

THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN ASSOCIATION

FORMERLY THE LINCOLN CENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION

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PURPOSES:

"To observe each anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln; to preserve and make more readily accessible the landmarks associated with his life; and to actively encourage, promote and aid the collection and dissemination of authentic information regarding all phases of his life and career."

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W A R N I N G

To the Members of the Abraham Lincoln Association:

The officers of the Abraham Lincoln Association have just learned that several members of the Association have been solicited to purchase so-called Lincoln autographs which purport to come from one Brown, a colored man who is said to have been Mrs. Lincoln's coachman in the years immediately following Lincoln's death, and to have received the material now offered for sale from her.

This material consists almost entirely of sheet music, old maps and rare books, usually autographed "A. Lincoln". Many of the items are of considerable value in themselves.

We feel, however, that we should fail in our duty to our members, many of whom will undoubtedly be asked to make purchases from this collection, if we did not point out several circumstances surrounding this material and the sale of it. In the first place, it is strange that a body of material so important as this should have remained unknown until this late date. In the second place, it is not known to the officers of the Association that Lincoln was in the habit of collecting and autographing sheet music, maps and books. In the third place, several items from this collection have already been sold at prices much lower than the standard market value for genuine Lincoln autographs.

In the opinion of the officers of the Abraham Lincoln Association, members who may be offered items from this collection would do well to exercise more than ordinary precaution before purchasing, and to insist upon an effective guarantee that the purchase price will be refunded if the alleged Lincoln autographs should be proved to be forgeries.

Very truly yours,

Paul M. Angle
Executive Secretary.