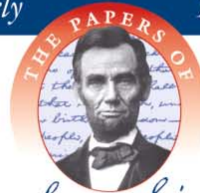


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"a great honor and a great labor" A. Lincoln, October 26, 1863

EXTENSIVE MAIL SURVEY TO LOCATE ALL LINCOLN DOCUMENTS

In January 2003, staff at the Papers of Abraham Lincoln will begin to mail a survey to thousands of repositories that have or may have documents written by or to Abraham Lincoln. We thank those institutions that have already sent us lists of their Lincoln holdings and encourage others to do so.

Any private collectors owning Lincoln documents are also invited to send us information about their holdings by mail, e-mail, or through the form on our website at www.papersofabrahamlincoln.org. An

exhaustive survey of the location of all Lincoln documents will enable us to make the Papers of Abraham Lincoln as comprehensive as possible.

The project seeks information on any document written by Abraham Lincoln, written to him, or reviewed by him during the course of his entire lifetime (1809-1865). Collecting information on the whereabouts of each document will aid us in planning visits to repositories to capture high-quality color images for transcription and presentation.

MCDERMOTT CHOSEN FOR NEW POSITION

In August and September, the Papers of Abraham Lincoln conducted a search for a new Assistant Editor. Funds for the position came from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Center for Governmental Studies at the University of Illinois at Springfield, which co-sponsors the Papers of Abraham Lincoln. The project received over two dozen applications from across the United States and even from Africa and Europe. The search committee, composed of Director Daniel W. Stowell, Assistant Director John A. Lupton, State Historian Thomas F. Schwartz, and Editorial Board members Cullom Davis and Phillip S. Paludan, reviewed the applications and interviewed five finalists. After evaluating many strong candidates, the committee chose Ms. Stacy Pratt McDermott of the Lincoln Legal Papers to fill the new position.

Ms. McDermott received her B.A. and M.A. in history from the University of Illinois at Springfield. She is currently a Ph.D. student at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She has nearly eight years of

documentary editing experience with the Lincoln Legal Papers and the Papers of Abraham Lincoln. McDermott has spoken widely on Lincoln's legal career and has published several articles and chapters, including "Dissolving the Bonds of Matrimony: Women and Divorce in Sangamon County, Illinois, 1837-1861," and "The Law in an Illinois Corner: The Impact of the Law on an Antebellum Family," in *In Tender Consideration: Women, Families, and the Law in Abraham Lincoln's Illinois* (2002) and "An Outrageous Proceeding': An Analysis of a Northern Lynching and the Enforcement of Anti-Lynching Legislation in Illinois," in the *Journal of Negro History* (1999).



The choice of Ms. McDermott as the new Assistant Editor gave the project the opportunity to fill the position she vacated with another strong candidate from this pool of applicants. Dr. Dennis K. Boman, who will be featured in our next *Lincoln Editor*, will join the project in January 2003.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN AND MRS. HOGE

Virtually every day President Abraham Lincoln received numerous requests, both in writing and in person, for political and military appointments. On the evening of November 24, 1862, he met Mrs. Jane C. Hoge and her friend Mrs. Mary A. Livermore who came from Chicago as part of a delegation of women from the United States Sanitary Commission.¹ Over the next fifteen months, Hoge and the President exchanged at least ten letters concerning appointments for Hoge's sons or the Northwestern Sanitary Commission Fair in Chicago.²



Jane C. Hoge

Chicago Feb 8th. 1863.

President Lincoln,
Sir,

When your letter arrived, I was absent in the Miss. fleet, whither I had gone to administer san stores to the sick & wounded.³ I was advised by several military friends, to apply to you for an appointment for my son, as Quartermaster, with the rank of Captain; that good Quartermasters were needed, that you made the appointments, & afterward, he could be detailed to some particular field of duty.⁴ I start to Vicksburg to-night with 300 boxes of the choicest San stores, for Mc.Clernand's fleet.⁵ I take with me letters, from our best citizens to several Officers of rank. I may be able to find a vacancy for Quartermaster on a Brigadier's Staff. I feel that a Commission from you would decide the matter.⁶ I am happy to say to your Excellency, that both my sons were publicly distinguished ^complimented,^ in the late battles, by their superior officers.⁶ Judge Skinner's letter will be handed at the same time with this.⁷ With profound respect,

Mrs. A. H. Hoge

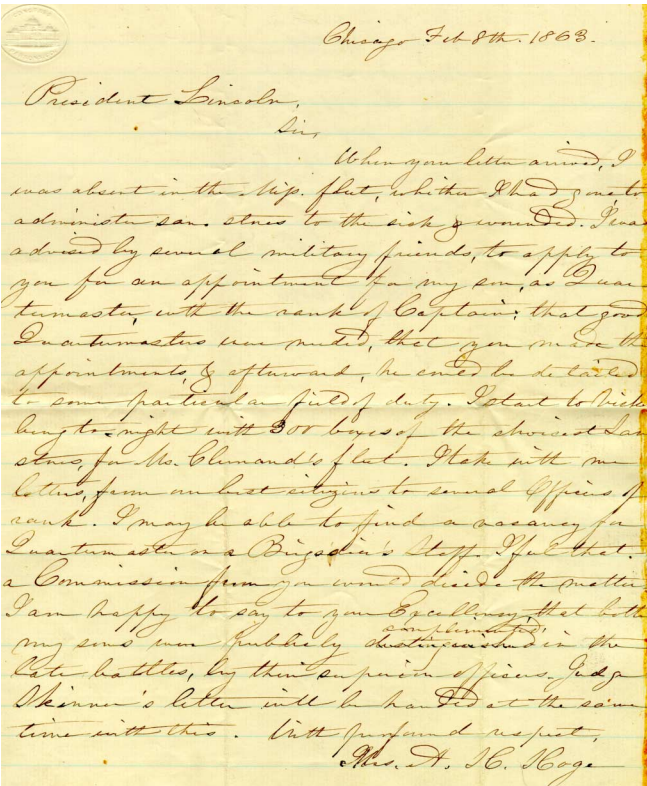


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Note on Transcription: Blue text is in Lincoln's hand, green text is written to Lincoln, and red text is in other hands. All black text (title, endorsement labels, brackets) is supplied by the editors.

¹Jane Currie Blaikie Hoge (1811-1890), a native of Pennsylvania, moved to Chicago with her husband, Abraham H. Hoge, and their children in 1848. While raising her large family (thirteen children, of whom eight survived to adulthood), she was also an organizer and director of the Home for the Friendless. During the Civil War she helped to organize and became an agent for the Northwestern Sanitary Commission, headquartered in Chicago. After the war she was president of a Presbyterian women's world missions organization. Henry H. Forsyth, et al., *In Memoriam* [Jane C. Hoge] (Chicago: Illinois Printing and Binding Co., [c1890]). Mrs. A.H. Hoge, *The Boys in Blue: or Heroes of the "Rank and File"* (New York: E.B. Trent and Co., 1867).

²Mrs. A.H. Hoge to Abraham Lincoln, November 24, 1862, DLC-RTL; Mary A. Livermore, *My Story of the War* (Hartford, CT: A.D. Worthington & Co., 1887; reprint, New York: Da Capo Press, 1995), 554-61.

³Lincoln had written to Hoge on January 6, 1863, detailing the conditions that had to be met before he could commission her son as a staff officer. Roy P. Basler, et al., eds., *The Collected Works of Abraham Lincoln* (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 1953), 6:40-41. Hoge traveled frequently to visit hospitals near the front to distribute sanitary commission supplies. In this case she took supplies to troops campaigning against Vicksburg, Mississippi.

⁴Holmes Hoge (c. 1841-after 1920) had been working as a clerk when he

enlisted as a private in the Chicago Mercantile Battery Illinois Light Artillery on August 14, 1862. Compiled Service Records for Holmes Hoge, RG 94, National Archives; U. S. Census Office, Fourteenth Census of the United States (1920), Pasadena, California, ED 535, p. 7A, roll T625-117, image 1277.

⁵Major General John A. McClernand (1812-1900) of Illinois raised and commanded some of the troops fighting against the Confederate stronghold of Vicksburg. John A. Garraty and Mark C. Carnes, eds., *American National Biography*, 24 vols. (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999), 14:873-74; Richard L. Kiper, *Major General John Alexander McClernand: Politician in Uniform* (Kent, OH: Kent State University Press, 1999).

⁶Another of Hoge's sons, George Blaikie Hoge (1834-1898), was a lumber merchant before the war. He served as a captain in the 25th Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and from October 1, 1862, as colonel of the 113th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was among eight commanding officers whom Col. Giles A. Smith, commanding the 1st Brigade, commended in his report of January 12, 1863. These men "displayed great gallantry in gaining and holding their positions in so short musket-range of an entrenched enemy" at the Battle of Arkansas Post, January 10-11, 1863. Mark Mayo Boatner, III, *Civil War Dictionary* (New York: David McKay, 1959), 404; Roger D. Hunt and Jack R. Brown, *Brevet Brigadier Generals in Blue* (Gaithersburg, MD: Olde Soldier Books, 1990; rev. ed. 1997), 289; *The War of the Rebellion: A Compilation of the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies* (Washington, DC: Government Printing Office, 1880-1901), ser. 1, vol. 17, pt. 1, pp. 775-76.

⁷Mark Skinner (1813-1887) was a Chicago lawyer, judge, and philanthropist. As the president of the Northwestern Sanitary Commission in Chicago (1861-64), he worked with Jane Hoge. James Grant Wilson and John Fiske, eds., *Appleton's Cyclopaedia of American Biography*, 6 vols. (New York: D. Appleton and Co., 1888-89), 5:546; Livermore, *My Story of the War*, 157.

[Endorsement]

If another Quarter Master is needed in Gen. M^cClermand's Corps, I would like for the appointment within requested to be made. Sec. of War, please refer to Q.M. Gen.^l.⁸

A.Lincoln

Holmes Hoge

⁸Major General U. S. Grant gave Holmes Hoge a twenty-day leave beginning February 20, 1863, and Hoge returned to Chicago. Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton referred Lincoln's request to Quartermaster General Montgomery C. Meigs. On April 29, Meigs ordered Hoge to report to St. Louis for assignment with the Army of the Tennessee. Major General McClermand discharged Hoge from the Chicago Mercantile Battery in April or May, so that he could accept an appointment as captain and assistant quartermaster. The Chief Quartermaster for the Army of the Tennessee assigned him to Major General William T. Sherman's 15th Corps. Hoge served in the Quartermaster's Department, primarily in Louisiana, until he was mustered out in October 1865. Compiled Service Record of Holmes Hoge.

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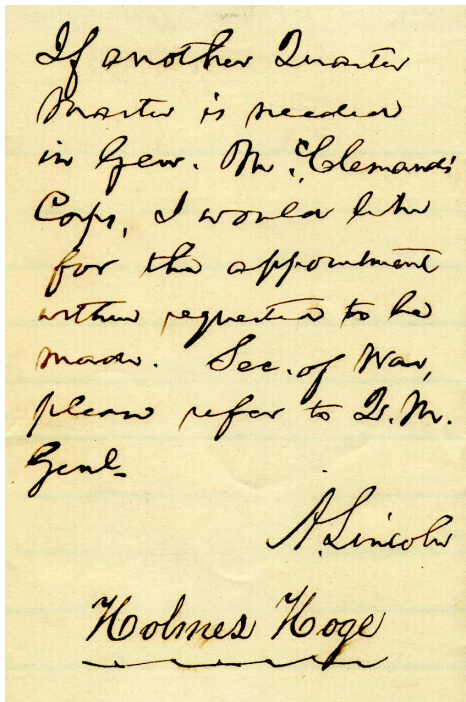


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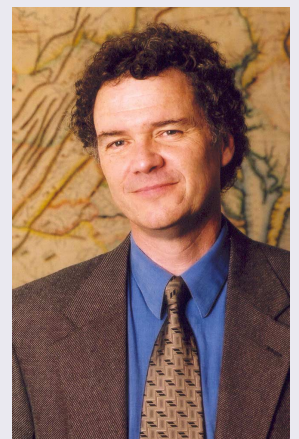


Papers of Abraham Lincoln Staff on a Field Trip to Oak Ridge Cemetery
(From left) Stacy McDermott, Daniel Stowell, Kelley Boston, Carmen Morgan, Chris Schnell, John Lupton, Dennis Suttles, Susan Krause, Dan Monroe, Glenna Schroeder-Lein.

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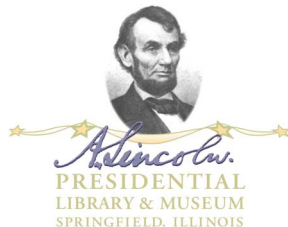
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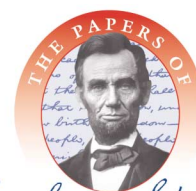
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