

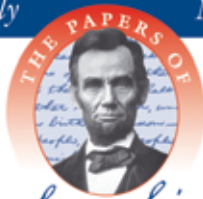
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"a great honor and a great labor" A. Lincoln, October 26, 1863

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS DIGITIZATION UNDERWAY

The Papers of Abraham Lincoln and the Library of Congress (LC) began a cooperative effort to digitize documents from the Robert Todd Lincoln Collection of Abraham Lincoln Papers. In August, Associate Editor John Lupton traveled to Washington, D.C., to coordinate the process and train new staff members.

In August, staff specialists from the Library's Digital Scan Center began the work. They are using a Phase One, P 45 digital camera to shoot 600 ppi images of the documents, which are bound in 220 conservator's volumes. After scanning, LC specialists then store the files on external hard drives for Papers of Abraham Lincoln staff members. New staff members AJ Aiséiríthe and John Macaulay process the scans by cropping the images and saving the files as master tiffs. The Library of Congress will eventually replace the grayscale images currently mounted on their American Memory website with the new color images prepared by this project. The Papers of Abraham Lincoln will transfer our master files to the National Center for Supercomputing Applications for long-term storage.

The Robert Todd Lincoln Collection, consisting of approximately 20,000 documents, is the largest single

collection of Lincoln documents in the world. The great majority of the material relates to Lincoln's presidential years and includes some extremely significant documents, such as Lincoln's draft of his second inaugural address.



Camera Setup
at the Library of Congress

After the digitization of the Robert Todd Lincoln Collection materials, LC scanning specialists will turn their attention to Lincoln's legal documents and correspondence in the Herndon-Weik Collection and to a number of other collections containing Lincoln documents.

The project would like to thank James Hutson and John Sellers for their support in imaging the collection, Michael Neubert and Tim Stutz for overseeing the cooperative endeavor, and Dominic Sergi of the Digital Scan Center for supervising the imaging specialists.

PROJECT SUFFERS LOSS OF EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER

In August, editorial board member Phillip Shaw Paludan died after a long illness. A professor of history and the Naomi B. Lynn Distinguished Chair in Lincoln Studies at the University of Illinois at Springfield, Dr. Paludan served on the project's board since 2001.

Professor Paludan held a Ph.D. in history from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He was the author of four books and dozens of articles on the Civil War era, including *The Presidency of Abraham Lincoln* (1994) and *A People's Contest* (1988). He received the Lincoln Prize for his book on Lincoln's presidency.

In addition to being an active board member, he was a ready supporter of the project and a regular participant of the staff's book discussion group. Staff members deeply feel the loss of his friendship, his expansive knowledge of Abraham Lincoln and nineteenth-century American history, his research and writing talents, and his wit and engaging personality.



THREE NEW RESEARCH ASSOCIATES HIRED

This summer, the project hired three new staff members to continue work already underway at the National Archives and to begin work at the Library of Congress. John Macaulay and A J Aiséirithe are processing images of Lincoln documents digitized at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. David Gerleman has joined Assistant Editor Ed Bradley, working at the National Archives in College Park, Maryland.

John A. Macaulay holds a Bachelor's degree from Erskine College, a Master's degree from Duke University, and a Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina. He previously worked at the Papers of John C. Calhoun.

A J Aiséirithe earned her Bachelor's degree from the University of Chicago and a Master's degree from the State



A J Aiséirithe

University of New York at Binghamton. She is currently finishing her dissertation in fulfillment of her doctorate at the University of Chicago. She served as a researcher with the Andrew W. Mellon Biography Project.

David Gerleman holds a Bachelor's degree from Wartburg College and a Master's degree and Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University. During his graduate studies, he worked at the Papers of Ulysses S. Grant.



John A. Macaulay



David Gerleman

STAFF BUSY WITH SUMMER TRAVEL

In June, Director Daniel Stowell and Assistant Editor Chris Schnell traveled to several repositories in Michigan and northern Indiana to capture images of documents. They would like to acknowledge with appreciation the assistance of Cynthia Krolkowski at Wayne State University in Detroit; Mark Bowden at Detroit Public Library; William Cramer at Oakland University in Rochester, MI; Robert Beasecker and Nancy Richard at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, MI; and Fr. Chris Kuhn at the Indiana Province Archives Center in Notre Dame, IN.

In July, Research Associate Kelley Clausing and Associate Director John Lupton scanned documents from six repositories and two private collections in Minnesota and northwestern Illinois. They would like to thank Ellen Holt-Werle of Macalester College in St. Paul, MN; Alan K. Lathrop at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis; Steven T. Granger at the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis Archives; Shirley Johnson at the Houston County (MN) Historical Society; Mark Peterson at the Winona County (MN) Historical Society; Chris Gordy at the Stephenson County (IL) Historical Society; Floyd E. Risvold of Edina, MN; and Dr. Gordon E. Dammann of Lena, IL.

Also in July, Assistant Editor Stacy McDermott and Research Associate Erika Nunamaker traveled to Maine to digitize Lincoln documents located across the state. The project acknowledges the assistance of the following

individuals and repositories: Richard Hollinger at the University of Maine in Orono; Deana Bonner-Ganter at the Maine State Museum in Augusta; Richard Lindemann at Bowdoin College Library in Brunswick; Dana Lippett at the Bangor Museum and Center for History; Tracy Baetz at the Brick Store Museum in Kennebec; Tina Agren at the Shaker Library in New Gloucester; Mary Castonguay at the Washburn-Nordlands Living History Center in Livermore; Nicholas Noyes at the Maine Historical Society in Portland; Anne Small at the Maine State Archives in Augusta. Following the trip to Maine, McDermott and Nunamaker also scanned a Lincoln document owned by private collector Donald Carmichael in Lyme, NH.

In August, Colby College in Waterville, Maine, provided the project with digital images of their Lincoln documents. The project acknowledges the assistance of Special Collections Librarian Patricia Burdick in this effort.

In late July and early August, Chris Schnell and Kelley Clausing traveled to northern California and western Nevada to digitize Lincoln documents at five repositories and in two private collections. They would like to thank Julie Haugen and Robert Glass at the National Archives Pacific Region in San Bruno, CA; George Oldenbourg in Berkeley, CA; Genevieve Troka at the California State Archives in Sacramento; Catherine Hanson-Tracy at the California State Library in Sacramento; Dolores & Anthony DeBenedictis in

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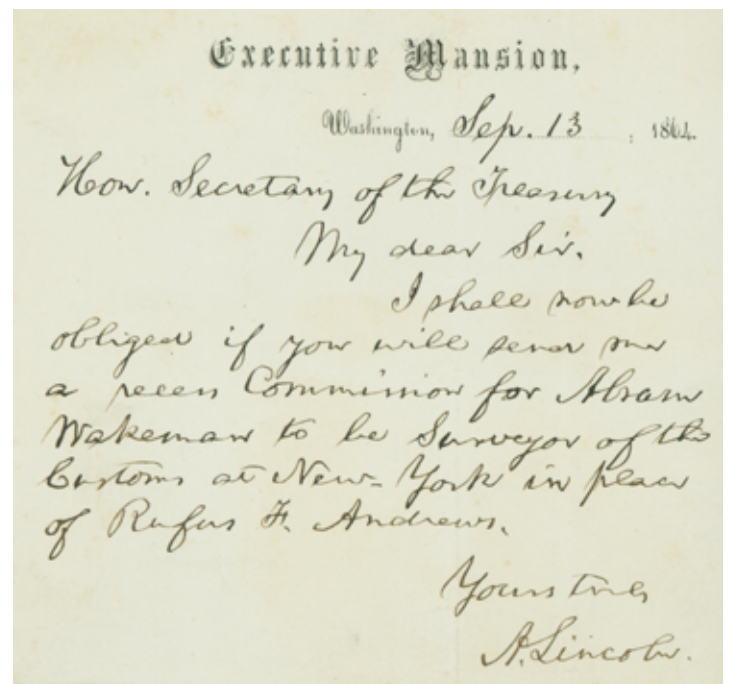
In August, Erika Nunamaker and Chris Schnell visited seventeen manuscript repositories in Massachusetts and Ohio and obtained images of twenty-eight documents. They would like to thank the following individuals and institutions for their generous assistance: Tevis Kimball at the Jones Library in Amherst, MA; Peter Nelson at the Robert Frost Library of Amherst College in Amherst, MA; Maggie Humbertson and Michele Plourde-Barker at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum in Springfield, MA; Susan Roetzer at the Fitchburg Historical Society in Fitchburg, MA; Jeanne Bracken at the Lincoln Public Library in Lincoln, MA; Ardis Francoeur and Beverly Shank at the Watertown Free Public Library in Watertown, MA; Timothy Sprattler at the Oliver Wendell Holmes Library of Phillips Academy in Andover, MA; Jaclyn Penny and Thomas Knoles at the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester, MA; Katie Chase at the State Library of Massachusetts in Boston; Stephen Nonack at the Boston Athenaeum in Boston; Sean Casey at the Boston Public Library in Boston; John Cronin and Bill Dacey at the Winthrop Public Library in Winthrop, MA; Debbie Charpentier at The Millicent Library in Fairhaven, MA; Georgen Gilliam Charnes and Elizabeth Oldham at the Nantucket Historical Association in Nantucket, MA; Keith Gorman and Zachary Gerson-Nieder at Martha's Vineyard Museum in Edgartown, MA; Ed Vermue at the Oberlin College Library in Oberlin, OH; and Russell Sibert of Akron, OH.

In July and August, Daniel Stowell visited twenty-one repositories and private collectors in seven western states. The Papers of Abraham Lincoln appreciates the assistance of the following individuals and repositories: Chelle Somsen, Matthew T. Reitzel, and Marvene Riis at the South Dakota State Historical Society in Pierre; Barbara R. Schuster at the Bradford Brinton Memorial and Museum in Big Horn, WY; Carolyn Bowler at the Idaho State Historical Society in Boise; Patricia Tobias at the Idaho Supreme Court in Boise; David H. Leroy and Ellison M. Matthews in Boise, ID; Trevor J. Bond and Cheryl Gunselman at Washington State University in Pullman; Herrick Heitman, Judy Pitchford, and Marlys Rudeen at the Washington State Library in Olympia; Joy Werlink at the Washington State Historical Society in Tacoma; Carla Rickerson at the University of Washington in Seattle; H. DeForest Hardinge in Mercer Island, WA; Steve Chittenden and Patrick Rood in Everett, WA; Maryann Campbell and George L. Vogt at the Oregon Historical Society in Portland; Vern and Lee M. Johnson in Redmond, OR; Carol Bowers and Leslie Waggener at the American

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This summer, the Pennsylvania State Archives in Harrisburg provided digital scans of 113 Lincoln documents located in their collections. Thanks to Linda Ries, Gerry Ellis, and Brett Reigh for their assistance in this effort.

The project would like to thank the following collectors for providing access to their Lincoln documents for scanning: William F. Chaney of Harwood, MD; Arthur Duncan of Pennsylvania; John Franklin of Lexington, KY; and John D. Schmale of Mahomet, IL.



Previously unknown letter from Abraham Lincoln to William P. Fessenden regarding Abram Wakeman's appointment as Surveyor of Customs at New York
September 13, 1864

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