

On Lincoln and Money

If I do the article Sid wants, these points I want to make clear. First, that he took only what he thought a thing was worth, but would not allow himself to be cheated if he thought there was an intention to do so. (See Illinois Central Case)

Second. Tempered fee to his client. Accommodated friends and community.

Third. Saved: 1) by living frugally; and 2) slowly investing.

Think Mrs. Lincoln helped him in the frugal living, though she was evidently afflicted by spasms of extravagance.

The use of this material would be very different from that in the Footsteps. There is must go on as part of the picture of his developing life, that is, I could not stop and write an article on the point.