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Lincoln Legacy Collection and Exhibition



The collection is the most significant grouping of contemporary artifacts ever assembled relating to the relationship of Abraham Lincoln and the Rocky Mountain West. No institution, public or private, national or regional, can duplicate the 1,500 tangible objects, books, letters, photographs, publications, cartoons, relics, paintings, statuary, campaign mementos, association pieces and Lincoln family items that will be included in the new 1,200 square foot exhibition at the Idaho State Archives.

Visitors will enter the exhibition through a reconstruction of the Lincoln-era Cabinet Room where President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation in the White House and exit through the last gallery depicting the façade of the Presidential Box in Ford's Theater where President Lincoln was assassinated. In between, visitors will explore four more exhibition galleries exploring the chronological and topical depiction of Lincoln's life, achievements, and relations with the West.

Unique items slated for display include:

- The New York Herald, March 11, 1863 edition, mapping and announcing the President's creation of Idaho Territory.
- Lincoln's signed appointment of the first territorial Chief Justice, second territorial Governor.
- Lincoln's remarks to Congress in 1863 and 1864 reporting on the progress made in organizing Idaho Territory.
- Printed handbill from Ford's Theater on April 14, 1865 announcing the play to which Lincoln invited the Idaho Congressional delegate, William H. Wallace, to attend hours before his assassination.
- Original photograph of Idaho Territory's congressional delegation posed in front of the Lincoln residence in Springfield before the President's funeral
- Piece of floorboard from the Lincoln Springfield home, which was occupied during 1847-1848 by renter Mason Brayman, who became the Governor of Idaho Territory in 1876.
- Lock of Lincoln's hair, taken at his autopsy in the White House by James Barnes, the Surgeon General of the United States.

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Lincoln Legacy Collection and Exhibition

When will the exhibition open?

The exhibition is scheduled to open Fall of 2013 as a legacy project of the Idaho at 150 Territorial Sesquicentennial commemoration. Research materials will be available when the exhibition opens.

Will there be an entrance fee?

There is no entrance fee anticipated, but the Idaho State Archives is pleased to accept donations toward this exhibit or any of our programs. The Idaho State Archives raises 55% of its budget from non-state sources.

What are the hours of the exhibition?

Self-guided tours will be available during Idaho State Archives regular hours of operation: Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Will the exhibition be available for school or group tours?

School and group tours will be available upon request. Schedules will be announced after the exhibition opens.

How did the Lincoln Legacy collection come to the Idaho State Archives?

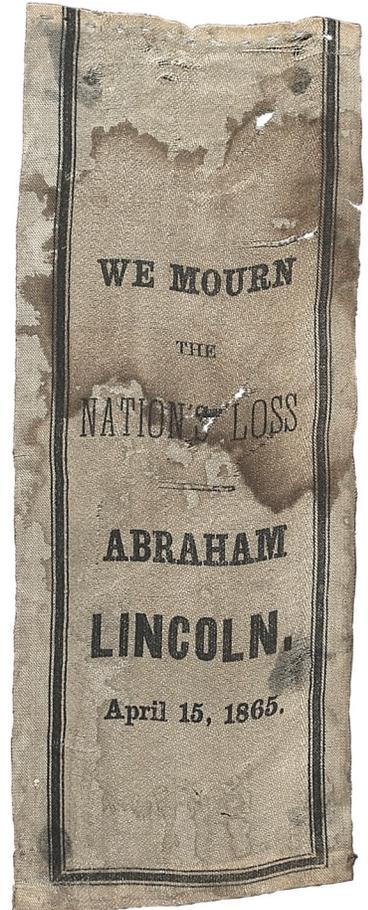
The collection was donated by David and Nancy Leroy. Private funds are being raised to support the exhibition.

How is the Idaho State Archives involved with this exhibition?

This one-of-a-kind collection emphasizes the connection between Lincoln and Idaho. In addition to signing the bill that created Idaho Territory on March 4, 1863, the sixteenth President had a personal connection to Idaho Territory and the state that will be explored in the exhibition.

What other collections do you have that relate to Abraham Lincoln and Idaho's territorial history?

The Idaho State Archives holds a rich and extensive collection of materials of administrative, legal, and historic value relating to Idaho's twenty-seven year territorial period.



**Check our website
for more information
about the Lincoln
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For more information on the Idaho State Archives collections and services, contact (208) 334-2620.

If you would like to contribute to the Lincoln Legacy exhibition, please contact our Development Office at (208) 514-2310.



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