

Lincoln's Appearance:

I think I should get together at once the notes scattered around and arrange ~~with it~~ the series of photographs demonstrating the gamut of moods/^{of} which the man was capable and which show themselves in the photographs. This can be done most intelligently perhaps in connection with the collection of the photographs for the Meserve collection. He has promised to help me and ^{to} gather these and his comments on this matter of moods would be interesting.

Lincoln's interest in the appearance of men, his almost immediate association, ^{of height & ability} his almost immediate reaction to height is interesting. Have just looked at notes of my interview with Abram Mewitt. They are to be found in the folder on "The Beginnings of the War." There Mewitt told me that Mr. Lincoln said, "Well you were not such a hell of a fellow after all. I thought you must at least be seven feet high."

Compare this with the account in Nevins book and others. Here the point is his immediate connection of height with achievement. Whatever else he noticed about men he seemed always to have known whether they were short or tall.

Find Barrett's comment which are somewhere in an envelope on Lincoln's Appearance.