Abraham Lincoln Papers

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Collection Summary

Title: Abraham Lincoln Papers
Span Dates: 1774-1948
ID No.: MSS30189
Creator: Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865
Extent: 40,550 items ; 221 containers plus 11 oversize ; 48 linear feet ; 98 microfilm reels
Language: Collection material in English
Repository: Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
Abstract: United States president and representative and lawyer from Illinois. Correspondence and other papers relating primarily to Abraham Lincoln's presidency and the Civil War.

Selected Search Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

People
Banks, Nathaniel Prentiss, 1816-1894--Correspondence.
Bates, Edward, 1793-1869--Correspondence.
Blair, Montgomery, 1813-1883--Correspondence.
Brewster, Benjamin Harris, 1816-1888--Correspondence.
Chase, Salmon P. (Salmon Portland), 1808-1873--Correspondence.
Colfax, Schuyler, 1823-1885--Correspondence.
Davis, David, 1815-1886--Correspondence.
Grant, Ulysses S. (Ulysses Simpson), 1822-1885--Correspondence.
Hay, John, 1838-1905--Correspondence.
Johnson, Andrew, 1808-1875--Correspondence.
Johnson, Reverdy, 1796-1876--Correspondence.
Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865.
Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865. Gettysburg address.
Lincoln, Mary Todd, 1818-1882--Correspondence.
McClellan, George Brinton, 1826-1885--Correspondence.
Meade, George Gordon, 1815-1872--Correspondence.
Morgan, Edwin D. (Edwin Denison), 1811-1883--Correspondence.
Nicolay, John G. (John George), 1832-1901--Correspondence.
Nicolay, John G. (John George), 1832-1901.
Rosecrans, William S. (William Starke), 1819-1898--Correspondence.
Seward, William Henry, 1801-1872--Correspondence.
Seymour, Horatio, 1810-1886--Correspondence.
Smith, Caleb B. (Caleb Blood), 1808-1864--Correspondence.
Speed, James, 1812-1887--Correspondence.
Stanton, Edwin McMasters, 1814-1869--Correspondence.
Sumner, Charles, 1811-1874--Correspondence.
Trumbull, Lyman, 1813-1896--Correspondence.
Victoria, Queen of Great Britain, 1819-1901--Correspondence.
Wallace, Lew, 1827-1905--Correspondence.
Washburne, E. B. (Elihu Benjamin), 1816-1887--Correspondence.
Welles, Gideon, 1802-1878--Correspondence.

Places
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865.
United States--Politics and government--1861-1865.

Titles

Abraham Lincoln Papers at the Library of Congress.

Occupations
Lawyers.
Presidents--United States.
Representatives, U.S. Congress--Illinois.

Administrative Information

Provenance

The papers of Abraham Lincoln, United States president and representative and lawyer from Illinois, consist of material received through gift through Robert Todd Lincoln in 1923, Helen Nicolay in 1947, and other gifts, transfers, deposits, purchases, and reproductions, 1901-2013.

Processing History

The Abraham Lincoln papers were arranged, indexed, and microfilmed in 1960. Subsequent additions were arranged and described in 1973, 1979, 1985, and 1987 and a finding aid to the additions revised and expanded in 1996. In 2009 this finding aid was expanded by including description of the main collection from the published index. Small additions were arranged and described in 2010 and 2013.

Additional Guides

The microfilm edition of these papers (not including additions) is indexed in the *Index to the Abraham Lincoln Papers* (Washington, D.C.: 1960), prepared as part of the President's Papers Index Series. The index is available online in PDF and page view versions.

A card index for the 1973 Addition is available in the Manuscript Division Reading Room.

Copyright Status

The status of copyright in the unpublished writings of Abraham Lincoln is governed by the Copyright Law of the United States (Title 17, U.S.C.).

Access and Restrictions

The papers of Abraham Lincoln are open to research. Researchers are advised to contact the Manuscript Reading Room prior to visiting. Many collections are stored off-site and advance notice is needed to retrieve these items for research use.

Transfers

Selected material has been transferred to the appropriate custodial divisions of the Library of Congress.

Microfilm

A microfilm edition of part of these papers is available on ninety-eight reels. Consult reference staff in the Manuscript Division concerning availability for purchase or interlibrary loan. To promote preservation of the originals, researchers are required to consult the microfilm edition as available.

Online Content

Part of the papers of Abraham Lincoln is available on the Library of Congress Web site at http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/alhtml/malhome.html.

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History of the Collection

[From *Index to the Abraham Lincoln Papers* (Washington, D.C.: 1960), pp. v-vi]

The story of the Lincoln Papers has often been told, but details vary—sometimes astonishingly. The most complete account appears in David C. Mearns, *The Lincoln Papers* (Garden City, N.Y., 1948), I, 3-136. An article by the same author which appeared in the December 1947 issue of the *Abraham Lincoln Quarterly* contains the substance of the story and is reproduced in part in the following pages. [1]

To what was said 13 years ago a few facts may be added. A comprehensive edition of Lincoln's *Collected Works* was issued after much labor by a devoted editor and staff. [2] Many other scholars have studied the documents, and all may now benefit by their findings.

A manuscript acquired by the Library of Congress in 1958 added this new fact: Justice David Davis wrote to Edward McPherson, Clerk of the House of Representatives, on June 22, 1866, stating that the papers found on President Lincoln's person were sealed by Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War. [3] Later the papers were opened in Justice Davis' presence. Of this he wrote:

> My distinct recollection is that all the papers of public importance were retained by Mr. Stanton & either deposited in the War or State Depts. I think copies were furnished me & handed to Mr. Nicolay who packed them together with Mr. Lincoln's private papers in secure boxes. These boxes were sent by the Secy of War under guard to Bloomington Illinois, my residence & are now in the vault of the National Bank of Bloomington. *They are sealed* & when they will be opened & examined has not yet been determined.

The location of the original documents that were withheld and of the copies is not now known. The original letter by Justice Davis has been restored to the McPherson Papers in the Library's Manuscript Division.

In 1959 the microfilm and the index of the Lincoln Papers which had been prepared in 1947 were re-examined. Certain omissions were found in the microfilm—primarily pages with dockets or notations or endorsements or other contemporary writing. The dates assigned to a number of documents needed correction in the light of later research. In addition, some Lincoln documents which had been unaccountably retained by John G. Nicolay were restored to the President's papers. These have been arranged as "Series Two" to assure their identification. Miscellaneous acquisitions were arranged in a third and final series. Three reels (95, 96, and 97) contain the second and third series.

This index has been prepared to include the materials in the second and third series, to reflect recent research, and to conform to the style of other Presidential Papers indexes published by the Library of Congress.

There are 14,724 pieces in the Lincoln Papers. The whole collection is now in 194 volumes and 3 manuscript boxes.

The Library began in 1940 to formulate plans which would ensure the safety of its unique and particularly prized materials. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and the declaration of war on the United States by Germany a few days later, Archibald MacLeish, then Librarian, directed the evacuation of the specially selected materials according to plan. [4]

The Lincoln Papers, along with other materials, were evacuated from the Library on December 29, 1941, under the supervision of Alvin W. Kremer, Keeper of the Collections, to the Alderman Library of the University of Virginia at Charlottesville. On August 14, 1944, they were returned to the Library. Lincoln's second inaugural address and two drafts of the Gettysburg Address, together with certain other "top treasures," were separately evacuated to Fort Knox, Kentucky. [5] They were returned in September 1944. No item was lost or damaged in the vast evacuation program. Fortunately Washington was not attacked, but the Library of Congress in 1941 was prepared for eventualities as it had not been in 1814.

In anticipation of the day when the Lincoln Papers could be opened, and in accordance with the terms of the gift, Dr. St. George L. Sioussat, Chief of the Manuscript Division, commissioned Dr. C. Percy Powell and Mrs. Helen D. Bullock to arrange and index the manuscripts. They and all others who assisted in any way in these tasks as well as in the repair, mounting, microfilming, and binding were enjoined to complete secrecy. When the collection was opened to the public just after midnight on July 26, 1947, the papers were chronologically organized, attractively bound, indexed, and microfilmed. The originals have since been available for use under the standard conditions which govern the use of manuscripts.

A succinct account of the peregrinations of the papers from 1865 to 1923 is contained in the passages from Mr. Mearns' article previously alluded to:

> Immediately after the assassination, Robert Lincoln asked Associate Justice David Davis to undertake the administration of the estate. The Judge came on from Chicago, gathered up bonds, securities, and outstanding household accounts, and urged the prompt removal of the files. They were packed by Nicolay and Colonel Hay, and within a fortnight were secured within the vault of the National Bank at Bloomington. The Judge, for reasons not yet discovered, experienced a sense of relief in the knowledge that they were safely out of Washington, although he did mention his fears lest they fall into dangerous hands. It is barely possible that he infected Robert Lincoln with his forebodings, for Robert Lincoln spoke of some which 'would be damaging to men now living.' That was on April 27th, 1865; on June 6th he wrote that 'the papers relating to the Administration' were 'in such a confused state' that they could not then 'be got at.' They seem to have remained subject to the Judge's order until 1874 when Robert Lincoln directed that they be sent to Mr. Nicolay, in Washington, for use in the preparation of the authorized biography of his father. They were still in Mr. Nicolay's custody when he died in 1901 and appear to have been stored thereafter in the State Department with the approval of Secretary Hay. When Hay died in 1905, Robert Lincoln took them to Chicago, where for a time they were housed in his office in the Pullman Building and, later, in his safe deposit. When Robert Lincoln retired and came to Washington to live he kept the papers in his Georgetown home in winter, and in summer they were shipped to his country house in Manchester, Vermont. In the spring of 1919, probably as an expression of gratitude to the government for the construction of the Lincoln Memorial, and under the misapprehension that that temple was nearly completed, Robert Lincoln placed the papers in the Library of Congress on condition that their presence in the institution should not be made known. On January 23rd, 1923, he conveyed them to the Library by deed of gift, with the stipulation that they should be withheld from 'official or public inspection or private view' until after the expiration of twenty-one years from the date of his death. [6] He died July 26th 1926.

Searchers interested in Abraham Lincoln and his times may wish to examine the personal papers listed below. These collections contain a varying number of letters written by President Lincoln, retained copies of letters written to him, and letters or other documents referring to him.

- Anderson, Robert
- Black, Jeremiah S.
- Blair, Montgomery
- Bromwell, Henry Pelham Holmes
- Butler, Benjamin F.
- Cameron, Simon
- Caton, John Dean
- Chandler, Zachariah
- Chase, Salmon P.
- Clayton, John M.
- Denison, George S.
- Garrett, John W.
- Gresham, Walter Quintin
- Herndon-Weik Collection
- Hitchcock, Ethan Allen
- Holt, Joseph
- Holtze, Henry
- Johnson, Andrew
- Lamont, Daniel Scott
- McClellan, George Brinton
- Porter, Fitz John
- Read, John M.
- Schurz, Carl
- Sherman, John
- Sherman, William T.

- Stanton, Edwin McMasters
- Stuart, George H.
- Thompson, Ambrose W.
- Trist, Nicholas P.
- Wade, B. F.
- Welles, Gideon

1. Full citation in bibliography. Quoted with the permission of the copyright owners.

2. Roy P. Basler (ed.), *The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln* (New Brunswick, 1953-1955), 8 volumes and index volume.

3. David C. Mearns, "Abraham Lincoln Papers," *Library of Congress Information Bulletin*, 17 (December 1, 1958), 661-62.

4. Most of the information concerning the evacuation was supplied by Alvin W. Kremer.

5. Robert Penn Warren, "The War and the National Muniments," *Library of Congress Quarterly Journal of Current Acquisitions*, 2 (November 1944), 64-75.

6. The deed of gift was amended on January 16, 1926, to permit the Librarian to index and otherwise to secure the safety of the originals "against the time when they shall be opened to the public."

Biographical Note

Date	***Event***
1809, Feb. 12	Born, Hardin Co., now LaRue Co., Ky.
1815-1816	Attended occasional classes in rural schoolhouse
1816	Moved with family to Indiana
1819-1820	Additional schooling
1819-1830	Laborer on family farm and for neighbors
1828	Ferryman, Ohio River; helped take a flatboat cargo from Indiana to New Orleans, La.
1830	Moved with family to Illinois
1831	Helped build a flatboat and ferried cargo from Sangamon County, Ill., to New Orleans, La. Clerk, general store, New Salem, Ill.
1832	Elected captain, Thirty-first Regiment, Illinois Militia, in the Black Hawk War Defeated in election for a seat in the Illinois General Assembly
1832-1836	Shopkeeper, surveyor, and postmaster in New Salem, Ill.
1834	Elected as Whig candidate from Sangamon County to the lower house of the Illinois General Assembly Began to read law
1836-1842	Reelected for three additional terms, Sangamon County representative, Illinois General Assembly

1837	Admitted to the Illinois bar Moved to Springfield to become law partner with John T. Stuart in the firm of Stuart & Lincoln
1841	Partnership of Stuart & Lincoln dissolved Partnership established with Stephen T. Logan in the law firm of Logan & Lincoln, Springfield, Ill.
1842	Married Mary Todd
1844	Formed law partnership with William H. Herndon in the firm of Lincoln & Herndon, Springfield, Ill.
1847	Elected as Whig candidate from Illinois to the United States House of Representatives
1849	Resumed law practice, Springfield, Ill.
1855	Unsuccessful Whig candidate in Illinois for United States Senate
1856	Joined the Republican party
1858	Unsuccessful Republican candidate in Illinois for United States Senate
1861-1865	President and commander-in-chief of the United States during the Civil War
1863, Jan. 1	Issued Emancipation Proclamation
1863, Nov. 19	Delivered Gettysburg address
1865, Apr. 15	Died the morning after being shot, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Content Note for Additions to the Collection

Addenda to the Abraham Lincoln Papers consist mostly of reproductions of government and military documents made from originals in the holdings of the National Archives and Records Administration, 1774-1887. Original documents and mementoes which span the years 1834-1948 have also been added to the Lincoln Papers. The Addenda include material acquired since 1960 and papers omitted as not being integral to the collection when it was microfilmed and indexed in 1960. The Addenda are designated as Series 4 and organized in subseries by the year each addition was processed. Material added to the Lincoln Papers from 1979 to 1987, previously designated as Series 5-7, is now consolidated with Series 4.

The 1973 Addition includes original correspondence, chiefly letters written by Lincoln; an original autobiographical sketch; reproductions of documents arranged chronologically; miscellaneous printed matter, including mourning cards and mementoes such as a pen purportedly used by Lincoln; and notes, envelopes, and photocopies of documents removed before microfilming from Series 1, General Correspondence and Related Documents. The autobiographical sketch was written in 1859 at the request of a political supporter, Jesse W. Fell, who believed that Lincoln might become president if he were better known. It is not signed, but a statement signed by David Davis, Lyman Trumbull, and Charles Sumner dated 20 March 1872 certifies that the document was written by Lincoln.

The 1979 Addition, formerly designated as Series 5, includes four original manuscripts and reproductions of letters, notes, and endorsements by Lincoln. Most of the reproductions are copies of applications and recommendations for military appointments made from originals in the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

The 1985 Addition, formerly Series 6, consists entirely of reproductions from original letters and documents at NARA pertaining to Lincoln. The material is organized according to the government department that created the record. The largest group comes from the adjutant general's office of the War Department and concerns military commissions.

The 1987 Addition, formerly Series 7, contains three original items and reproductions of documents from NARA.

Original items in the 1996 Addition include a deed for property held by John and Nancy Johnston and stepmother Sarah Johnston Lincoln in Illinois dated 1852, a message dated 1861 by Lincoln to Major George Douglas Ramsay, Chief of Ordnance, United States Army, requesting that he find employment for gunsmiths from Harper's Ferry, and a message dated 1862 by Lincoln to the surgeon general concerning a mother's request that her son be discharged. Also included are reproductions of documents from NARA organized according to the government department that created the record. Most of the documents are from the War Department. Notable exceptions are copies of a patent application Lincoln filed in 1849 for a device to lift riverboats over shoals and the report of the Washington, D.C., municipal police force detective corps on the investigation of Lincoln's assassination.

The 2010 Addition consists of a legal document from Lincoln's Springfield, Illinois law practice. The 2013 Addition includes a warrant for affixing the seal of the United States to a letter to Dom Pedro II Jan. 6, 1865.

Arrangement of the Papers

This collection is arranged in five series:

- Series 1, General Correspondence and Related Documents, 1833-1916
- Series 2, Additional Correspondence, 1858-1865
- Series 3, Miscellaneous, 1837-1897
- Series 4, Addenda, 1774-1948
- Oversize, 1776-1865

Description of Series

Container	*Series*
REEL 1-94	**Series 1, General Correspondence and Related Documents, 1833-1916** Manuscripts inherited by Robert Todd Lincoln which have been designated "The Robert Todd Lincoln Collection of the Papers of Abraham Lincoln." Arranged chronologically. The mounting sheet number which appears in the lower left-hand corner of recto pages with writing, is, however, the key to finding a particular document on the microfilm reproduction. When changes in the arrangement have been required or when new and corrected dates have been assigned, an errata sheet following this statement gives the pertinent data for a particular reel.
REEL 95-97	**Series 2, Additional Correspondence, 1858-1865** Correspondence retained by John G. Nicolay, Lincoln's secretary, that remained with the Nicolay Papers (received by the Library in 1947) until August 1959, when it was removed and reincorporated with the Lincoln Papers. Arranged chronologically.
REEL 97	**Series 3, Miscellaneous, 1837-1897** Single or small numbers of manuscripts which have been acquired by the Library of Congress from a variety of sources. Arranged chronologically.
BOX 4:1-14	**Series 4, Addenda, 1774-1948** Chiefly reproductions of government and military documents made from originals in the holdings of the National Archives and Records Administration, 1774-1887; also original documents and mementoes which span the years 1834-1948. Includes material acquired since 1960 and papers omitted as not being integral to the collection when it was microfilmed and indexed in 1960. Organized by the year each addition was processed.
BOX OV 1-OV 11	**Oversize, 1776-1865** Original correspondence and facsimile reproductions, certificates, pardons, a petition, a poem, pen, and printed matter. Unarranged and described according to the series and containers from which the items were removed.

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REEL 1	1833 May 1-1850 July 1 [25-454] *See also Oversize, Container OV 2*
REEL 2	1850 July 1-1858 July 9 [455-950]
REEL 3	1858 July 10-Sept. [951-1425]
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REEL 6	1860 Feb. 22-May 26 [2422-2905]
REEL 7	1860 May 26-July 18 [2906-3331]
REEL 8	1860 July 18-Sept. 22 [3332-3762]
REEL 9	1860 Sept. 22-Oct. 28 [3763-4173]
REEL 10	1860 Oct. 29-Nov. 23 [4174-4620]
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REEL 12	1860 Dec. 13-[1860] [5044-5587]
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REEL 14	1861 Jan. 10-20 [6014-6456]
REEL 15	1861 Jan. 20-29 [6457-6882]
REEL 16	1861 Jan. 29-Feb. 13 [6883-7303]
REEL 17	1861 Feb. 13-Mar. 4 [7304-7714]
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REEL 19	1861 Mar. 18-Apr. 1 [8209-8665]
REEL 20	1861 Apr. 1-Apr. 15 [8666-9097]
REEL 21	1861 Apr. 15-Apr. [9098-9694]
REEL 22	1861 May 1-June 3 [9695-10164]
REEL 23	1861 June 3-July 9 [10165-10707]
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REEL 26	1861 Sept. 17-Oct. 3 [11731-12246]
REEL 27	1861 Oct. 3-15 [12247-12487]
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REEL 29	1861 Nov. 4-Dec. 6 [12823-13276]
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REEL 31	[1861]-1862 Jan. 21 [13689-14099
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REEL 42	1862 Sept.24-Oct. 18 [18622-19064]
REEL 43	1862 Oct. 18-Nov. 13 [19065-19529]
REEL 44	1862 Nov. 14-Dec. 5 [19530-19960]
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REEL 49	1863 Feb. 16-Mar. 5 [21769-22225]
REEL 50	1863 Mar. 5-28 [22226-22698]
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REEL 57	1863 Aug. 7-27 [25403-25866]
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REEL 59	1863 Sept. 16-30 [26305-26757]
REEL 60	1863 Sept. 30-Oct. 12 [26758-27184]
REEL 61	1863 Oct. 12-31 [27185-27611]
REEL 62	1863 Oct. 31-Nov. 18 [27612-28106]
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REEL 64	1863 Dec. 9-31 [28574-29025]
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REEL 66	1864 Jan. 14-27 [29475-29905]
REEL 67	1864 Jan. 28-Feb. 9 [29906-30351]
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REEL 69	1864 Feb. 23-Mar. 4 [30788-31247]
REEL 70	1864 Mar. 4-19 [31248-31672]
REEL 71	1864 Mar. 19-Apr. 4 [31673-32121] *See also Oversize, Container OV 1*
REEL 72	1864 Apr. 5-23 [32122-32561] *See also Oversize, Container OV 4*
REEL 73	1864 Apr. 23-May 13 [32562-33061]
REEL 74	1864 May 14-27 [33062-33362]
REEL 75	1864 May 28-June 17 [33363-33815]
REEL 76	1864 June 18-July 4 [33816-34262]
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REEL 83	1864 Oct. 1-13 [36886-37219]
REEL 84	1864 Oct. 14-22 [37220-37508]
REEL 85	1864 Oct. 22-Nov. 2 [37509-37888]
REEL 86	1864 Nov. 3-11 [37889-38203]
REEL 87	1864 Nov. 12-22 [38204-38605]
REEL 88	1864 Nov.. 22-Dec. 5 [38606-39039]
REEL 89	1864 Dec. 5-22 [39040-39469]
REEL 90	1864 Dec. 23-1865 Jan. 16 [39470-40078]
REEL 91	1865 Jan. 17-Feb. 9 [40079-40550]
REEL 92	1865 Feb. 9-Mar. 2 [40551-41025]
REEL 93	1865 Mar. 3-25 [41026-41430]
REEL 94	1865 Mar. 25-1916 Apr. 18, undated [41431-41751]
REEL 95-97	**Series 2, Additional Correspondence, 1858-1865**
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	Arranged chronologically.
REEL 95	1858 June 30-1862 Sept. [41751-42358]
REEL 96	1862 Oct. 4-1864 July 2 [42359-42954]
REEL 97	1864 July 14-1865
REEL 97	**Series 3, Miscellaneous, 1837-1897**
	Single or small numbers of manuscripts which have been acquired by the Library of Congress from a variety of sources.
	Arranged chronologically.
REEL 97	1837 July-1897 May 17, undated [42955-43663] *See also Oversize, Containers OV 5* and *OV 6*
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Container	*Contents*
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	Justice Department, general records, 1864-1865
	Interior Department, Office of the Secretary, 1863-1865
	Navy Department, Office of Naval Records and Library, 1861-1864
	Treasury Department
	Civil War Special Agencies and the Treasury, 1862-1865
	General records, 1864
	War Department
	Adjutant General's Office
	Appointment, Commission, and Personal Branch
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	Miscellany, 1813, circa 1838, 1863, undated
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Springfield, Ill., merchants and businessmen, petition, 1856
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Legal document from Lincoln's Springfield, Ill., law practice, 1850
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Warrant for U.S. seal on letter to Dom Pedro II, 1865

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