30, 1891
- Smith, Mary Williams
  - Folder 20) Copy of petition for citizenship - Mar. 14, 1815
- Taliaferro, John
  - Folder 21) Warrant for the arrest of John Taliaferro - Oct. 15, 1802

### MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS

- Lincoln, George Burt
  - Folder 22) Autograph clippings
  - Folder 23) Invitation to memorial for Horace Greeley - Dec. 1872
  - Folder 24) Certificates of membership for the Independent Order of  
Odd Fellows  
Certificate of Service in Cassius M. Clay's Battalion -  
Apr. 25, 1861  
Hungarian Fund Bond - Feb. 1852  
United States Post Office Department, receipts for  
Brooklyn, NY - 1862 and 1867  
Union Campaign for 1865, receipt - Nov. 2, 1865
- Lincoln, George Burt, Jr.
  - Folder 25) Pass to rejoin regiment - Jan. 10, 1863

## OVERSIZED - OC 2000.3

### FAMILY HISTORY

- Folder 01) Banister Family  
Notes on the Banister Family  
Mills, William  
Commission as Captain of 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry - May 19, 1866  
Williams, Mary  
Indenture to Richard Williams, conveying lands in Weymouth  
and Melcombe Regis - Apr. 10, 1794

### MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS

- Folder 02) Lincoln, George Burt  
Commissions as Deputy Postmaster, Brooklyn NY -  
May 9, 1861  
July 16, 1861  
July 12, 1865  
Commission as Sanitary Commissioner, State of New York -  
Dec. 23, 1867

### PRINTED MATERIALS

- Folder 03) *The Daily Chronicle*, New London, CT, v. 1, no. 237, Jan. 31, 1849  
One Greek newspaper - 1847  
Color political cartoon from *Judge* - c1880  
*The Public Ledger*, Philadelphia, v.1, no. 1, Mar. 25, 1836  
*Tam O'Shanter - A tale, - and Lament of Mary Queen of Scots*,  
by Robert Burns - c1872  
Newspaper clippings  
Photocopies of newspaper clippings

## PHOTOGRAPHS - PC 2000.3

- Folder 01) John Hay  
George B. Lincoln  
Unidentified woman