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Judge Elwin L. Page Biographical Sketch

Judge Elwin L. Page was a charter member of the Lincoln Group of Boston in 1938, as well as a member of the Group's first executive committee. In 1952 he became the second president of the organization, and in 1960 acquired president emeritus status.

Page was born in 1876 and was a lifelong resident of Concord, NH. He was an Associate Justice of the Superior Courts of New Hampshire, a member of the state's 1930 and 1948 Constitutional Conventions, a member of the bar for over seventy years, and a practicing lawyer into his nineties. He published three books in his lifetime: *Abraham Lincoln in New Hampshire*, *George Washington in New Hampshire*, and *Judicial Beginnings in New Hampshire*.

Between 1938 and 1966 Page appeared on the Lincoln Group's meeting programs 19 different times for presentations. Some of these included: "Trailing Lincoln in New Hampshire," April 1938; "Abraham Lincoln and the Constitutional Division of Powers," 1942; "The Effie Afton Case," c. 1956; "Eighty Days without the Congress," April 1961; and "The Lincoln Grandchildren," April 1966. He passed away in 1974.

Scope and Content Note

The Page collection was first acquired by Howard and Carolyn Oedel before being deposited at BSU. It is a part of the Lincoln Group of Boston Collection. The collection is arranged in 3 series. Series 1 focuses on the papers and presentations done by Page. Series 2 focuses on the portion of Page's collection that directly concerns the Lincoln Group of Boston, such as his correspondence with other members, and ephemera and mailings about the organization. Series 3 is comprised of papers and written material created by other people. Some of these were presented at Lincoln Group meetings.

The published pamphlets that were part of the Page collection have been individually cataloged and are held separate from this collection. Some of these are published speeches and pamphlets that Page used for research include: "[Speech of Hon. Abraham Lincoln, of Illinois, at the Cooper](#)

[Institute, N.Y. City, February 27, 1860](#)"; "[Civil Rights. Speech of Hon. Robert B. Elliott of South Carolina in the House of Representatives, January 6, 1874](#)"; "[Speech of Hon. Orin Fowler of Massachusetts](#)," March 31, 1852; and "[Outlines of the Life and Public Services, Civil and Military, of William Henry Harrison](#)," 1840.

Related collections include: The [Lincoln Group of Boston Collection](#) and individual collections of other members of this organization.

Box and Folder List

Series 1: Papers Written and Presented by Judge Elwin Page

Box 1

Folder

1. "Eighty Days Without the Congress," read before the Lincoln Group of Boston (LGB), April 29, 1961
2. "Walter Tully Recalls Lincoln's Mid-War Body-Guard"; contains several drafts and research correspondence, 1933
3. "Discussion of the Botts-Baldwin Controversy"; read to the LGB, 1940
4. "Lincoln of the Illinois Central," undated
5. "Was the 'Public Man' Well-Informed?," undated
6. Memoriam of LGB member Richard F. Lufkin; includes shared project research, and information on the "Washburn Papers" and "Henry Papers," 1952-53, 1963
7. "Secret Meeting, December, 1860"; Governor Israel Washburn letters at the Norlands in Maine, undated
8. "The Trial of the Conspirators," 1955
9. "President Lincoln's Grandchildren, 1966
10. "Paul M. Angle's Lincoln Reader," undated
11. "What John Wilkes Booth Did to His Family," read before the LGB, 1964
12. "The Effie Afton Case," published in the Lincoln Herald; contains research correspondence Fall 1956
13. "Shall Not Perish From the Earth," read before the LGB, 1957
14. "Lincoln as an Appeaser," 1943
15. "Abraham Lincoln and the Constitutional Division of Powers," 1st draft, undated
16. "Abraham Lincoln and the Constitutional Division of Powers," 2nd draft, undated

Box 2

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1. "Abraham Lincoln and the Constitutional Division of Powers," final draft, April 11, 1942
2. Material on Robert Barton after his death. Includes correspondence of Page, written tributes by Page, and more, 1954
3. "Lincoln Takes Command," written by Page for a friend, "not to be published," undated
4. Introduction/foreword by Page to a William Barton publication, "Lincoln at Gettysburg," 1930
5. "Walter Tully Recalls Lincoln's First Cavalry Escort," read before the LGB, 1940

6. "A Check-List of Lincolniana by the Late F. Lauriston Bullard," 1953

Series 2: Correspondence and Lincoln Group of Boston Material

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7. Correspondence to Page from other LGB members (mostly Kenneth Bernard), and LGB related mailings, 1963-1970
8. Correspondence to Page from other LGB members, and other LGB material, 1954-1970
9. "Was 'Abe' Lincoln a Gentleman?", by F. Lauriston Bullard with letter to Page, 1944
10. LGB ephemera, facsimiles, and other similar material, 1940-1963
11. Correspondence, mostly between Page and LGB member F. Lauriston Bullard, 1941-1951
12. Correspondence between Page and Lincoln Memorial University President Robert L. Kincaid, 1951-1952
13. Correspondence between Page and Roy P. Basler of the Abraham Lincoln Association, 1952
14. Letter from Page to Kenneth Bernard about the "Memoir of Jeremiah Mason," 1961

Series 3: Papers and Related Material Written By Other People

Box 3

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1. "Index to Witnesses for Prosecution of Samuel A. Mudd," possibly created by Arthur W. Eckman in 1955
2. "Parties and Issues in 1860," by Kenneth Bernard, 1949
3. "The Poets Portray Lincoln," read before the LGB by Octavia Corneau, Feb. 13, 1943
4. "What Andrew Boyd and Charles Henry Hart Did For Abraham Lincoln," by F. Lauriston Bullard, 1944
5. "Lincoln Pardons Conspirator on Plea of an English Statesman," by F. Lauriston Bullard, 1939
6. "Abraham Lincoln and the Statehood of Nevada," by F. Lauriston Bullard, 1940
7. "Who Wrote the 'Letter to Mrs. Bixby?'," by Ron P. Basler, undated
8. "If Lincoln Were Here Today," by Raymond L. Buell, 1943
9. "Ward Hill Lamon in Bloomington, Illinois," by Clint Clay Tilton, c. 1942
10. "Lincoln and Lett – The Best in American Manhood," by Edgar Rich, Nov. 18, 1944
11. Foreword to "South After Gettysburg: Letters of Cornelia Hancock, 1863 – 1868," by Bruce Catton, 1956
12. "Abraham Lincoln – The Spirit of Tolerance and Compassion," by George R. Farnum, 1959
13. "The Ageless Lincoln," by Robert L. Kincaid, published in "Vital Speeches of the Day," 1950
14. "McClellan Through Lincoln's Eyes During 1962," read before the LGB by Richard D. Green, Oct. 20, 1962
15. "Address of Abraham Lincoln" at Gettysburg ceremony, 1920
16. Abraham Lincoln Certificate – Life Director of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church, undated
17. Raymond Massey, "Abe Lincoln in Illinois," (play) 1939

18. Miscellaneous material, including a paper honoring F. Lauriston Bullard after his death by unknown writer, 1952, undated
19. Periodical – “The Amateur Book Collector,” headline – “Lincoln and Douglas—Ninety-Five Years Later,” Vol. IV, No. 1, Sept. 1953
20. Chicago Sunday Tribune – “The Campaign and Battle of Gettysburg: A Critical Study,” (includes map of Gettysburg) by Col. Robert R. McCormick, Dec. 28, 1941
21. “Jonathon Swift, Priest,” by Hiram R. Bennett; letter from author to Page, 1957
22. Published poem – “Lincoln’s Faith,” by Frank Brooks Cowgill, D.D., 1942