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Box 1

Correspondence, 1928-1945

1. Corliss to Mr. Crowson, August 17, 1928 (carbon)
2. Stephen I. Gilchrist to Corliss, March 30, 1932
3. Corliss to Mr. J.B. Babcock, May 4, 1932 (carbon)
4. Corliss to Mr. Crowson, May 19, 1934 (photo included)
5. Corliss to Wilfred E. Leland, January 22, 1935 (carbon)
6. Corliss to Mr. F.M. Block, January 25, 1935 (carbon)
7. Corliss to Mr. E.H. Lacy, January 25, 1935 (2 copies)
8. Corliss to Mr. H. Kabbes, January 25, 1935 (carbon)
- H. Kabbes to Corliss, February 5, 1935
9. Corliss to Mr. N.Z. Snell, January 25, 1935 (carbon)
10. Esther C. Cushman to Corliss, January 25, 1935
11. Corliss to Mr. R. Burnett, January 26, 1935 (carbon)
- R. Burnett to Corliss, January 29, 1935
12. Corliss to Mr. C.W. Cary, January 26, 1935 (carbon)
- C.W. Cary to Corliss, February 16, 1935
13. Corliss to Mr. J.H. Egan, January 26, 1935 (carbon)
14. Corliss to Mr. A. Gorman, January 26, 1935 (carbon)
- A. Gorman to Corliss, January 29, 1935
15. Corliss to Mr. J.J. Reilly, January 26, 1935 (carbon)
16. Corliss to Mr. J. Schilt, January 26, 1935 (carbon)
17. Corliss to Mr. C.E. Slonaker, January 26, 1935 (carbon)
18. Corliss to Mr. O.H. Voight, January 26, 1935 (carbon)
19. J.H.E. Whitson, January 26, 1935 (carbon)
20. Corliss to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, January 28, 1935 (carbon)
21. B.P. Thomas to Corliss, January 28, 1935
22. Corliss to Paul Angle, January 30, 1935 (carbon)
23. Corliss to Esther Cushman, January 30, 1935 (carbon)
24. Corliss to Stephen I. Gilchrist, January 30, 1935 (carbon)
25. Corliss to B. Thomas, January 30, 1935 (carbon)
26. Corliss to B. Thomas, January 31, 1935
27. Paul M. Angle to Mrs. A.Y. Barnard, February 4, 1935
28. Corliss to Mr. Crowson, February 6, 1935
29. J.P. Jones to Logan Hay, March 3, 1935
30. Blaine B. Gernon to the Lincoln Group, March 9, 1935
31. Esther C. Cushman to Corliss, March 23, 1935

32. Corliss to Esther C. Cushman, March 28, 1935
33. Forest H. Sweet to Corliss, March 29, 1935
34. J.P. Jones to Corliss, April 7, 1935
35. Corliss to Mr. Parkes, June 3, 1941
36. Charles A. Helsell to Charles L. Browne, November 5, 1942
(carbon); also includes:
 - Browne to Helsell, November 4, 1942
 - Helsell to Corliss, November 4, 1942 (carbon)
 - Helsell to Browne, November 3, 1942 (carbon)
 - Helsell to Corliss, October 22, 1942 (carbon)
 - Browne to Helsell, October 20, 1942
 - Helsell to Mr. Crowson, October 21, 1942 (carbon)
 - Helsell to Mr. E.C. Craig, October 19, 1942 (carbon)
 - Helsell to Browne, October 19, 1942 (carbon)
 - Helsell to Browne, October 13, 1942 (carbon)
 - Browne to Helsell, October 12, 1942
 - Corliss to William J. O'Brien, Jr., October 8, 1942
 - Helsell to Browne, September 25, 1942 (carbon)
 - Browne to Helsell, September 25, 1942
37. Corliss to Elmer A. Smith, March 29, 1945
38. Corliss to Elmer A. Smith, April 2, 1945
39. Dwight C. Morgan to Elmer A. Smith, August 8, 1945
40. Leonard W. Rice (Director of the National Railway Historical Society) to Capt. Sheldon, August 25, 1945
41. Memo, Elmer A. Smith to Mr. C.C. Tisler, November 19, 1945
42. Edward C. Stone to Bert S. Sheldon, November 26, 1945

Photocopies, 1853-1863

1. Lincoln pass for Illinois Central Railroad, 1857-1858
2. Facsimile of first page of Lincoln's opinion on a question involving the Charter of Illinois Central Railroad, undated
4. Letter, E. Lane to W.H. Osborne, August 14, 1857
5. Letter, Lincoln to Secretary of War Stanton, May 23, 1863
6. Letter, Lincoln to Brayman, September 23, 1854
7. Lincoln's opinion on pre-emption question, March 6, 1856
(3 copies)
8. Copy of account sued on Illinois Central by Lincoln for fee not paid \$5,000, 1857
9. Lincoln's statement desiring deposition of 7 men in his suit against Illinois Central, July, 1857
10. Negatives of Lincoln's opinion on pre-emption question, March 6, 1856
11. Negatives of copy of account sued on Illinois Central by Lincoln, 1857
12. Negatives of Lincoln's statement desiring deposition of 7 men in his suit against Illinois Central, July, 1857
13. \$150 check to J.F. Joy, signed by Lincoln, September 14, 1855
14. Appeal from McLean County vs. Illinois Central, December, 1855
15. Positive of 1st page of Lincoln's opinion on pre-emption question, March 6, 1856
16. Photograph, County seat markers of Lincoln Circuit, undated

17. Letter, Lincoln to Brayman to Robert Irwin, undated
(2 copies)
18. Report of Court Proceedings Brock Co. vs. S.C., 1857
19. Negative of letter, M. Brayman to W.P. Burran, December 28,
1853
20. Note, Lincoln to J.F. Joy, September 14, 1855
21. Letter, E. Lane to W.H. Osborne, August 12, 1857
(Includes transcripts)

Notes and Memoranda, 1836-1945

1. Typed page apparently from a Lincoln display, undated
2. Transcribed copy of letter, Lincoln to T.R. Webber, September
12, 1853 (from published sources, 2nd and 3rd copies)
3. List of some people who own Lincoln items, undated (other
unidentified sheets)
4. "Foreword" to compendium of Lincoln and Illinois Central,
carbon copy, undated; and carbon copy of Lincoln opinion on
Illinois Central Railroad Charter, March 6, 1856
5. Memo for file, Corliss (?) on Springfield visit, January 23,
1935
6. Carbon copy of excerpts from "New Letter and Papers of
Lincoln," by Paul Angle, undated
7. Typed excerpts from "Abraham Lincoln - The Prairie Years" by
Sandburg, undated
8. List of Lincoln's relations with Illinois Central Railroad
Company in 1850's, chronological listing, undated
9. Carbon copy of list of relations between Lincoln and Illinois
Central, 1836-1863
10. Extracts from a letter from Ebenezer Lane, August 14, 1857
11. Excerpt from Ch. 21 of "The Story of Chicago" by Joseph
Kirkland, undated
12. Handwritten notes, undated
13. Carbon copy of Lincoln's suit against Illinois Central, from
Brayman Papers, Chicago Historical Society, undated
14. Typed copy of "Abraham Lincoln, an Illinois Central Lawyer",
review in the *American Bar Association Journal* by Walter P.
Armstrong, November 1945
15. Typed excerpts from "Recollections of Abraham Lincoln" by
Ward H. Larson, 1847-1865
16. Miscellaneous notes and excerpts from Lincoln works, undated

Printed Material, 1930-1945

1. Post card, Lincoln's funeral car, undated
2. Post card, Lincoln Memorial, Council Bluffs, Iowa, undated
3. F. Lauriston Bullard, "The Other Lincoln," supplement to the
Lincoln Herald, June, 1941
4. Copy of address by Chauncey W. Reed, February 12, 1938 to D.C.
Society of the Dames of the Loyal Legion entitled, "Abraham
Lincoln - Love of Humanity," undated
5. Copy of address by Chauncey W. Reed to the House of
Representatives, "Abraham Lincoln: A Man for the Ages,"
February 12, 1936

6. *The Lincoln Herald*, vol. 44, October-December, 1942
7. Newspaper clipping on auction of Henry M. Leland, Lincolnia, *Chicago Tribune*, June 3, 1932
8. Clipping from the *Train Dispatcher* on how Lincoln collected his fee from Illinois Central, June, 1931
9. Clipping from *Chicago Post* on auction of Chicago and Alton Railroad, November 15, 1930
10. Newspaper clipping of proposal for State to buy old capital for Lincoln Shrine, *Chicago Sunday Tribune*, April 15, 1945
11. Newspaper clipping on custodian of Lincoln home, *Chicago Sun*, Sunday, April 15, 1945
12. Pamphlet, "The Corporation and the Historian," by Stanley Pargellis, 1944