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Kenneth A. Bernard Papers Biographical Sketch

Kenneth Bernard taught history at Boston University for thirty-five years, with a focus on Abraham Lincoln. Over twenty of his students would go on to become members of the Lincoln Group of Boston, and four would serve as president of the group. Bernard joined the Lincoln Group in 1949. He served as secretary, 1954-1960, and as president, 1960-1969, and was an active member until his death in 1994.

Bernard presented many papers to the Lincoln Group. "Campaign Issues in 1860," at the November 1949 meeting, was the first of many presentations on topics ranging from slavery and emancipation, to Lincoln scholarship, to Lincoln's English ancestors. His last publication in 1993 was "A Lincoln Connection: Wisconsin-Massachusetts." This publication recalls his friendship with Dr. Arthur Hansen of Wauwatosa, WI, and both this publication and Hansen are represented in the collection. Bernard had an interest in the music of the Civil War, and wrote, "A Song in His Heart" (published by Archille St. Onge, 1970) and "Lincoln and the Music of the Civil War" (published by Caxton, 1966), which received the 1966 Benjamin Barondess Award for the book's "contribution to the greater appreciation of the life and works of Lincoln."

Scope and Content Note

This collection is a part of the Lincoln Group of Boston Collection. It was originally donated by, and worked on, by Sylvia Larson, the daughter of Kenneth Bernard. It is divided into three series: Bernard and the Lincoln Group of Boston; the Bernard/Hansen Papers; and the Bernard/Kim Papers. Correspondence is contained in all three series. Series 2, the Bernard/Hansen Papers, contains correspondence between the two men, research material on Lincoln, and published works by Hansen. Arthur Hansen was a Wisconsin resident who communicated frequently with Bernard. Series 3, the Bernard/Kim Papers, contains correspondence, photographs, and material on Kim's imprisonment in South Korea in the 1970s because of his Democratic ideals. Dr. Donggill Kim, of Seoul, South Korea, wrote the first full-

length account of the life of Abraham Lincoln published in Korea in 1976. He wrote many books on Lincoln, published in both English and Korean.

Related collections include the [Lincoln Group of Boston Collection](#), which contains many letters and other items from and to Bernard, and the sub-collections of fellow members of this organization. Two of Donggill Kim's books are in the Lincoln book collection, including, *Abraham Lincoln: A Biography*, "the first authentic biography of Lincoln ever written by a Korean, in his own language, for his own people."

Box and Folder List

Series 1: Bernard and the Lincoln Group of Boston

Box 1

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7. Bernard's research correspondence on Lincoln and Hingham, MA, 1977-1978
8. Material and photographs pertaining to Lincoln's visit to Hingham, MA, 1977-1978
9. LGB newsletters, 1975-1978
10. LGB meeting schedule, June 1961
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12. Tributes to LGB members, 1978, 1981
13. Paper delivered to the LGB by John Y. Simions, untitled, 1976
14. "Lincoln Was A Good Loser," by Elwin L. Page, 1955
15. "Was the 'Public Man' Well-informed?" by Elwin L. Page, undated
16. "Judge Elwin L. Page, 1877-1974: President of the Lincoln Group of Boston 1952-1960," paper presented to the LGB on its fortieth birthday by Howard T. Oedel, Feb. 5, 1978
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Series 2: Bernard/Hansen Papers

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-Letter: Kenneth Bernard to Mabel Bates, turning papers over, 1994
-Copy of Lincoln Herald Spring 1994, Publication/Playback Review
-Letter of the Barondess/Lincoln Award of the Civil War Round Table to a David H. Donald 1996.

- “A Lincoln Connection: Wisconsin—Massachusetts,” by Kenneth Bernard, 1994
- 2. -Rough draft of “A Lincoln Connection,” an essay honoring Arthur C. Hansen by Kenneth Bernard, 1993
 - Correspondence from Dr. Arthur Hansen’s daughter Suzanne, Oct. 12, 1993
 - Arthur Hansen memorial service program, 1991
 - Correspondence from the Lincoln Fellowship of Wisconsin, 1993
- 3. -John L. Roll (Lincoln’s friend) in Sangamon Town and Springfield – story and photographs
 - Correspondence, Arthur Hansen to Kenneth Bernard, 1988
 - Photographs; Gravesites of Lincoln associates
- 4. -Pamphlets, brochures, newspapers, and postcards on Illinois Lincoln sites sent from Hansen to Bernard
 - Facsimile of New York Times 15, April 1865
- 5. Miscellaneous Lincoln items sent from Hansen to Bernard

Box 3**Folder**

1. Correspondence between Bernard and Hansen, 1979-1983
2. Correspondence between Bernard and Hansen and other related correspondence, 1984-1987; 1991-1992

Box 4**(published/presented/copyrighted papers written by Hansen)****Folder**

1. “A Pilgrimage to the Lincoln Country,” published by the Lincoln Fellowship of Wisconsin, 1945
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3. “Dr. Harry Edward Pratt, 1901-1956,” a tribute delivered at the annual meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society, Oct. 12, 1956
4. “The Role of a Book in History,” privately published in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, 1977
5. “Postmaster Lincoln’s Successor,” Wauwatosa, WI, 1978
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9. “John Ericsson: The Man Who Saved A Nation,” Wauwatosa, WI, 1979
10. “Abram Lincoln Was Here,” Wauwatosa, WI, 1980
11. “Camp Randall in the Civil War,” Wauwatosa, WI, 1980
12. “Racine College and the Lincoln Connection,” Wauwatosa, WI, 1983
13. “‘Johnny Shiloh’ – Drummer Boy,” Wauwatosa, WI, 1984
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Series 3: Bernard/Kim Papers

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1. Correspondence (personal and professional) between Bernard and Donggill Kim, including news items and material concerning Kim's imprisonment, 1969-1992
2. Correspondence (personal and professional) between Bernard and Donggill Kim, including photographs, and news items and material concerning Kim's imprisonment, 1974-1976
3. Lincoln Group of Boston material involving Donggill Kim; correspondence between Bernard and Donggill Kim and his sister; some material on Kim's political career, 1973-1993
4. "Abraham Lincoln: An Oriental Interpretation," by Donggill Kim, Boston University dissertation, 1971