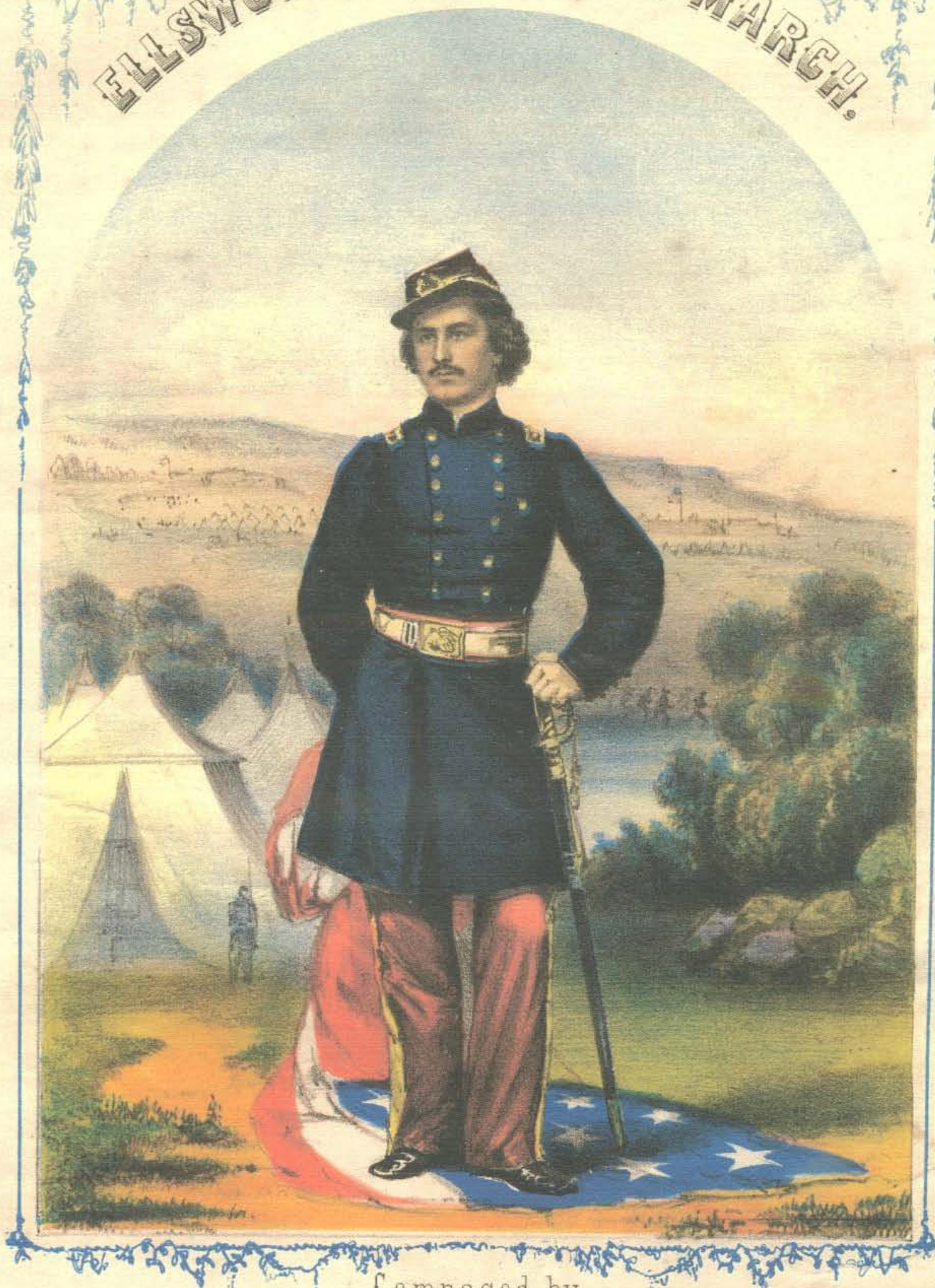




ABRAHAM LINCOLN,

SIXTEENTH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

ELLSWORTH'S FUNERAL MARCH.



Composed by

of P. B. C. a Blue taken a Blue will this afternoon and a Pink
 with this evening and are just beginning to feel the effect. But
 the letter coming this morning says my Darling Day for our Golden you & Golden
 M. J. Wrenna yesterday Oct. 12th 1863
 Breaking off connection of P. C.

My Dear Darling
 We are lying quietly at anchor off our
 station while the monitors make our belching forth their thunder
 at Hampton right in sight of us the Rebels that we learn has
 been about several times. We would never could stand the Monitor
 five three minutes and even the Monitor that she did not up by a
 two hundred pounds which struck her yesterday. With our guns
 as we can see the tracks and mortar by at every discharge of our
 guns. It would seem that the Monitor is laying a regular siege to Hampton
 she has had a lot of shot holes in the Monitor's shells

U.S.S. 3
 Mrs M. J. Wrenna
 (Anson)
 Mass

They will manage some how. I wish it was such. What a pleasure
 to hear left nothing and then the Monitor is so loaded. But I suppose
 you told me for some time ago. What will the Monitor do. I suppose
 another about her down. Has she not a shot at the
 it was a pleasure for me
 substance of the letter
 me one from his sister
 ing to some further
 men and with a real
 remembers even when we
 and yet earned. Many
 and yesterday was
 or Indian
 likely to be interesting
 they will manage some how.

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 SOLDIERS LETTERS

1862



FORT RANDALL, DAKOTA TERRITORY, Sep. 2, 1862.

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CAMPAIGN COVERS

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1861-1865

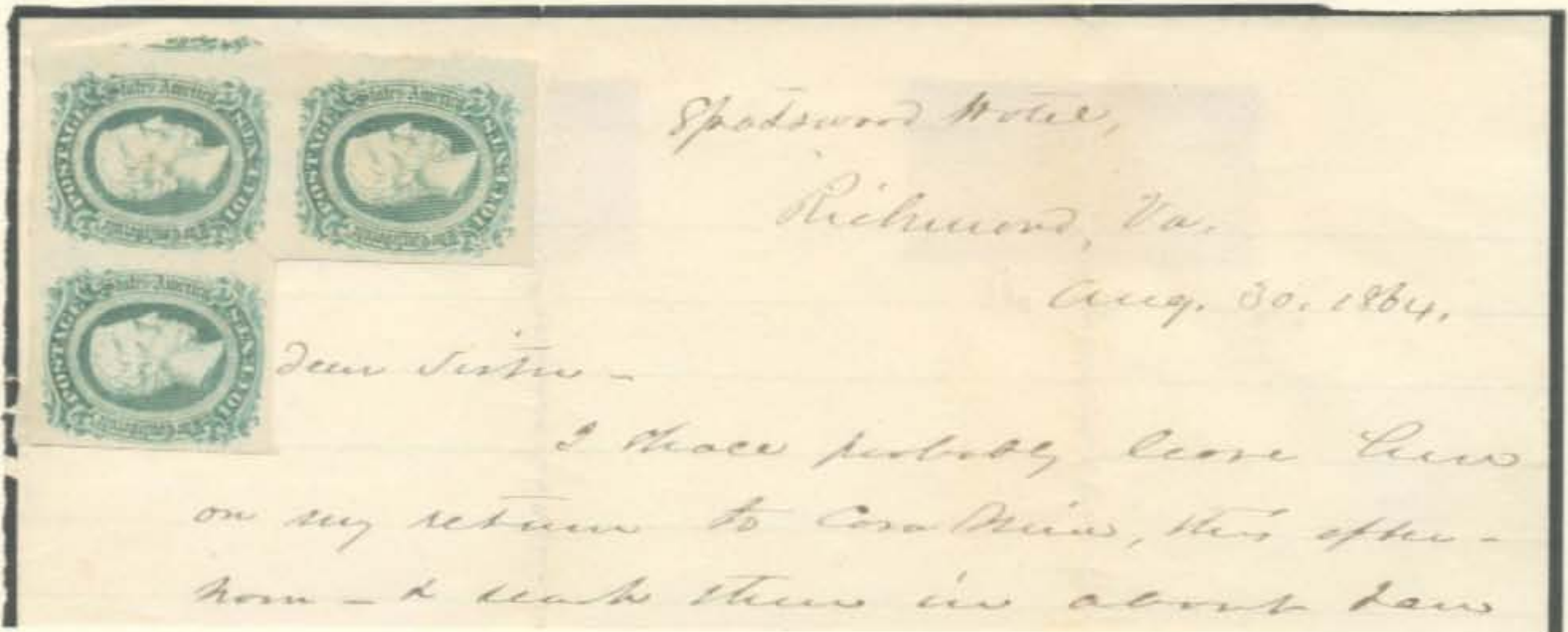


CARICATURE PATRIOTIC of Lincoln and General Scott carving up the turkey while Jeff Davis, as represented by the dog, looks on but will not "even get a bone."



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 MOURNING COVERS

1865



FLAG OF TRUCE MOURNING COVER The writer explains how to send a letter via **Flag of Truce** and enclosed a newspaper clipping of instructions along with Confederate stamps. The cover shown was prepaid from Richmond, Virginia by the three cent stamp and the Confederate postage was paid in cash. It made no difference to the U.S. regarding the Confederate share as long as the U.S. was paid.



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CONFEDERATE PATRIOTICS
1861-1865



CONFEDERATE USAGE OF A UNION PATRIOTIC COVER
FROM CLINTON, TENNESSEE, April 6, 1863.

Head Quarters of the Army,

Washington D.C.

September 10. 1863

Major General Schofield,

Atlanta,

General,

From telegram of the 3rd inst

reporting that demagogue has written

to by the President, was sent to the latter,

but he declined passing to the former

unless he should appear to him against

your orders that no invasion of Missouri

is shown he made by the people

of Kansas. The President fully

approves your determination to prevent

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be taken to break up and destroy

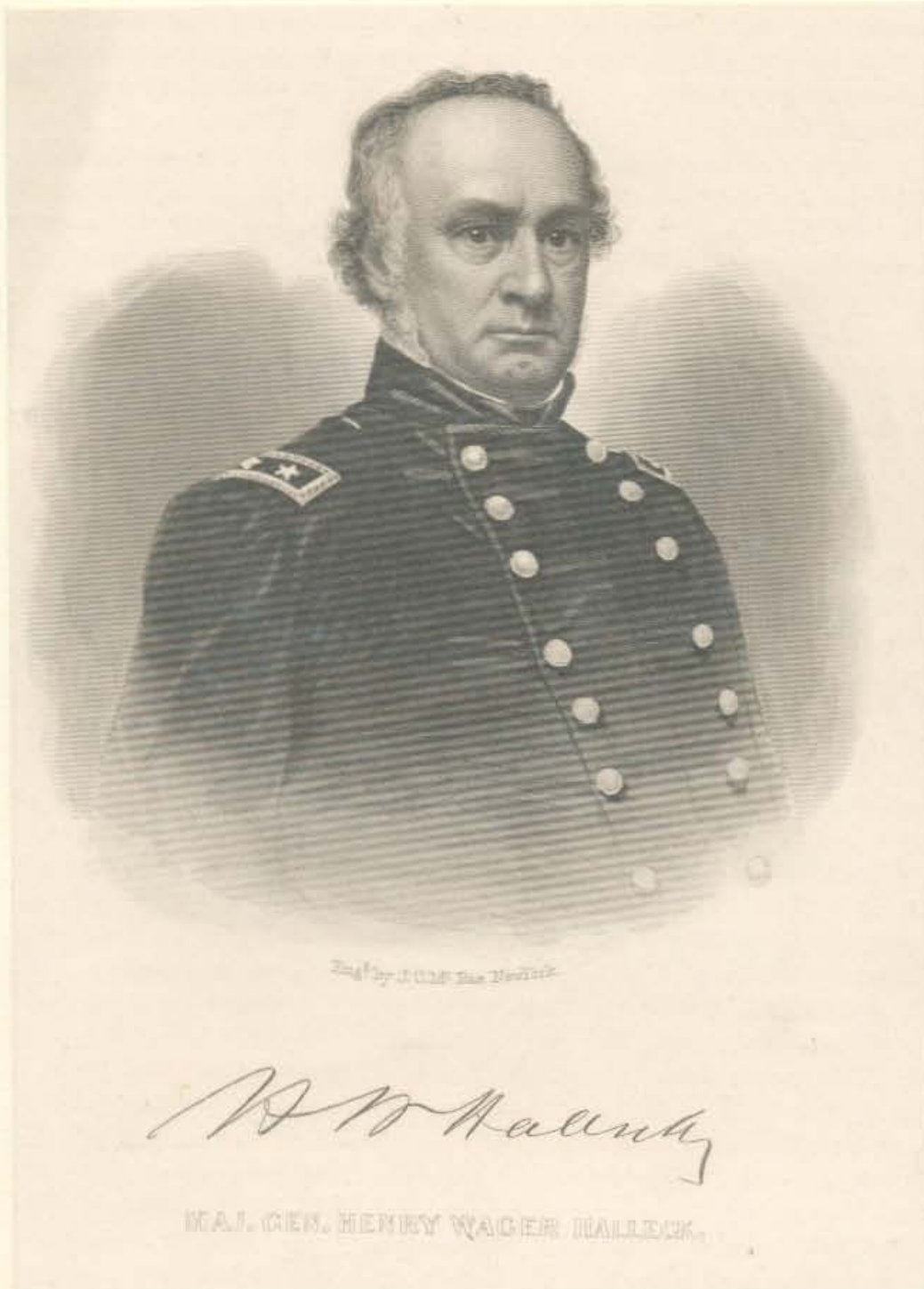
Greenback's bank of robbery and

murderers. Grant the three regiments

which General Pope is sending to you
in support of anti-fugitive for that purpose
I am at your disposal that all Missouri

A. Lincoln

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**THE LAWRENCE MASSACRE
"DESTROY QUANTRILL'S BAND
OF ROBBERS AND MURDERERS"**

On August 21, 1863, during the dark days of the Civil War, Wm. C. Quantrill and his guerrilla band of 450 men rode into Lawrence, Kansas. In the confusion and terror that followed, they burned and plundered and in the process killed 150 persons and almost wiped Lawrence from the map. **SEE** Lincoln's letter to Senator Drake in this collection regarding the situation in Kansas and Missouri and the Quantrill raid. The letter on opposite page was written September 10th, 1863 - 19 days after the Lawrence Massacre.

Henry W. Halleck, Lincoln's Chief of staff, writes to General John M. Schofield, commanding the Department of the Missouri: "Your telegram of the 3rd inst requesting that Senator Lane* be written to by the President, was sent to the latter, but he declined writing to the former unless he should appeal to him against your orders that no invasion of Missouri should be made by the people of Kansas. The President fully approves our determination to prevent any such invasion. It could only lead to bloodshed and retaliation. At the same time active measures must be taken to break up and destroy Quantrill's band of robbers and murderers. Cannot the three regiments which General Pope is sending to you be employed advantageously for that purpose? I am of opinion that all Missouri and Kansas troops should be removed from that border, and troops from other states be put in their places."

SEE Halleck's letter to Schofield on opposite page.

*Senator James Lane, Kansas.

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 CAMPAIGN COVERS

1860

Lincoln & Hamlin

Republican National Ticket.
Electors of President and Vice President,

LEONARD SWETT,
 JOHN M. PALMER,
 ALLEN C. FULLER,
 WM. B. PLATO,
 LAWRENCE WELDON,
 WM. P. KELLOGG,
 JAMES STARK
 JAMES C. CON
 H. P. H. BROM
 THOMAS G. A
 JOHN OLNEY.

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 FRANCIS A

For Secreta
 OZIAS M

For Auditor of
 JESSE K

For State
 WILLIAM

For Superintendent of
 NEWTON

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ELIHU B. W

For State
 SMITH D.

Regular Con

For Representative in
 JOHN F.

For Clerk of the Circuit Court,
 J. WILSON SHAFFER.

For Sheriff.

WILLIAM A. YOUNGMAN.

For Coroner,

LEVI A. MEASE.

For County Surveyor,
 WILLIAM O. SAXTON.

For a Constitutional Convention.

LINCOLN AND HAMLIN REPUBLICAN NATIONAL
 TICKET FROM THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.



CAMPAIGN COVER DATED SEPT. 8 (1860) USED
 FROM WESPORT CONN. TO READING PA.

Camping ground of 15th U.S. Inf. (Engineers)
Col. Medford Murphy Right in our Brigade

Workshop

Forward Division

Officers
Quarters

Company

Brigade
Commissary

Tents for men
Company Street

Company Street

Company Street

Sutlers
Tent

Company Street

24th
Street

Company Street

South

Brigade Headquarters

Company Street

Company Street

Company Street

Company Street

Company Street

Parade
Ground

Flags Staff

Carrriage drive

Quarters

Colonels
Tent

Adjutant's
Tent

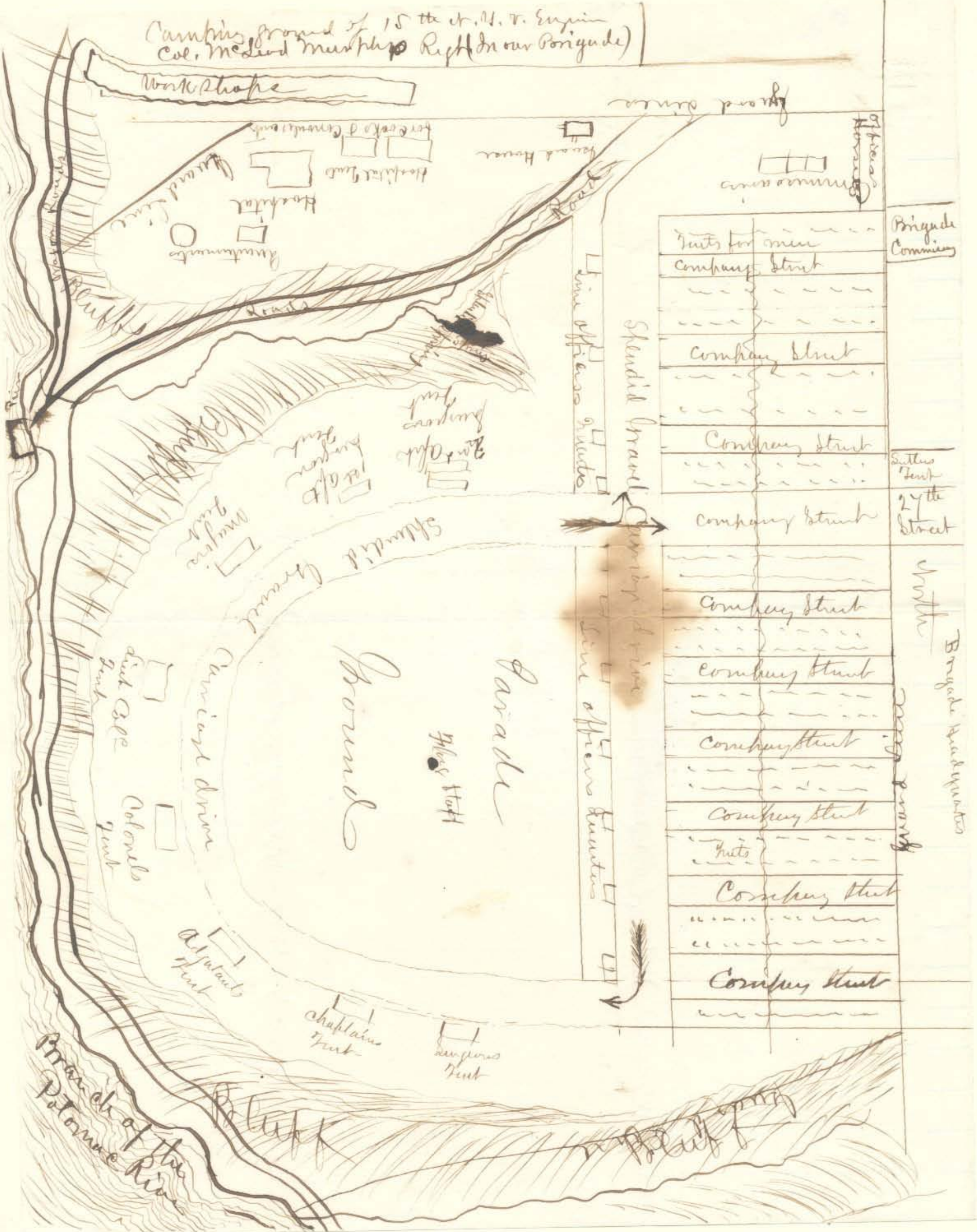
Chaplain's
Tent

Surgeons
Tent

Branch of the
Potomac River

Bluff

Bluff





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FREE FRANKS

1862



AUTOGRAPH OF JOHN G. HAY.

LINCOLN WITH HIS PRIVATE SECRETARIES,
JOHN G. NICOLAY AND JOHN HAY.



JOHN G. NICOLAY'S
"FREE FRANK" ON
PRESIDENTIAL
STATIONERY.
LETTER ENCLOSED,
DATED FEB 23, 1862.

FORD'S THEATRE

TENTH STREET, ABOVE E,

SEASON II WEEK XXXI NIGHT 191

WHOLE NUMBER OF NIGHTS, 495.

JOHN T. FORD, PROPRIETOR AND MANAGER

(Also of Holliday St. Theatre, Baltimore, and Academy of Music, Phila.)

Stage Manager, J. R. WRIGHT

Treasurer, H. CLAY FORD

Friday Evening, April 14th, 1865

THIS EVENING

The Performance will be honored by the presence of

PRESIDENT LINCOLN

BENEFIT!

—AND—

LAST NIGHT

OF MISS

LAURA KEENE

As originally produced in America by Miss Keene, THEOPHRESS AND ACTRESS.

ONE THOUSAND NIGHTS,
ENTITLED
OUR AMERICAN

COUSIN

FLORENCE TRENCHARD MISS LAURA KEENE

A. Lincoln

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AND TIMES

1865

Following the death of Lincoln, there was such a demand for copies of the program for the night of the 14th that, reprints were made and sold as originals. The one shown on this page was one of the reprints which were altered to include the announcement that Lincoln would attend the theatre that evening.

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As originally produced in America by Miss Keene, and performed by her pupils at

AN AUTHENTIC
EXPOSITION
OF THE
"K.G.C."
KNIGHTS OF THE GOLDEN CIRCLE
OR A
HISTORY OF SECESSION

From
1834
to
1861



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THIRTY-THIRD YEAR. }
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NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19,

The Latest News

By Telegraph to the N. Y. Sun.

GLORIOUS WAR NEWS!

CAPTURE OF SALISBURY, N. C.

13 Cannon, 1,165 Prisoners, and Supplies to an Immense Amount Secured.

GEN. SHERMAN'S ADVANCE

Capture of Raleigh.

Gov. Vance Taken Prisoner.

OUR WASHINGTON DISPATCHES.

ARREST of the "FRENCH LADY"

He is Recognized as Mr. Seward's Assailant.

BOOTH NOT YET ARRESTED

Speech of President Johnson.

INDICATIONS OF HIS POLICY.

Mr. Lincoln Lying in State.

His Remains to Pass Through this City.

THE OBSEQUIES TO-DAY.

&c., &c., &c.

GENERAL STONEMAN.

Capture of Salisbury, N. C.—Immense Supplies Secured.

Lenoir, Tenn., April 16.—The expedition under Major-General Stoneman, which left Knoxville, Tenn., on the 10th of March, struck the East Tennessee road on the 14th inst., at Wytheville, Christiansburg and Salem, Va. Between these places 33 bridges were burned, and 25 miles of track totally destroyed. Many prisoners were taken, and considerable quantities of corn and other stores destroyed.

On the 6th, Gen. Stoneman moved via Jacksonville, Danbury and Macksville, arriving at Erant's Creek, three miles from Salisbury, N. C., the rebel line for the defence of the town, at 6 A. M. on the 11th inst. This line was defended by artillery and infantry, but was soon forced, and our forces entered Salisbury at 10 A. M., capturing eight stands of colors, nineteen pieces of artillery, 1,165 prisoners, 1,000 stand of arms and accoutrements, 1,000,000 rounds of small ammunition, and 1,000 rounds of fixed ammunition (shells), 60,000 pounds of powder, 75,000 complete suits of clothing, 350,000 army blankets, 20,000 pounds of bacon, 100,000 pounds of salt, 20,000 pounds of sugar, 27,000 pounds of rice, 10,000

Ridge thrice, and marching 500 miles by headquarter since the 20th of last month. The rapidity of our movements usually caused our advance guard to herald our approach, making a complete surprise. Gen. Gillem, the immediate commander of the Division, will make the detailed report of the expedition. The only casualty on my staff was the wounding of Capt. Morrow, A. A. G., in the right knee. This young officer, with Major Keogh, Major Bascom, Capt. Chamberlain and Capt. Allen, all of my staff, I wish to bring to your special attention.

(Signed) GEORGE STONEMAN, Major General.
G. H. THOMAS, Major General.

GENERAL CANBY.

Official Report of the Capture of Mobile.

WAR DEPARTMENT, April 18.

Maj.-Gen. John A. Dix:

The following dispatches from Major-General Canby report the capture of Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely, which forms a part of the rebel defences of the city of Mobile:

HEADQUARTERS, M. D., W. MISSISSIPPI,
IN THE FIELD, April 9, 1865.

Maj.-Gen. H. W. Halleck, Chief of Staff:

Spanish Fort and its dependencies were captured last night. We have 26 officers and 538 enlisted men prisoners, and have taken 5 mortars and 25 guns. The major part of the garrison escaped by water. Blakely is already invested, and will be assaulted to-day, unless the works are stronger than I now believe them to be. I have also the honor to report the capture this day of the rebel fortifications at Blakely with 2,400 prisoners and 20 guns.

ED. R. S. CANBY, Major-General.

SECOND OFFICIAL DISPATCH.

Washington, April 18, P. M.—Official information has just reached this Department of the occupation of Mobile on the 12th inst., by the troops under the command of Major Gen. Canby. No particulars of the capture have yet been received.

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

Other Accounts.

Cairo, April 18.—Letters dated Headquarters, Military Division of West Mississippi, Spanish Fort, April 9th, say the left lunette of Spanish Fort having previously been taken by Gen. Smith, the enemy evacuated the other parts of the fort at daylight of the 9th. Col. Bertran's brigade immediately occupied the fort, and found two brass howitzers, one 20, and one 30 pounder Parrott, six Napoleons, two 6 pounders, one eight inch mortar, several eighth inch Columbiads, a large quantity of ammunition, but no mules or horses and but few rations. The guns were spiked with nails. Our prisoners number 26 officers and 537 men. The capture of Spanish Fort gives us Forts Alex's, Eugene and Blakely.

Lakeport, April 13.—I have just arrived from Mobile. The Stars and Stripes were hoisted on batteries Porter and Mackintosh at 10.30 A. M. yesterday, and on a church steeple of Mobile at 2.30 P. M. General Granger's forces occupy the city. The rebels commenced evacuating on the 10th, and continued until yesterday, when they had all left. The tug boat Allens was blown up by torpedoes yesterday.

GENERAL SHERMAN.

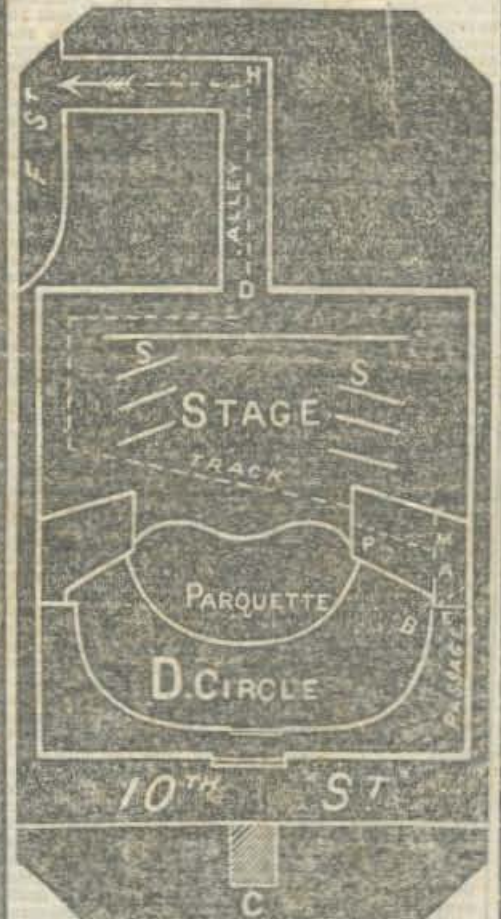
Capture of Raleigh, Etc.

[Correspondence of the Sun.]

Fortress Monroe, April 15.—The steamer Admiral Dupont arrived here yesterday afternoon from Morehead city, N. C., and brought advices to a still later date from Gen. Sherman's forces. Gen. Sherman, having left Goldsboro' in his rear, at once struck out

assassin was inside the box at the time the pistol was discharged.

A railroad conductor on the Baltimore and Washington road, says that he recently asked Booth why he did not return to the stage, and the reply was, "I have quit the stage; what I want now is to do something that the world will remember for all time!" Misguided youth! he has accomplished his ambition fearfully; his name will be remembered forever in the same list with those of Judas, Benedict Arnold, and Brutus, and blacker than them all. The editor of the Union of this city, reports a conversation he had with Booth in Pennsylvania avenue on Friday, (the day of the murder) in which the latter stated that several Canadian managers were seeking an engagement with him, and he thought he might go to Canada soon. A report comes from Point Lookout to-day that one of the assassins has been captured in St. Mary's County.



The enclosed plan of Ford's Theatre, I have prepared for the purpose of explaining more clearly to you the movements of the assassin, before and after committing the terrible crime, as ascertained by the different investigations and statements of witnesses. After leaving his horse in charge of an attache, in the alley-way, at the rear of the theatre, Booth went around to the front entrance on Tenth street, and was observed by several persons standing in the passage-way in the rear of the dress circle. One man says he saw an individual approach the President's servant—sitting where letter B is marked on the plan. The attendant conversed with this man, who exhibited some documents. Immediately after, the individual disappeared. According to the appearances in the vicinity, it is believed that Booth passed through the door at E into the dark passage between the President's box and the wall of the theatre. This door he fastened with a board, one end of which

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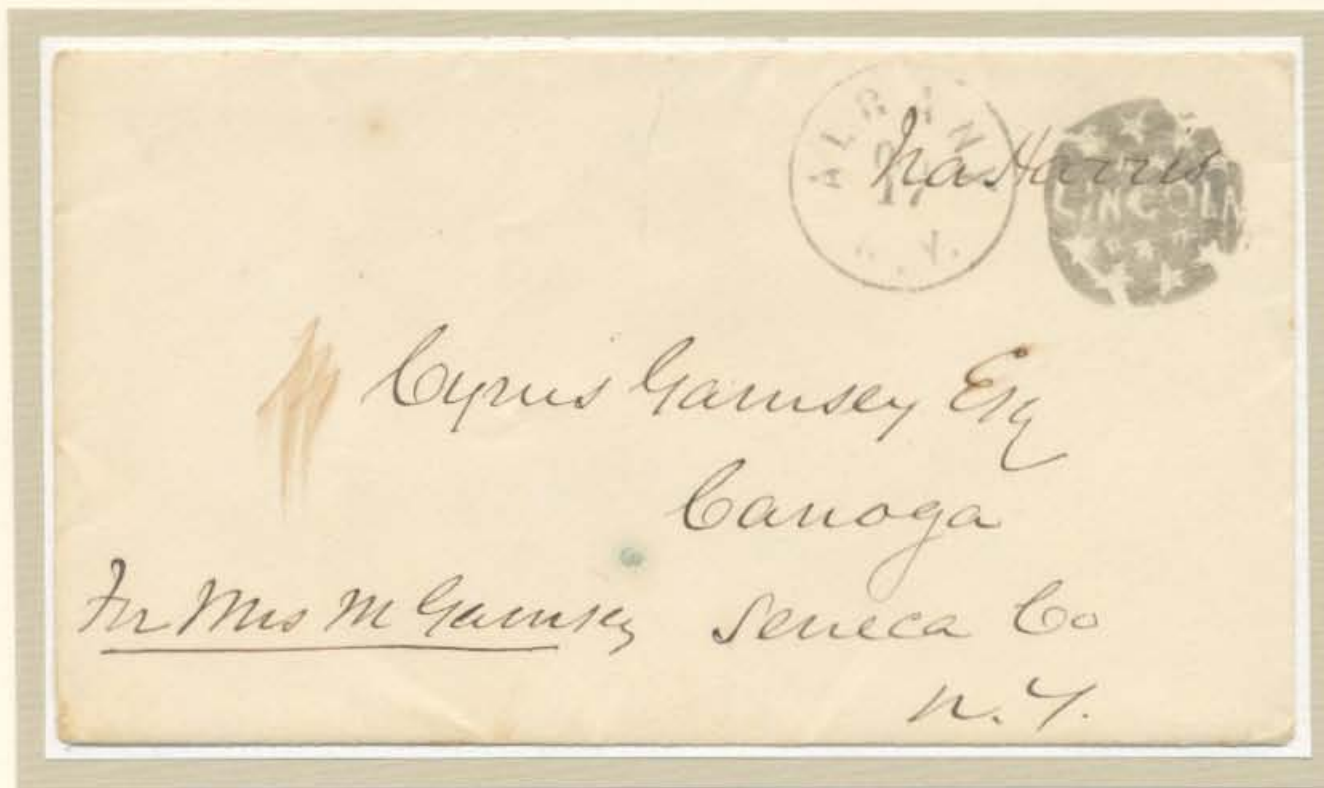


PICTURE OF J. WILKES BOOTH AND HIS UNCOMMON SIGNATURE ON HARNDEN EXPRESS CO. RECEIPT. BOOTH AN ACTOR AND SOUTHERN SYMPATHIZER, SHOT PRESIDENT LINCOLN IN FORD'S THEATRE, WASHINGTON D.C. APRIL 14, 1865.

Wm W. W. W. W.

A. Lincoln
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MOURNING COVERS

1865



LINCOLN and Stars Mourning Cancel. This negative cancel in black was created by the Albany, N.Y. post office following the assassination of Lincoln. So far it is only known used in 1865 after Lincoln's death. It is usually used on the 3¢ 1861 stamp and is scarce on cover, but very rare on a stamps free-franked cover. Senator Ira Harris was the father of Clara Harris, who along with her fiance, Maj. Henry Rathbone, accompanied President and Mrs. Lincoln to Ford's Theater on the fateful night of April 14th, 1865. Years later Rathbone became derranged and murdered his wife Clara. His mental disorder was probably brought on by blaming himself for not preventing Booth from killing Lincoln. SEE "Cover of Death" in this collection.

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**PRESIDENTIAL
FREE FRANK
1862**



COVER OF DEATH. This petite mourning cover was one of a very few franked by the president for Mrs. Lincoln following the death of their son William (Willie) in February of 1862. It is postmarked at Washington D.C. on April 8, 1862 and is addressed in the hand of Mrs. Lincoln to the wife of Senator Ira Harris of New York.

When the Lincolns attended Ford's Theater, the night of April 14th. they were accompanied by Major Henry R. Rathbone and his fiance Clara Harris the daughter of Madam Harris to whom the cover is addressed. When J. Wilkes Booth sent a small ball of lead crashing into the brain of Abraham Lincoln he set in motion a series of tragic events that would affect himself and the others in the box. Ten years later Mary Todd Lincoln was declared insane and died on July 15, 1882, Rathbone married Clara Harris, and while in Germany supervising the education of their three children, he became insanely jealous of his wife and on Christmas Eve 1883 he killed her and shot himself. He recovered and was committed to an asylum for the criminally insane at Hildesheim, Germany where he died on August 14, 1911. In one of the greatest manhunts in American history Booth was run down and cornered in a barn by the 16th New York Cavalry. When he refused to surrender the barn was set on fire and he was shot and killed by Sergeant Boston Corbett on April 27, 1865.

THE PHILATELIC FOUNDATION

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THE NATION MOURNS



ITS CHIEF HAS FALLEN.

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PM
APR 16
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Edwin C. Hall
Cambridgeport
Mass.

NEW YORK, THURSDAY

FIRST EDITION.

Half-past One

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE ASSASSIN BOOTH KILLED.

His Accomplice Herold Captured.

The Assassins Chased into Virginia.

The Sixteenth New York Cavalry
the Pursuers.

BOOTH AND HEROLD FOUND IN A BARN.

Booth Shot by a Sergeant.

SURRENDER OF HEROLD.

A Maryland Surgeon Arrested for
Aiding Booth's Escape.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, April 27—9:30 A. M.

Major-General Dix:

J. Wilkes Booth and Herold were chased from the swamp in St. Mary's county, Maryland, to Garratt's farm, near Port Royal, on the Rappahannock, by Colonel Baker's force.

The barn in which they took refuge was fired. Booth, in making his escape, was shot through the head and killed, lingering about three hours, and Herold was captured.

Booth's body and Herold are now here.

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

[To the Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Yesterday morning a squadron of the Sixteenth New York cavalry traced Booth and Herold to a barn between Bowling Green and Port Royal, near Fredericksburg, Virginia.

The barn was surrounded and a demand made for their surrender, which Herold was in favor of doing, but upon Booth calling him a coward he refused to do so.

The barn was then set on fire, and upon its getting too hot Herold again presented himself, and put his hands through the door to be handcuffed.

While this was going on Booth fired upon the soldiers, upon which a soldier fired at him.

GENERAL ORDER, No. 51.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,

Washington, April 15, 1865.

The Department announces with profound sorrow to the officers and men of the Navy and Marine Corps the death of ABRAHAM LINCOLN, late President of the United States. Stricken down by the hand of an assassin on the evening of the 14th instant, when surrounded by his family and friends, he lingered a few hours after receiving the fatal wound, and died at seven o'clock twenty-two minutes this morning.

A grateful people had given their willing confidence to the patriot and statesman under whose wise and successful administration the nation was just emerging from the civil strife which for four years has afflicted the land, when this terrible calamity fell upon the country. To him our gratitude was justly due, for to him, under God, more than to any other person, we are indebted for the successful vindication of the integrity of the Union, and the maintenance of the power of the Republic.

The officers of the Navy and Marine Corps will, as a manifestation of their respect for the exalted character, eminent position, and inestimable public services of the late President, and as an indication of their sense of the calamity which the country has sustained, wear the usual badge of mourning for six months.

The Department further directs, that upon the day following the receipt of this order, the commandants of squadrons, navy yards, and stations will cause the ensign of every vessel in their several commands to be hoisted at half-mast, and a gun to be fired every half hour, beginning at sunrise and ending at sunset. The flags of the several navy-yards and marine barracks will also be hoisted at half-mast.

GIDEON WELLES,

Secretary of the Navy.

A. Lincoln-

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THE NAVY

1860-1865

News of the death of Abraham Lincoln was received by the gunboat fleet on the Mississippi River April 18th - just four days after the assassination.

U.S.S. Gazelle April 19, 1865

Dear Ada

I received yours of March 28th this morning the same I should received that mail but I did not get any and Oh how lonesome I have been I was so afraid you were ill I knew I was going to hear bad news for I have not any for several months I was going to hear and of course I thought from home but the steamers come down their flags at half informed of the noblest and best friend



U.S.S. GAZELLE April 19, 1865.

Letter written by James E. Howard, a sailor onboard the gunboat GAZELLE, operating on the Mississippi River. The following extract is from the letter: "I have not slept Scarcely any for several nights - I told Smith I was going to hear Some very bad [news] and of course I thought it must be from home but yesterday when the Steamer came down the River with their Flags at half mast we were informed of the Death of Our noblest and best Friend the President - Also of William H. Swards Death - all our Boats were dressed in like Mourning and instead of rejoicing as we have been for the past few Days at the glorious victorys won we are now mourning the sadest colamity that ever befell a nation - it is a splended sight to see ships all dressed with their colors Spread to the breze as their always are after a great victory - Every Ship has from 50 to 300 flags and no two alike for the same ship - there is great talk of peace & some think we are going to be discharged soon". The balance of this eight page letter is in regards to problems onboard the ship and personal matters. The letter is to his wife Ada. In ending he adds "We did not get any money when we si[g]ned accounts but have the promise of some soon - I want a little to get postage stamps & tobacco".

The letter was placed in the mails as per postmark at CAIRO ILL APR 20 1865. The gunboat GAZELLE mounted 6 12 pound canon and was part of the river fleet.

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MOURNING COVERS

1865



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1865



FOR GOOD OR EVIL

The cover shown above is probably the most unique of Lincoln covers because of its design. In the background an angel is waving a banner proclaiming *INVESTED WITH UNLIMITED POWER FOR GOOD OR EVIL*. The two female figures to the left are apparently weeping as one of them holds a white handkerchief on her lap, while a "devil", as black as hell, looks over Lincoln's left shoulder. This unusual design by Charles Magnus could very well be a MOURNING COVER. It is postmarked at Washington, D.C. May 16th with no year date.

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December 20

I went to Tillingasht this PM. It has seven guns, getting a revolver. It is a Smith and Wesson seven shooter.

Feb. 26

Arlinghouse Virginia I saw Brition, the scout, at Upton Hill. He was a scout in the Mexican War.

Feb. 22, 1962

General King had his brigade, four regiments, out in front of the house this AM. They fired several rounds. One man had a ramrod shot through his leg, below the knee. Saw a Secesh prisoner who was captured out on the front.

Monday March the 10th

Recieved message telling troops to be ready at four PM, all excitment, considerable telagraphing. Manassas is occupied by our forces.

March 13

Today I got information which leads me to believe that the bedstead we sleep on is the one Washington died on.

Friday 14th

Quite a number of ladies and gentlemen came into our office today, to see the bedstead Washington died on.

March 18th

That troops embarking at Alexandria today. Good news from General Burnside. General McClellans horse fell with the General today, but General not seriously injured.

March 22nd, Saturday

Embarkation of troops at Alexandria goes on rapidly.

March 24

Quite a number of ladies and gentlemen in my office today to see the Washington bedstead. Mc Clellans troops embarking as fast as possible. Some fighting near Winchester Va. Our side ahead.

March 31

Last night we had a thunderstorm. And as I was about to cut the instrument out an explosion took place in the office. Lighting jumped from one wire to the other, made ears ring. Loud as a pistol. A young man who was in a room adjoining the office said a ball of fire the size of his two fists flew over his head. The lighting did considerable damage on the line. Line down this morning.

Wed. April 2nd

Today I am twenty years old.

1865

March 10

A boat with about 800 exchanged prisoners stopped at wharf. They were thin and all looked as if they had seen hard times. Five dead were left here to be buried. Two died while boat was at wharf. It seems hard for them to die on their way North after getting out of Rebel prisons. These poor fellows were starved almost to death while our Government feeds our prisoners well.

March 13 Fort Monroe, Va.

Tonight two messages were handed in here. One was a cipher, the other reported General Sherman had whipped General Bragg and made him retreat.

March 14

Major General Crook and Kelly, who were captured last month at Cumberland arrived here this PM from City Point and took the boat for Baltimore. I saw them both. General Kelly is the oldest.

March 16

The Steamship Fulton with a party of Senators aboard started for Charleston this AM. I sent a message to Sec. Stanton from Hon. James Grimes. In it he said it was their fixed expectation that before they returned it would be all over with Richmond and the Rebellion. They expect to be gone 10 to 14 days.

March 18

Sec. Stanton with a small party of ladies and gentlemen came down from City Point today and stopped here. A Salute was fired from the Fort. I had a good view of the Secy. A fine looking man.

March 24

President Lincoln and his wife came down on the "River Queen" this AM and left about 2 PM for City Point. I did not see them. I don't think they got off the boat.

March 27

Saw General Sherman today. He was on deck off a blockade runner. He is of good height and not fleshy. His face rather thin, with reddish chin and side whiskers which are trimmed short. He was dressed plainly - no "airs" about him. Very much like General Grant in that respect. He went aboard the Steamer "Blackbird" and started for City Point. The President is now at City Point and I presume there will be considerable talking tonight between Generals Grant and Sherman and the President.

April 3

Glorious news received today. This AM about 10:30 a message was sent to me for Major James. Information read as follows.

Richmond, Va. April 3, 1865

Provost Marshal

Took Richmond at 8:15 this morning.

G. Weitzel, Major General

April 3 (con't) Fort Monroe

Soon after the news of the capture of Petersburg, Va. came. All seemed to want to celebrate the events. Salute was fired, steamers and tugs blew their whistles for some time. Large flag raised atop this building, a band played music and Dr. Craven gave a speech. Abraham Lincoln was in Richmond this morning.

A. Lincoln
 HIS LIFE AND TIMES
 MOURNING COVERS



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IMPEACHMENT OF ANDREW JOHNSON
IN THE WAKE OF THE LINCOLN
ASSASSINATION.

President Johnson was impeached by the House of Representatives in the last days of February and the trial began on March 13, 1868. The letter on this page was written on February 24th, at the time preliminary proceedings were being enacted: "Great excitement. Stanton refuses to yield the office. Stanton has arrested Thomas as you will see. 10. O'clock Monday, the whole capitol is crowded, with excited men and women. Andy will be impeached today by the House... Fighting is now going on in the Celoons with fifts. All the Chief officers of the Grand Army of Rep(ublic) will be in Washington by Tuesday. 1,500 colored men, armed to the teeth, are ready at a moments notice. All may pass off quietly & blood may flow in an hour. Andies friends advise revolution. The friends of Congress advise firmness. Congress will not yield an inch come what may..." The Democrats and 7 Republicans failed to convict by just one vote. Cover is postmarked and franked by John Coburn a member of Congress Fenruary 24, 1868.

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United States Senate Chamber.

Washington. Feb 24 1868

H. Easkine

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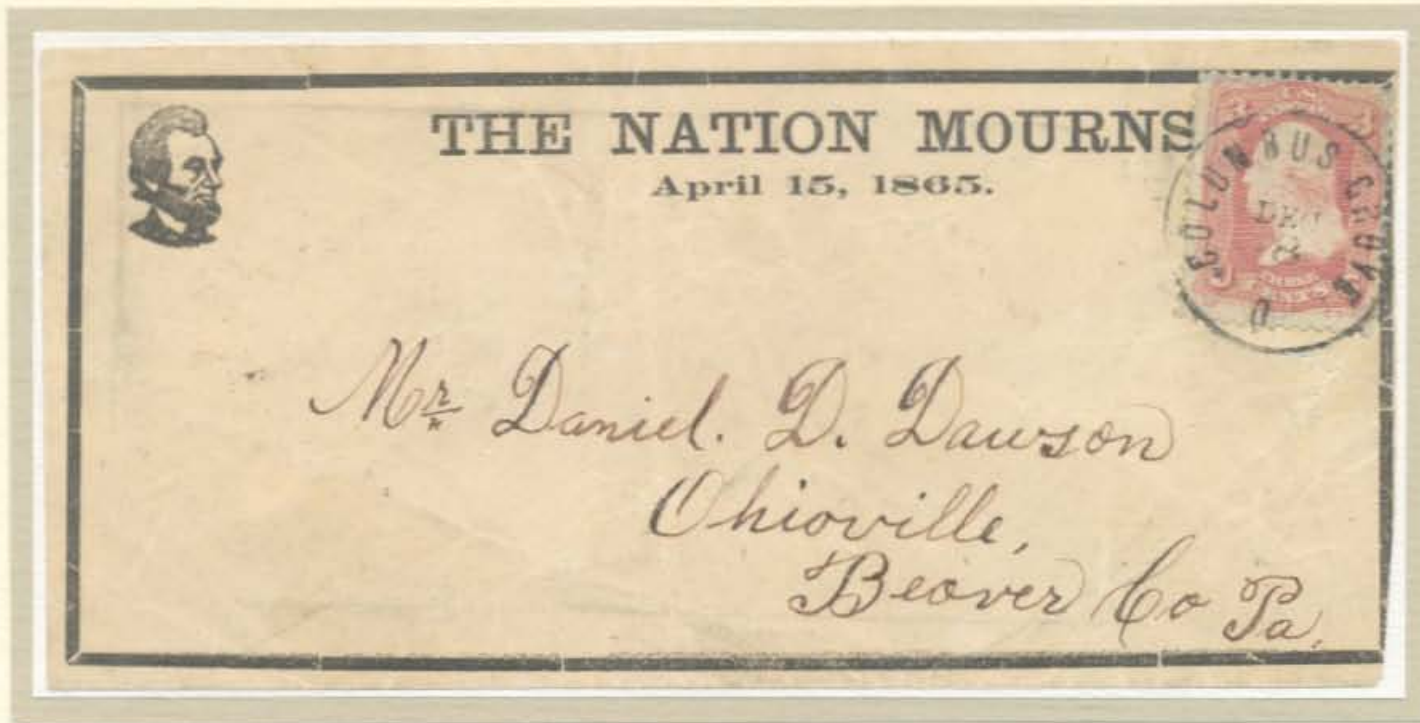


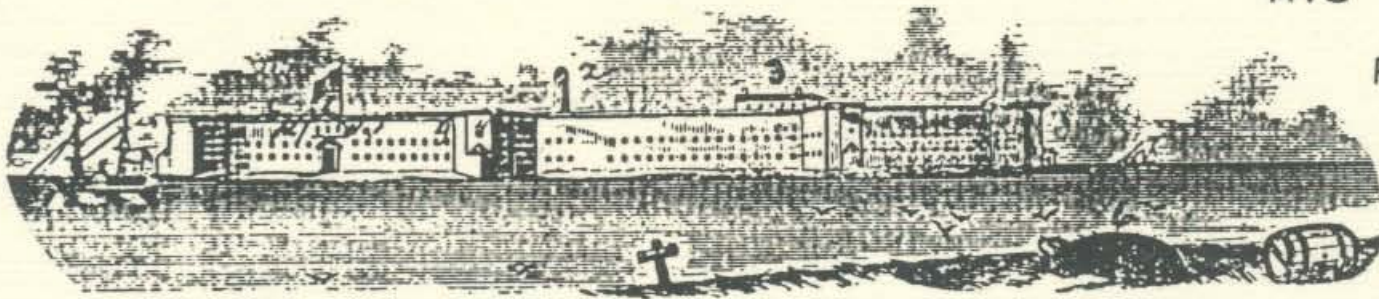
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FORT JEFFERSON, DRY TORTUGAS ISLAND

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PATRIOTIC COVERS

1861-1865



AMERICA'S DEVILS ISLAND

FORT JEFFERSON Located about seventy five miles due west of Key West, in the Dry Tortugas, in the Gulf of Mexico. Building began in 1846 before the outbreak of the Mexican War, It was to be a principal link in the nations chain of coast defense. The massive structure, with walls eight feet thick and fifty feet high, occupied most of Garden Key. The highest point of the island was only three feet above sea level. The hexagonal perimeter was a half-mile, and with the tremendous weight of tons of concrete, granite and bricks, it almost pressed the island back into the sea. The work had been stopped previous to the Civil War and the fort abandoned. With the outbreak of hostilities it was occupied by troops and mostly completed. It became an army prison for deserters who had had their death sentence commuted by President Lincoln. However, its most notable prisoners were Dr. Samuel Mudd, Michael O'Laughlin, Samuel Arnold and Edward Spangler, who had been convicted for conspiracy in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. The first three were sentenced to life and Spangler to six years. O'Laughlin died in prison and the others were pardoned by President Johnson as one of his last acts before leaving office. The post office at the fort was established on October 28, 1861 with Horace Brook as postmaster. It was probably discontinued in 1867.

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For the Prairie
I wrote that
Esteemed friend.

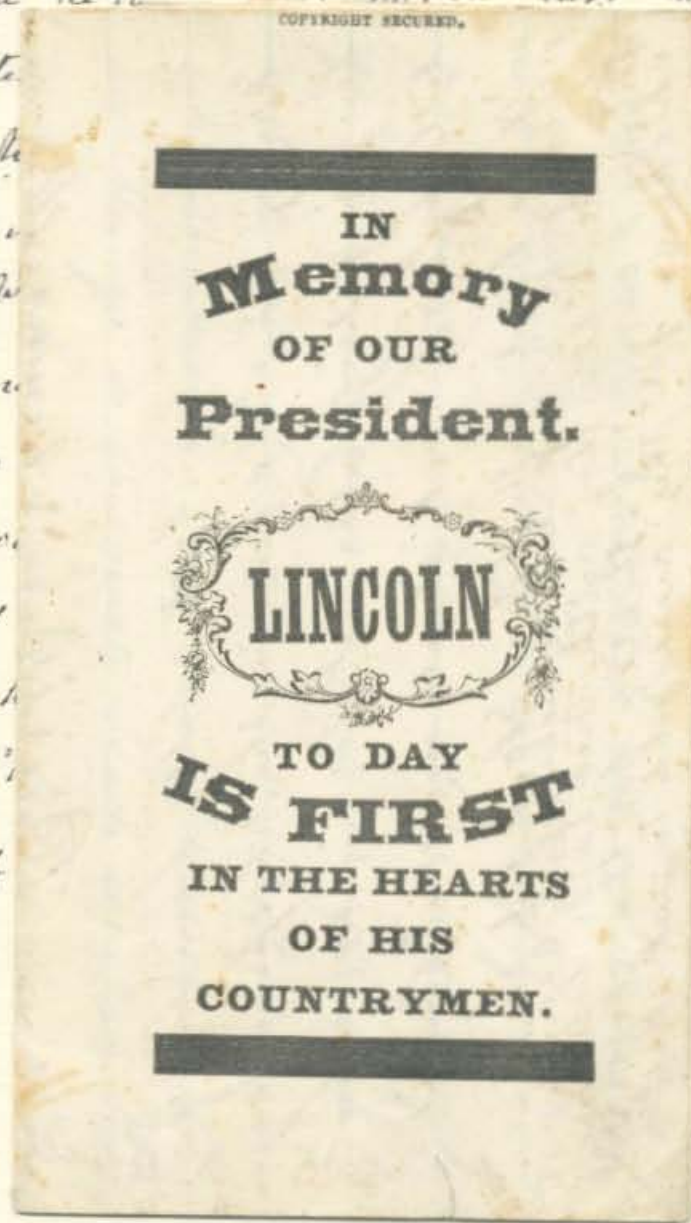
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May the 7th. 1865.

I quite unexpectedly
received a letter from you last week. I was
surprised to receive it.

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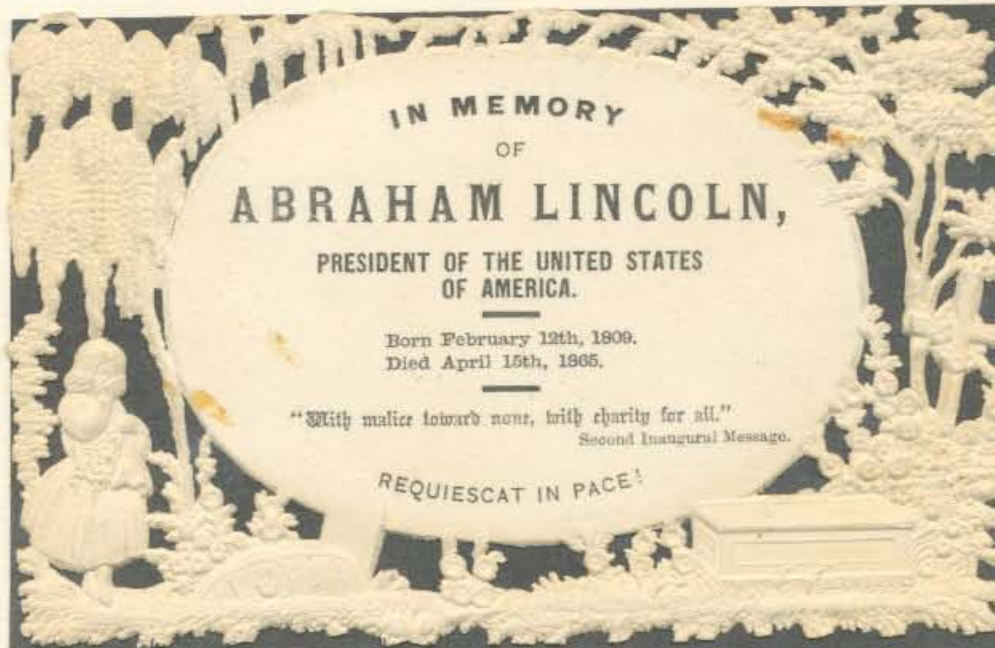
to reply
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When lilacs last in the dooryard bloomed, and
the great star early drooped in the western
sky in the night, I mourned, and yet shall
mourn with ever returning spring.
Walt Whitman

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1865



"WE MOURN A FATHER SLAIN," WASHINGTON D. C. TO BURLINGTON NEW JERSEY, SHOWING

DOUBLE LETTER RATE.

A. Lincoln



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Cover from San Francisco to France, Jun. 29, 1867.

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By the first Bremen or Hamburg Steamer.

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I THINK OF THEE.
By the genial light,
Of the camp-fire bright,
In bivouac, as we talk
Of home—
Soon silence's fall,
Casts a still o'er all,
Each sadly thinks of
Her—his own.

THE WESTERN MAILS



Salem, Mass.

Sunday eve, Jan 5th, 62

Dear Frank

I have long

Salem, Me
Jan 7th



Mr Frank W Colender



My Clara & Page

Portland



Mrs. C. C. Emerson.
Care Louis Tappan Esq.
Athol, Mass.

SOUVENIR

GEN. GRANT'S

VISIT TO

CHICAGO



MADE FROM SILK USED BY THE



CLUB

in decorating box at McVicker's
Theatre, occupied by Gen.
Grant as guest of the

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REGIMENT

I. N. G.

THE GRECIAN "PENT" FOR
THE WHITE HOUSE,



PUBLISHED BY C. H. ANDERSON,
444 Seventh St. opp. Patent Office,
WASHINGTON, D. C.



U. S. Grant



Above MINNEAPOLIS NOV. 11, 1930. Below LINCOLN, WASH. FEB 12, 1934. BOTTOM FAIRFIELD, IOWA JUNE 15, 1929.

