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Summary Information

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Biographical

Frank J. Williams was born on August 24, 1940 in Richmond, Rhode Island. Williams's fascination with Abraham Lincoln began while he was in the sixth grade. Instead of purchasing food, Williams used his lunch money to buy books about Lincoln. This early interest inspired Williams to study law. After earning his undergraduate degree from Boston University, he obtained his law degree from Boston University School of Law. He also went on to earn a master's degree in taxation from Bryant University. Later, he also served as a U.S. Army captain from 1962-1967 in Germany and Vietnam. During Williams's legal career, he served as town moderator and town solicitor for Richmond, Rhode Island. He also was appointed to the Rhode Island Supreme Court in 1995, and in 2001 he was elevated to Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. He also served from 2003-2009 as the Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Military Commissions under George W. Bush's administration. Over the course of his career, Williams never lost his love for Lincoln studies and continued to collect books, artifacts, and memorabilia – a collection that is now valued at over \$3 million. Williams has also published and co-authored books on Lincoln such as *Judging Lincoln* (2002), *Lincoln as Hero* (2012), *The Emancipation Proclamation: Three Views* (2008), and the coedited book, *The Mary Lincoln Enigma* (2013). He is also the founding chair of the Lincoln Forum and served as president of both the Abraham Lincoln Association and the Lincoln Group of Boston.

Over the years, collecting Lincoln has become a family affair. His wife, Virginia Williams, assists in the collecting of Lincoln artifacts and books. V. Williams was born in Texas and graduated from North Texas State University. Working for the U.S. Department of Defense, she served as a teacher overseas and met F. Williams during his time serving in the military. She was a kindergarten teacher in Rhode Island for Cranston Public Schools for almost three decades and has been intimately involved with the Lincoln Forum since its inception. Together, Frank and Virginia Williams have amassed a large and impressive collection made up of more than 15,000 book volumes and 10,000 artifacts. These items were

donated to Mississippi State University in 2017. To date, the couple continue to add to the collection and a large portion of these objects are on view at the Frank and Virginia Williams Collection of Lincolniana Gallery at Mitchell Memorial Library on Mississippi State University's campus.

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Historical

Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865) was a self-taught lawyer who was admitted to the Illinois bar in September 1836. He moved to Springfield in 1837 and became a junior partner under John T. Stuart. In 1838, Stuart won a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, which left Lincoln to oversee the practice's daily operations. Tired of carrying this responsibility alone, Lincoln left Stuart's practice and formed a partnership with Stephen T. Logan, a prominent lawyer in Sangamon County, in 1841. The partnership flourished until 1844 when Logan dissolved the partnership in favor of going into business with his son. In the fall of 1844, Lincoln, acting as the senior partner, opened a firm with William H. Herndon serving as his junior partner. Together, the pair worked the Illinois Eighth Judicial Circuit. Lincoln traveled extensively during this time, an opportunity he used to build important Illinois political connections. In 1846, he won a seat in the United States Congress, which led to him taking a two-year sabbatical from his law practice. After his stint in Congress, he returned to his practice with Herndon where he prosecuted hundreds of cases in Sangamon County and the Illinois Eighth Judicial district. Lincoln's 23-year law career came to an end shortly after the Republican National Convention nominated him for president in 1860. According to Herndon, even after Lincoln won the presidency, the President wished to return to their law practice "as if nothing ever happened." This wish went unfilled as Lincoln was assassinated shortly after beginning his second term as President in 1865.

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Scope and Content

This collection contains a variety of materials broken down into six series, most of which relates to the Abraham Lincoln and the American Civil War. The first, Abraham Lincoln Legal Documents, contains documents penned and/or signed in Lincoln's hand, including legal proceedings, affidavits, and jury notes. The second series, Abraham Lincoln Correspondence, contains letters Lincoln created over the course of his legal career and presidency. Miscellaneous Legal Documents make up the next series and feature documents created by many of Lincoln's associates such as Stuart, Logan, and Herndon. Series four, Miscellaneous Correspondence, holds letters from elite politicians, many of which concern slavery, abolition, the Republican party, and the Civil War. Series five holds miscellaneous materials including autographs from Lincoln contemporaries, Emilie Todd Helm's diary, and various pieces of nineteenth-century ephemera. Last, series six includes various pieces of oversized materials, which primary consists of nineteenth-century broadsides.

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Collection Inventory

Series 1: Abraham Lincoln Legal Documents, 1837-1859

Scope and Contents

This collection of legal documents includes documents that were penned and/or signed in Lincoln's hand. Included are railroad cases, legal deeds, custody disputes, and other types of legal proceedings from 1837-1859. This collection would be most useful for legal scholars interested in Lincoln's career as a lawyer and the legal environment in which he operated. It is arranged chronologically in ascending order.

Title/Description	Instances	
Abraham Lincoln Document, Joseph [Foster?] to Stuart & Lincoln, 1837 December 5	box 1	folder 1
Abraham Lincoln Document, Alfred Summers Estate, 1838 December 22	box 1	folder 2
Abraham Lincoln Document: John J. Hardin Attorney Fee Receipt in Abraham Lincoln's Hand, 1839 May 31	box 1	folder 3

Abraham Lincoln Document, Durley v. Davenport, 1839 June 5	box 1	folder 4
Abraham Lincoln Document, Short v. Gay, 1839 July 11	box 1	folder 5
Abraham Lincoln Document, Affidavit, 1839 July 11	box 1	folder 6
Abraham Lincoln Document, Bell et al. v. Lockridge et al., 1839 July	box 1	folder 7
Abraham Lincoln Document, James Sales Estate, 1840	box 1	folder 8
Abraham Lincoln Document, Garrett Elkin Case, ca. 1840s	box 1	folder 9
Abraham Lincoln Document, Beebe v. Dunn, 1841 July 18	box 1	folder 10
Abraham Lincoln Document, Butler & Polk Legal Indenture, 1842 February 22	box 1	folder 11
Abraham Lincoln Document, Courtney & Smith Pleas, 1842 October 19	box 1	folder 12
Abraham Lincoln Document, Amended Bill, 1843 November 22; William H. Herndon to Clerk, 1865 March 29	box 1	folder 13
Abraham Lincoln Document, Summons for Drennan and Bradley, 1843	box 1	folder 14
Abraham Lincoln Document, Wineman v. Swaney et al., 1844 March 18	box 1	folder 15
Abraham Lincoln Document, Illinois Central Railroad Company v. George S. Hill, [1844?] May 19	box 1	folder 16
Abraham Lincoln Document, Hope v. Beebe, 1845 March 3	box 1	folder 17
Abraham Lincoln Document, Latham Guardianship Case, 1845 August 5	box 1	folder 18
Abraham Lincoln Document, State v. Vanderverter, 1849	box 1	folder 19
Abraham Lincoln Document, Vanderverter Jury Instructions & Pleading, [1849]	box 1	folder 20
Abraham Lincoln Document, Vanderverter Affidavit, 1850 April 18	box 1	folder 21
Abraham Lincoln Document, Ketchum et al. v. Tanner, 1850 August 23	box 1	folder 22
Abraham Lincoln Document, Spear v. Spear, 1851 December 6	box 1	folder 23
Abraham Lincoln Document, Wilson v. Kingsbury, 1851-1854	box 1	folder 24
Abraham Lincoln Document, Bishop v. C.R.R., 1853 March 12	box 1	folder 25
Abraham Lincoln Document, Shillinger v. Shillinger, 1853 June	box 1	folder 26
Abraham Lincoln Document, Browning & Camp Guardianship, 1854 February 15	box 1	folder 27
Abraham Lincoln Document, Sconce & Conover v. Hiestand, [1854]	box 1	folder 28

Abraham Lincoln Document, Correll et al. v. McDaniel et al., 1855 June 19	box 1	folder 29
Abraham Lincoln Document, Whitehurst Affidavit, 1855 December 7	box 1	folder 30
Abraham Lincoln Document, Carpenter Affidavit, 1855 December 7	box 1	folder 31
Abraham Lincoln Document, Correll et al. v. McDaniel et al., 1855 December 12	box 1	folder 32
Abraham Lincoln Document, Valentine Affidavit, 1855 December 12	box 1	folder 33
Abraham Lincoln Document, Correll et al. v. McDaniel et al., 1855 December 12	box 1	folder 34
Abraham Lincoln Document, Correll et al. v. McDaniel et al., 1855 December 12	box 1	folder 35
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Legal Documents, Corrett et al. v. McDaniel et al., ca. 1855	box 1	folder 37
Abraham Lincoln Document, Hopkins v. Hopkins & Ray v. Ray, 1855-1856	box 1	folder 38
Legal Document: Milton Davis, Promissory Note, 1857 November 7	box 1	folder 39
Abraham Lincoln Document, Monaghan v. Law & Vandike, 1858 March 23	box 1	folder 40
Abraham Lincoln Document, Illinois Central Railroad Company v. Gatewood & Cochran, 1858 November 30	box 1	folder 41
Abraham Lincoln Document, Flagg et al. v. Litchfield, 1859 August 22	box 1	folder 42
Abraham Lincoln Document, Columbus Machine Manufacturing Legal Filing, 1859 October 9-November 17	box 1	folder 43
Abraham Lincoln Document, Jury List & Guilty Verdict, undated	box 1	folder 44

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Series 2: Abraham Lincoln Correspondence, 1852-1865

Scope and Contents

This series features correspondence written by Abraham Lincoln that covers a variety of different subjects, but primarily focuses on slavery, abolition, and the political atmosphere before and during the Civil War. The letters offer a glimpse into a tumultuous era that saw sectional tensions grow. This correspondence spans from 1852 to 1865; thus, scholars of the Civil War and American politics would find this collection most valuable. The series also

includes ephemeral pieces such as a check signed by Lincoln and his calling card. It is arranged chronologically by date in ascending order.

Title/Description	Instances	
Letter: Abraham Lincoln to Willie P. Mangum, 1852, August 19	box 1	folder 45
Letter: Abraham Lincoln & Edwin Stanton to Irvin McDowell, 1862 May 23	box 1	folder 46
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Letter: N. Bateman to John G. Nicolay, Signed by Abraham Lincoln, 1862 November 7	box 1	folder 49
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Letter: [G.W.?] Lawrence to Leonard Sweat, Signed by Abraham Lincoln, 1864 January 6	box 1	folder 51
Letter: Abraham Lincoln to General Benham, 1864 August 5	box 1	folder 52
Letter: Thomas D. Eliot & S. Hooper to Abraham Lincoln, Signed by Abraham Lincoln and Edwin M. Stanton, 1864 August 22	box 1	folder 53
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Series 3: Miscellaneous Legal Documents, 1768-1874

Scope and Contents

The bulk of this series of legal documents includes cases on which various nineteenth century figures worked, including John T. Stuart, Stephen T. Logan, and William H. Herndon. There are railroad cases, legal deeds, custody disputes, and other types of legal proceedings from 1768 to 1874. A majority of these documents provide insight to the legal environment of Lincoln's time, such as legal records from Sangamon County, Illinois. This collection would be most useful for legal scholars interested in the legal sphere in which Lincoln operated. This series is arranged alphabetically by document creator.

Title/Description	Instances	
Legal Document: Simeon Adams, Jr. Deed, 1838 April 13	box 1	folder 58
Legal Document: Edward Bates, Edward & William Stubbs Case, 1861 April 29	box 1	folder 59
Legal Document: Burdick Land Deed, 1822 February 11	box 1	folder 60

Legal Document: William Butler, Writ, 1840 June 24	box 1	folder 61
Legal Document: John Calhoun, Writ, 1846 January 5	box 1	folder 62
Legal Document: Amos [Clifton?], Estate of Oliver G. Merrit, 1858 December 6	box 1	folder 63
Legal Document: Charles Dresser et al., Meeting Notes, 1864 February 30	box 1	folder 64
Legal Document: S. Edwards et al., Appeal Bond, 1839 August 27	box 1	folder 65
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Legal Document: L. Francis, Public Sales Receipt, 1838 March 2	box 1	folder 67
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Legal Document: Perry Healy, Samuel Stanton, et al., Documents, 1820 September 5-1829 March 28	box 1	folder 69
Legal Documents: Perry Healy, Samuel Stanton, et al., Documents, 1833 March 15-191[?]	box 1	folder 70
Legal Document: A. G. Henry, Court Order, 1835 June	box 1	folder 71
Legal Document: William H. Herndon, Bishop & March v. Day, 1859 July 2	box 1	folder 72
Legal Document: Martin Howard, Attendance Record, 1768 January 18	box 1	folder 73
Legal Document: Ward Hill Lamon, Document & Photographs, 1855 October	box 1	folder 74
Legal Document: Stephen T. Logan, Spear v. Elkin et al., 1852 March	box 1	folder 75
Legal Document: Noah W. Matheny, Will for Robert Stuart, 1856 September 19	box 1	folder 76
Legal Document: Noah W. Matheny, Public Sale Document, [1838?] April 21	box 1	folder 77
Legal Document: John Palmer Usher, Widow's Claim, 1863 June 20	box 1	folder 78
Legal Document: N. R. Purple & T. L. Dickey, Deed, 1844 April 12	box 1	folder 79
Legal Document: James Rutledge et al., Document, 1827 October 26	box 1	folder 80
Legal Document: N. G. S. Hart, Berry v. Epsting, Copied by Robert L. Todd, 1810 March 6	box 1	folder 81
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Scope and Contents

Within this series, letters created by prominent nineteenth-century figures are represented and cover subjects such as slavery, abolition, and the political atmosphere before and during the Civil War. Most of this correspondence comes from elite politicians from the 1800s, so scholars of the Civil War and American politics would find this collection most valuable. This series is arranged alphabetically by creator.

Title/Description	Instances	
Letter: Charles Francis Adams to E. L. Keyes, 1849 August 27	box 1	folder 87
Letter: George Ashmun to Unknown, 1848 June 27	box 1	folder 88
Letter: Henry Bartlett to [?] Bartlett, 1864 October 14	box 1	folder 89
Letter: Edward Bates to William M. Evarts, 1863 March 11	box 1	folder 90
Letter: Edward Bates to [Gail?] Carrington, 1864 April 6	box 1	folder 91
Letter: G. T. Beauregard to Soldiers of Shiloh and of Elkhorn, 1862 May 2	box 1	folder 92
Letter: Henry Ward Beecher to [?] Halliday, 1878 January 15	box 1	folder 93
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Letter: Grace Bedell Billings to Herbert Wells Fay, 1922 July 28	box 1	folder 95
Letter: Thornton Briggs to W. S. Eaton, 1892 October 9	box 1	folder 96
Letter: James Buchanan to [?], 1857 November 24	box 1	folder 97
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Letter: George Bush to Abraham Lincoln Association, 1992 September 11	box 1	folder 99
Letter: Simon Cameron to Myron Presbury, 1861 March 27	box 1	folder 100
Letter: Salmon P. Chase to Thomas Bolton, 1848 October 14	box 1	folder 101
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Letter: D. Davis to Edwin Stanton, 1866 December 8	box 1	folder 108
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Letter: Millard Fillmore to H. [C.?] Day, 1848 November 21	box 1	folder 120
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Letter: Horace Greely to Thomas Ewing, 1849 May 5	box 1	folder 123
Letter: Horace Greely to O. J. Case, 1864 November 29	box 1	folder 124
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Letter: James Speed to Unknown, 1868 June 26	box 1	folder 156
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Scope and Contents

This series contains diverse materials from 1838 to 1931. For instance, contents include historical autographs, Civil War military orders and records, bank notes, a portion of Emilie Todd Helm's diary, and even a lock of Charles Sumner's hair. Civil War scholars, especially those interested in the military and culture, would gain the most from this series. The series is arranged alphabetically by material type: autographs, diaries, documents, ephemera, folios, news clippings, organic materials, poems, and records.

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Series 6: Oversized Materials

Scope and Contents

This series features oversized items. The bulk is made up of broadsides, but a legal document in Abraham Lincoln's hand and a letter penned by Major General John A. Logan are also featured. Political Civil War scholars, particularly those interested in propaganda, would find this collection useful. The series is arranged alphabetically by item type: ephemera, legal documents, letter, and records.

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