

MS-642: Lincoln Society of Dayton Records

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Title: Lincoln Society of Dayton Records

Dates: 2003-2017

Creator: Lincoln Society of Dayton

Summary/Abstract:

Founded in 2003 by Thomas C. Cecil, the Lincoln Society of Dayton seeks to encourage the appreciation of the 16th President, Abraham Lincoln, and the role that he played in American History and Society. This culminated in a fundraising effort to erect a statue of Lincoln at the Dayton Courthouse, which was accomplished in 2016. The documents in this collection cover events leading up to the construction of the statue of Lincoln including fundraising events such as an auction in 2011 and screenings of Lincoln related films. Materials include meeting minutes, administrative records, correspondence, membership lists, fundraising notes, and advertising fliers.

Quantity/Physical Description: 1.89 Linear Feet

Language(s): English

Repository:

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Other Finding Aid:

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Related Material:

MS-7: Judge Lester L. Cecil Lincoln Collection

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Arrangement:

The collection is arranged into three primary series:

- Series I: Administrative, 2003-2017
- Series II: Correspondence, 2003-2017
- Series III: Fundraising, 2009-2017

Biographical/Historical Note:

Founded in 2003 by Thomas C. Cecil, the Lincoln Society of Dayton (LSOD) sought to reinvigorate public interest in the legacy of Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States. The goal of the society was to erect a statue of the President upon the Dayton Old Courthouse steps in commemoration of Lincoln's speech at the same location in 1859. While Dayton statutes prevented the placement of the statue on the courthouse steps themselves, it was ultimately erected in Dayton's Courthouse Square in September 2016. After the Courthouse statue was funded, the group began fundraising efforts for a second statue at the Dayton VA Medical Center.

In keeping with other similar historical societies, the Lincoln Society helped provide the Dayton region with a glimpse into the antebellum era through re-enactments, period recipes, and speech giving.

Scope and Content Note:

The first box in **Series I: Administrative** covers the workings of the society itself, such as the Constitution and Officer Elections. Additionally, any newsletters or press releases made by the LSOD highlight both the objectives of the society and the plans that it made to accomplish them. Furthermore, the meeting agendas and minutes contained within the second box showcase the conversations of the society's officers, who were a close-knit group of Lincoln aficionados. Also notable in this series are files pertaining to the selection of the sculptor for the Courthouse statue; ultimately, Michael Major of Urbana was chosen. Materials in Series I date from 2003 to 2017.

Most of **Series II: Correspondence** stems from two members of the society: Diane Buchanan and Maribeth Graham. Given their roles as President and Vice-President of the Lincoln Society of Dayton for the majority of the collection's time frame, their e-mails should be helpful in identifying the mindset of the society's leadership. Other notable correspondence comes from

Tom Cecil, who founded the society and spearheaded efforts during the first several years its existence. Materials in Series II date from 2003 to 2017.

The final series, **Series III: Fundraising** contains most of the information pertaining to the fundraising events organized by the society. This primarily entails the annual Ice Cream Social, the auction in 2011, and the theatre viewing of the 2012 Stephen Spielberg *Lincoln* film. Also included are the multitude of fliers and advertisements that the society published over the 14 years of the collection. Materials in Series III date from 2009 to 2017.

Subject Terms

Persons/Families

Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865
Cecil, Thomas C.
Graham, Maribeth
Buchanan, Diane

Organizations/Corporate Names

Lincoln Society of Dayton

Places

Dayton (Ohio)

Subjects (General)

Dayton (Ohio) -- History
Dayton (Ohio) -- History 21st century

Material Types

Agendas (administrative records)
Minutes (administrative records)
Budgets
Newspaper Clippings
E-mails

Collection Inventory

Box	File	Description	Date
Series I: Administrative			2003-2017
1	1	Constitution & By-laws	2003-2017
1	2	Board of Directors Nominations & Elections	2012-2017
1	3	Committee Proposals & Notes	2003-2016
1	4	Lincoln Log Newsletter	2013-2017
1	5	Press Releases & Newsletters	2009-2012
1	6	Press Releases & Newsletters	2013-2017
1	7	University of Dayton Lifelong Learning Institute	2013-2016
1	8	Strategic Planning for Non-Profit Seminar	2013
1	9	Dennis Smith Invoice & Contract	2013-2014
1	10	Binder Cover Image	2015
1	11	Treasurer's Reports	2007-2015
1	12	Treasurer's Reports	2016-2017
1	13	Expense Reports & Activity Incomes	2008-2017
1	14	Sculptor Cost Analysis & Project Suitability & Statue Invoices	2003-2016
1	15	Sculptor Proposals & Bios	2003-2005
1	16	Society Membership	2003-2015
1	17	Meeting Attendance	2008-2016
1	18	Mailing Lists	2008-2010
1	19	Miscellaneous Handwritten Notes	2007-2017
2	1	Meeting Agendas & Minutes	2003
2	2	Meeting Agendas & Minutes	2004
2	3	Meeting Agendas & Minutes	2005
2	4	Meeting Agendas & Minutes	2006
2	5	Meeting Agendas & Minutes	2007
2	6	Meeting Agendas & Minutes	2008
2	7	Meeting Agendas & Minutes	2009
2	8	Meeting Agendas & Minutes	2010
2	9	Meeting Agendas & Minutes	2011
2	10	Meeting Agendas & Minutes	2012
2	11	Meeting Agendas & Minutes	2013
2	12	Meeting Agendas & Minutes	2014
2	13	Meeting Agendas & Minutes	2015
2	14	Meeting Agendas & Minutes	2016
2	15	Meeting Agendas & Minutes	2017
Series II: Correspondence			2003-2017
3	1	Correspondence by Diane Buchanan	2004-2012
3	2	Correspondence by Diane Buchanan	2013-2014
3	3	Correspondence by Diane Buchanan	2015

3	4	Correspondence by Diane Buchanan	2016-2017
3	5	Thank You Notes by Diane Buchanan	2016
3	6	Correspondence by Karen Campbell	2011-2012
3	7	Correspondence by Tom Cecil	2003-2005
3	8	Correspondence by Tom Cecil	2006-2012
3	9	Correspondence by Judge William Clark	2012-2015
3	10	Correspondence by Glenn Costie	2016-2017
3	11	Correspondence by Maribeth Graham	2005-2009
3	12	Correspondence by Maribeth Graham	2010-2011
3	13	Correspondence by Maribeth Graham	January-June 2012
3	14	Correspondence by Maribeth Graham	July-September 2012
3	15	Correspondence by Maribeth Graham	October-December 2012
3	16	Correspondence by Maribeth Graham	January-May 2013
4	1	Correspondence by Maribeth Graham	June-December 2013
4	2	Correspondence by Maribeth Graham	2014
4	3	Correspondence by Maribeth Graham	2015
4	4	Correspondence by Maribeth Graham	2016-2017
4	5	Correspondence by Roxanne Hemmelgarn	2015-2016
4	6	Correspondence by Barbara Lynch	2012-2017
4	7	Correspondence by Fred Lynch	2011-2014
4	8	Correspondence by Mike Major	2011-2016
4	9	Miscellaneous Society Correspondence	2012-2016
4	10	Correspondence by Bob Neff	2013-2015
4	11	Correspondence by Regina Payne	2013-2016
4	12	Correspondence by Prospective Sculptors	2010-2012
4	13	Correspondence by Judge Walter H. Rice	2013-2014
4	14	Correspondence by Ginjer Schriml	2004-2013
4	15	Correspondence by Sue Shay	2012-2013
4	16	Correspondence by Bill White	2012
Series III: Fundraising			2009-2017
5	1	Program Schedules	2010-2016
5	2	Society Promotional Material	2009-2016
5	3	Fundraising Notes, Ice Cream Social	2010-2011
5	4	Fundraising Notes, Ice Cream Social	2012-2014
5	5	Auction Promotional Material	2011
5	6	Auction Planning Notes	2011
5	7	Auction Listings	2011
5	8	Lincoln Film Fundraiser Related Material	2012
5	9	Lincoln's Birthday Dinner/Fundraiser	2016
5	10	LSOD Ball Material	2016-2017
5	11	Newspaper Ads and Articles Concerning LSOD	2009-2017