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Hayden's personal bookplate

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Arthur Lloyd Hayden Papers
Biographical Sketch

Arthur Lloyd Hayden was the director of Tella-Wooket summer camps for girls in Roxbury, Vermont. As a young man he began collecting everything pertaining to Abraham Lincoln: pictures, books, articles, and memorabilia. In 1938 he started to “cut, separate, cull and arrange” his collection to put into scrapbooks. He joined the Lincoln Group of Boston in October 1938, as well as many other Lincoln-related organizations around the country. Many of his vacations consisted of following the tracks Abraham Lincoln left behind in Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois, and other parts of the country, while collecting anything connected to Lincoln along the way. Hayden gave one presentation to the Lincoln Group in October 1966, entitled “My Lincoln Collection and the Pleasure it has given Me.”

Scope and Content Note

Arthur Lloyd Hayden accumulated a vast amount of Abraham Lincoln-related material during his lifetime. He was a longtime member of the Lincoln Group of Boston; when late in his life he began to look for a repository to house his collection, fellow members Professors Jordan Fiore and John Myers of Bridgewater State College secured it for Bridgewater State College. Hayden’s collection was brought to the Maxwell Library in 1978 and became the nucleus of the Lincoln Collection that has continued to grow ever since.

This collection is a small part of Hayden’s donated material, and focuses on his papers and correspondence with the Lincoln Group. His vast Lincoln scrapbook collection is treated as a separate collection. His collection of books, pamphlets, and Civil War periodicals make up a portion of the Maxwell Library’s Lincoln Book Collection, Lincoln Pamphlet Collection, and Lincoln Periodical Collection. Many of the items in these collections contain Hayden’s personal bookplate depicting an image of Abraham Lincoln.

Related collections include: The Arthur Lloyd Hayden Lincoln Scrapbook Collection; the Lincoln Group of Boston Collection; and the sub-collections of fellow members of the Lincoln Group of Boston.
Box and Folder List

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1. Correspondence to and from Hayden (includes letters from Rufus Rockwell Wilson and E. Merton Coulter); Lincoln Group of Boston material, 1943-1972
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3. Material on early LGB meetings and programs, related correspondence, 1938-1944
4. Material on LGB meetings and programs, related correspondence, and tributes to members Barton and Barber, 1945-1972
5. Reviews, advertisements, lists, and catalogs of Lincoln related books, 1954-1957
6. Catalogs of books and autographs for sale, 1947-1957
7. Reviews, advertisements, lists, and catalogs of Lincoln related books, 1938-1973
8. Illinois State Historical Society—meetings, programs, and brochures, 1941-1972
10. Illinois State Historical Society—correspondence, membership cards, and meeting information, 1941-1971
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Box 2

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