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Biographical Sketch

Richard Friend Lufkin was a professional civil engineer and head of the Richard Lufkin Company (engineers, draftsmen, artists, and cartographers). He was an Abraham Lincoln scholar and published a number of writings and illustrated maps revolving around Lincoln and his time spent in New England. He was also a popular speaker around New England on Lincoln related topics. In 1957 he traveled to Rome for the purpose of giving a presentation about Lincoln, in Italian, resulting in an honorary membership in the Society of Romans.


Scope and Content Note

This collection is a part of the Lincoln Group of Boston Collection. The majority of material revolves around the lectures given by Richard F. Lufkin with an emphasis on Abraham Lincoln in New England. Other early members of the Lincoln Group of Boston are represented.

Related collections include the Lincoln Group of Boston Collection and the sub-collections from members of this organization such as Lufkin.
Box and Folder List

Box 1

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1. Letter – tribute from MA Governor Paul A. Dever to the LGB, April 24, 1950
2. Information on the 1st LGB meetings and other meeting from the 1940s + 50s.
3. List of LGB members as of 1953
4. Correspondence- LGB related, 1950-1956
5. Correspondence- between LGB members over a publication, 1952
7. Legislative history of the act establishing Lincoln Day in Massachusetts, by Lufkin, 1952
8. “Mr. Lincoln’s Light from Under a Bushel”- 1850, 1851, 1852, by Lufkin; 1852 Pamphlet from a LG of B talk, 1950-1952
9. “Mr. Lincoln’s Light from Under a Bushel- 1855” edited typescript, 1956
10. “Abraham Lincoln in 1850,” A talk delivered to the LGB of B by Lufkin, 1950
11. Lufkin’s notes for a speech on the Lincoln-Douglas Debate of 1858, undated
12. “Lincoln’s Links with Gloucester,” lecture, slides, notes and other related info by Lufkin, undated
17. “Abraham Lincoln in the Vicinity of the Park Street Church,” by Lufkin, 1958
18. “Lincoln’s Links with Medford,” by Lufkin, undated
20. “What Did Abraham Lincoln do on his Birthdays from 1850 thru 1865?”, presented by Lufkin at a Lincoln Round Table by the Civil War Study Group of Winchester, 1960
21. Lectures of Richard F. Lufkin- list of titles other information, undated
23. Correspondence- Lufkin’s Lincolniana dealings; Lincoln National Life Foundation bibliography committee, 1955-56
24. Lufkin’s research on Lincoln’s Court causes from 1854-55, undated

Box 2

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1. Letter from MA Governor Christian Herter, 1953
2. Correspondence- Lufkin miscellaneous, 1949-1955
3. Correspondence - non-LGB related
4. Correspondence - non-LGB related
5. Correspondence - non-LGB related
6. Charts of Lincoln’s life from 1850-1854, c. 1954
7. Lincoln and Lufkin Ephemera, undated
8. Invitation to Governor Volpe’s reception, and response by Lufkin on behalf of Bostonian Society, 1961
9. Lufkin’s invoices from the Boston Book and Art Shop, 1945
10. Invitation and response between MA Secretary of the Commonwealth, Kevin H. White, and Lufkin, 1961
11. Etching of a Boston building by Peter D. Peterson, sent to Lufkin-President of the Bostonian Society, 1960
12. Letter from Lufkin to Herbert Hoover, March 20, 1933
14. Newspaper containing large map of Middlesex County drawn by Lufkin, 1950
15. James Morgan editorials, along with a letter from Morgan to Lufkin, 1953
16. Photograph of Lufkin Lincoln display, 1948

Box 3
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1. Lecture by Dr. Bullard, “The Speech that made Lincoln Cry and the men who made it,” 1941
2. Was “Abe” Lincoln a Gentleman? By F. Lauriston Bullard, 1952
4. Copy of a letter written by Bullard to the LGB, undated
5. Elwin Page papers read to the Lincoln Group, 1940-49
7. Robert S. Barton memorial pamphlet, includes list of his Lincoln publications, 1954
9. Address to LGB on the Gettysburg Speech, by [?], 1950
10. “Abraham Lincoln’s Cases in the Supreme Court of the United States,” by John W. Spalding, c. 1944
14. Abraham Lincoln- A “sartorial biography” lecture given to LGB by Octavia Roberts Corneau, 1951
15. Talk to the LGB on Lincoln’s visit to Worcester, author unknown, 1948
16. Speech of Abraham Lincoln at Worcester in 1848 (typescript), undated
17. Itinerary of Lincoln’s trip to Massachusetts in 1848, undated
18. Memorial Service handout for F. Lauriston Bullard, 1952
19. Material on Bullard’s illness and the LGB, 1949
20. Radio Addresses on Lincoln, undated
22. Newsletters from the Fort Monroe Casemate Museum, 1957
23. Lincoln Portraits, undated
24. Lincoln Bookplate material, undated
25. Photostat letter about news of Lincoln’s death reaching Gloucester, undated
27. Copies of Arthur Herrick’s etching of Lincoln’s head, undated
29. Information on German stamps, 1949
31. Transcribed Letters (Not Originals)
   - MA Gov. John Andrew to MA 8th Regiment, April 18, 1861
   - Lincoln to Hooker, Jan. 26, 1863
   - Conciliator’s Article from Washington, March 7, 1861
32. Copy of Gettysburg Address in Yiddish, 1944

Box 4

- Assortment of slides and glass slides relating to Abraham Lincoln, the Civil War, and General Benjamin Butler. These slides were used by Lufkin during his lectures on Lincoln, and include political cartoons, Civil War battlefields, images of Lufkin in Rome, and more.

Miscellaneous:

- Oversize LP (16 inch width) recording of a Lufkin lecture for the Lincoln Club Dinner in 3 parts on 2 LP’s, February 13, 1956