

Herndon-Weik Lincoln Collection:

The matter on which Mr. Harzoff of the
G. A. Baker & Company wished to see me was the Herndon-
Weik Lincoln collection.

Weik's son,
He, himself, wants to sell it. Mr. Harzoff
had the catalogue. It is entirely manuscript. He says
that one printed piece in it is the only printed brief known
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of Lincoln's. There are 1403 pieces and included in them are all
the papers which Herndon took away from the law office in
Springfield - Lincoln's letters to him. There are numberless
briefs and notes in Lincoln's hand. There is the correspondence
with Dennis Hanks, John Hanks and with various Kentucky and
Southwestern Indiana people and also a large correspondence
in regard to Lincoln, that is, letters to Lincoln from various
points. Whether Hanks' are included I do not know. Probably
not.

There is also Weik's correspondence.
I was interested to see in the catalogue the document of which
Herndon always made so much mystery - John S. Seripp's report
of his talk with Lincoln when he was ordering his first
biography.

What they want is to sell this to the Congressional
has
Library. Putnam wanted it, but has no money. The question is
whether Congress can be persuaded to buy it. I would be willing

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to make an effort to do this, at least put it some place where it would be kept together. I think it ought to be with Robert Lincoln's papers.

Urge the representative of the Congressional Library if not to follow up with the well known Historical Library. After that the Lincoln Insurance Library at Fort Wayne. Think that if there is a hitch that I shall ask permission to see Greene. It might be possible that they would consider it for the Morgan Library. I am not sure what hawking about Weik has done. The only place that these people^{have} applied, so far as I know, is the Providence Library where the curator said they would like it, but they did not want to ask Mr. Rockefeller to buy it. The Congressional Library is the place.