

I refer you to Wayne Whipple  
as to my collecting history and  
faithfulness.

an early reply is desired.

OMRO, R. I., WIS., Aug. 3, 1939.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I have decided  
to dispose of my General Historical Collections  
and Museum. This is a working collection.  
I assembled it as a student and lecturer  
in high schools, normals and colleges.  
It includes Oriental, Greek, Roman, Medieval  
antiquities; North American Indian artifacts,  
including Mayan, Toltec and Aztec items;  
ancient, medieval and modern coins;  
Original specimens illustrating the  
development of the written and printed word:  
Sumerian clay tablets; ancient Egyptian papyrus;  
A few fragments of Greek papyrus;  
Early French and English deeds;  
Leaves from the missals of the  
old monks; Manuscript books and leaves,  
Aldine, Elzevir, Plantin, Bodoni books;  
MS leaves and printed books in  
many early languages and periods;

A set of the original blocks, Tibetan,  
Manchu and Mongolian, from which books  
were printed.

A large collection of early printed  
atlases and maps, including several  
issues of Ptolemy, others by Mercator,  
Noll. Sanson, with beautiful hand  
colored maps.

Books on illumination and the history  
of writing and printing.

Travel books from the famous  
modern presses.

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American History.

Slavery and reconstruction

Kansas, insurrection, habeas corpus.

Books and pamphlets of Companies.

of 1856, 1860, 1864. Hundreds of items.

Thacker in Congress in 1854, 1850,

1858, 1860.

Official proceedings of the Republican  
and Democratic Conventions of 1856, 1860, 1864.

# Abraham Lincoln.

Hundreds of books and pamphlets, ~~on~~ Lincoln,  
contemporary and recent. Many rare items.

Hendon, Sumner, Whitney.

The Briefs pamphlets; the *Virginia* life, etc.

Hundreds of magazine articles on Lincoln,  
some old, some recent, some unobtainable now.

Biographies of ~~Abraham~~, *Abner*, Stanton, Sumner, etc.

~~Abraham~~ Memoirs of Grant, Sherman, Sheridan, etc.

Reminiscences of Boutwell, Field, Fournier,

DeLain, Ingray, Indiana Welles, etc.

Biographies and memoirs of Confederate  
statesmen and Generals.

Modern anti-Lincoln literature,

Partisanship, Zora S. Tyler, Melchior C.  
Rudolph, etc.

Many histories of the Civil War and  
books of kind War interest.

Six or seven thousand items  
in all the collections. An average price  
of two dollars for them would be  
reasonable.

These are working collections, suited for  
students and teachers and lecturers.

It is the opportunity of a life time  
to acquire such some material.

If you want something worth while for  
Allegheny College, here it is.

I will sell for a song.

Just a nominal sum, and I will  
donate the rest.

If you are interested, let me  
know and I will send you a typed  
written summary.

I have spent about 40 years  
assembling this material from all  
over the world.

It shall be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Albert H. Griffith.