BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

George Burt Lincoln was born in 1817 in Hardwick, Massachusetts. After working for Benjamin Hamilton for three years, George Burt Lincoln moved to Brooklyn, New York in 1838 to start his own business. An abolitionist, he became involved with the Republican Party, and was an active supporter of both John Fremont and Abraham Lincoln. After serving in the defense of Washington D.C. at the start of the Civil War, George Burt Lincoln was appointed Postmaster of Brooklyn in May of 1861. He held that position until 1867, when he was appointed Sanitary Commissioner for the State of New York. After his retirement, George Burt Lincoln traveled the American West and Europe before returning to his property in Tenafly, New Jersey around 1885. George Burt Lincoln died in 1890.

COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The George Burt Lincoln Collection is housed in one document box, one photograph file and three oversized folders and is divided into four basic categories: Correspondence, Family History, Miscellaneous Materials, and Printed Materials. This collection was donated by Edward D. Gray in 1963.

The Correspondence section largely contains letters received by George Burt Lincoln. One exception is a letter to Robert Todd Lincoln. All the correspondence is arranged in alphabetical order according to author, and then chronologically. Notable correspondents include Horace Greeley, Abner Doubleday and Elizabeth Cady Stanton.
The Family History section includes both family notes and legal papers. The Lincoln Family and McQuhae Family notes are in this section. Banister Family notes can be found in the Oversized section. Additionally, the Oversized section includes a document conferring the rank of Captain on William Mills, and an indenture conveying land to Richard Williams.

The Miscellaneous Materials section is grouped according to individual. George Burt Lincoln and his son, George Burt Lincoln, Jr. are listed. For George Burt Lincoln, this section includes an autograph collection, papers concerning a memorial service for Horace Greeley held in London and hosted by G. B. Lincoln, receipts for the Brooklyn Post Office, and certificates of support for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Cassius M. Clay’s Battalion, the Hungarian Bond Fund, and the Union Campaign for 1865. More materials of George Burt Lincoln are listed in the oversized section. These include his commissions as Postmaster of Brooklyn, New York, signed by Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson, and his commission as Sanitary Commissioner of the State of New York.

All Printed Materials are listed in the oversized section. Single issues of newspapers, newspaper clippings, a political cartoon, and a booklet of Robert Burns poetry comprise the Printed Materials section. The newspaper clippings cover the Brooklyn Post Office, and/or are authored by George Henry Lincoln. The political cartoon is with regard to an election and Mugwumpism and published in Judge.

Three folders of oversized materials, designated OC 2000.3, include family genealogy, legal and financial papers, and printed materials. These oversized items are described briefly above within their appropriate section.

Three photographs, designated PC 2000.3, are included in the collection. These consist of images of George Burt Lincoln, John Hay and an unknown woman.

COLLECTION INVENTORY

BOX 1 - MC 2000.3

CORRESPONDENCE

Folder 01) Bergh, Henry to George B. Lincoln - July 22, 1869
Folder 02) Brownlow, William Gennaway to George B. Lincoln -
            Apr. 25, 1862
Folder 03) Burritt, Elihu to George B. Lincoln - Jan. 8, 1859
Folder 04) Clark, Emmons to George B. Lincoln - Mar. 2, 1869
Folder 05) Colfax, Schuyler to George B. Lincoln - Dec. 19, 1865
Folder 06) Conkling, Roscoe to George B. Lincoln - Jan. 30, 1868
Folder 07) Doubleday, Abner to George B. Lincoln - Nov. 30, 1886
Folder 08) Greeley, Horace to George B. Lincoln -
            Feb. 5
            Mar. 10, 1867
            Aug. 14, 1867
Folder 09) Hamilton, Benjamin to George B. Lincoln - Feb. 1, 1838
BOX 1 - MC 2000.3 (cont.)

CORRESPONDENCE (cont.)
Folder 10) Hay, John Milton to George B. Lincoln - Jan. 7, 1887
Folder 11) Lincoln, George B.
            To wife - Feb. 17, 1866
            To Andrew Johnson - June and July, 1865
            To Haywood, Elizabeth Salisbury - 1870
Folder 12) Lincoln, Robert Todd to F. M. Williams - Apr. 7, 1890
Folder 13) McCulloch, Hugh to George B. Lincoln - Oct. 6, 1888
Folder 14) Phelps, William Walter to George B. Lincoln (w/reply) - July 2, 1889
Folder 15) Smalley, George Washburn to George B. Lincoln -
            Oct. 10, 1887
            Nov. 13, 1887
Folder 16) Stanton, Elizabeth Cady to George B. Lincoln - Aug. 24
Folder 17) Sumner, Charles to George B. Lincoln - Oct. 16, 1850

FAMILY HISTORY
Lincoln Family
Folder 18) Miscellaneous notes on descendants of Thomas Lincoln
          Muster Roll of Captain Jared Weed’s Company, Sgt. Burt
          Lincoln

McQuhae Family
Folder 19) Copy of McQuhae family records
          Marriage Certificate of Sarah Jane McQuhea to William Mills -
          Feb. 25, 1874
          Death Certificate of William Mills - Dec. 30, 1891

Smith, Mary Williams
Folder 20) Copy of petition for citizenship - Mar. 14, 1815

Taliaferro, John
Folder 21) Warrant for the arrest of John Taliaferro - Oct. 15, 1802

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS
Lincoln, George Burt
Folder 22) Autograph clippings
Folder 23) Invitation to memorial for Horace Greeley - Dec. 1872
Folder 24) Certificates of membership for the Independent Order of
           Odd Fellows
           Certificate of Service in Cassius M. Clay’s Battalion -
           Apr. 25, 1861
           Hungarian Fund Bond - Feb. 1852
           United States Post Office Department, receipts for
           Brooklyn, NY - 1862 and 1867
           Union Campaign for 1865, receipt - Nov. 2, 1865

Lincoln, George Burt, Jr.
Folder 25) Pass to rejoin regiment - Jan. 10, 1863
OVERSIZED - OC 2000.3

FAMILY HISTORY
Folder 01) Banister Family
        Notes on the Banister Family
Mills, William
        Commission as Captain of 16th Infantry - May 19, 1866
Williams, Mary
        Indenture to Richard Williams, conveying lands in Weymouth and Melcombe Regis - Apr. 10, 1794

MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS
Folder 02) Lincoln, George Burt
        Commissions as Deputy Postmaster, Brooklyn NY -
        May 9, 1861
        July 16, 1861
        July 12, 1865
        Commission as Sanitary Commissioner, State of New York -
        Dec. 23, 1867

PRINTED MATERIALS
        One Greek newspaper - 1847
        Color political cartoon from Judge - c1880
        The Public Ledger, Philadelphia, v.1, no. 1, Mar. 25, 1836
        Tam O'Shanter - A tale, - and Lament of Mary Queen of Scots,
        by Robert Burns - c1872
        Newspaper clippings
        Photocopies of newspaper clippings

PHOTOGRAPHS - PC 2000.3

Folder 01) John Hay
        George B. Lincoln
        Unidentified woman

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