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HERMAN J. DEUTSCH COLLECTION

1 box; .5 cubic feet

Biographical Note

Herman Julius Karl Deutsch was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on May 29, 1897. Deutsch attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison, where he earned a bachelor's degree, master's degree, and doctorate. He taught at the University of Montana before becoming Professor of History at the State College of Washington, now Washington State University, in Pullman, Washington, where he remained until his retirement in 1962. Deutsch was a scholar of the Pacific Northwest and remained active in local historical organizations throughout his life. He also maintained an interest in Lincoln studies and publications, selected books for the college's Lincoln Collection, and corresponded with other collectors of Lincolniana. Deutsch died at age 82 in 1979.

The Herman J. Deutsch Papers, including research, notes, publications, and personal and professional correspondence, are housed at Washington State University. View the finding aid for that collection online: <http://ntserver1.wsulibs.wsu.edu/masc/finders/cg590.htm>

Scope and Content

This collection of 144 pieces consists primarily of publishers' and book sellers' advertisements and announcements for Lincoln-related books, 1930-1950. Many publications and advertisements were sent to Deutsch from the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop in Chicago, Illinois, and its owner, Ralph G. Newman. Several pieces include handwritten notes to and from Dr. Deutsch regarding book purchases. The collection will be especially useful for research related to the origins of Lincoln collections, the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop in Chicago, the Collection at Washington State University, and the book industry during the World War II period.

The Herman J. Deutsch Collection is arranged in 9 folders.

Container List

Folder 1 Book notices, by author, A-Z. Several originate from the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop in Chicago.

- Folder 2 Rufus Rockwell Wilson Book Notices. Includes variant book advertisements from Primavera Press (Elmira, NY) for Wilson's Lincoln in Caricature. Includes facsimile plates from books.
- Folder 3 Lincolniana Publishers' Catalogues. Includes new publications and duplicate copies of books and pamphlets listed for sale, including those from the Oakleaf and Fish Collections.
- Folder 4 Abraham Lincoln Book Shop Catalogues and Book Lists. Includes article by Ralph G. Newman, "Lincoln Books of the Year in Parade," reprinted from Chicago Sun, December 2, 1945.
- Folder 5 Abraham Lincoln Book Shop Book Lists, numbered 1 to 23.
- Folder 6 The Abraham Lincoln Association. Includes pamphlet about the organization and membership letter from its Executive Secretary, Benjamin Thomas, dated March 13, 1935.
- Folder 7 Lincoln Radio and Film Notices. Includes facsimile poster advertisement for Stephen Vincent Benet's "Abraham Lincoln" in color.
- Folder 8 Miscellaneous Book Catalogues, from James C. Howgate of Schenectady, NY, Arthur Richmond Co. of New York, NY, and Fred T. Darvill of Bellingham, Washington.
- Folder 9 Miscellaneous Lincoln Articles. Includes rare anti-Lincoln article by Robert Woodward Barnwell, Sr., "Lincoln Makes a Fizzle for Historians," n.p., n.d., and Stefan Lorant's "Where are the Lincoln Papers?" Life, August 25, 1947, pp. 45-46, 48, 51.

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