

July 12, 1939

Mr. F.H. Meserve
79 Leonard St.
New York City

Dear Mr. Meserve:

I am here for two weeks, working on Miss Tarbell's Lincoln collection, which she has just given to her Alma Mater. There are many photographs of Lincoln, and one of them which is not in your book, I think you would be interested in.

This is a profile photograph of Lincoln without a beard. It is a copy by Phillips of Philadelphia, but under a glass appears to have been copied from a photograph and not from an engraving. The tie and collar look similar to those in your no. 8 or no. 14. The hair is parted on the left and brushed up off the forehead. The coat also looks like no. 14. He faces to the right

On the back of the card (cabinet size) is written:-
"Lincoln in 1860. Copy of an old print in possession of J. Howard Brown, Philadelphia, found among the effects of the late J. Henry Brown, artist, who painted a likeness of President in 1860"

Have you ever seen a photograph like this? I shall be here only till the middle of next week, but if you want to write here about the portrait after I am gone, you could address the librarian Miss Edith Rowley.

Yours very truly,

Custodian, Lincoln Collection
Brown University