

University of Saint Mary Loans Two Lincoln Pieces from Its Library Special Collections to Union Station Exhibit

The University of Saint Mary has loaned two items from its 10,000-piece De Paul Library Lincoln Collection to be displayed in Union Station's *The Tsar and the President* Exhibition.

Life Mask of Abraham Lincoln - This is a plaster reproduction of a life mask made by Leonard Volk in his Chicago studio on March 31, 1860, shortly before Lincoln received the Republican nomination for president. Upon seeing the positive cast image the next day, Lincoln remarked, "There's the animal himself." This mask, along with casts of Lincoln's hands also done by Volk in May of the same year, have always been important reference points for sculptors and painters attempting to portray the president. The original plaster casts of both the face and hands are in the Smithsonian Institution. This particular mask was given to the University of Saint Mary Lincoln Collection by Robert Bloch in 1995.

The 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (the document that abolished slavery) - This is one of fourteen known rare copies signed by Abraham Lincoln. The official copy of record is in the National Archives. The other thirteen are termed commemorative or souvenir copies. Strictly speaking, these documents are actually copies of the Thirty-Eighth Congress' joint resolution approved on Feb. 1, 1865, submitting the proposal to the state legislatures for ratification; it did not become law until it was finally ratified in December of that year. The thirteen copies fall into three categories: Executive, Senate, and Congressional. This is a Senate copy signed by President Lincoln; Vice-President Hannibal Hamlin, House Speaker Schuyler Colfax, and 36 of the 38 Senators who had voted for its passage. It is engrossed upon a printed lined vellum Congressional resolution form and was given to Saint Mary College on Feb. 12, 1970, by Dr. Bernard H. Hall.

Lincoln's Connection to Leavenworth - Abraham Lincoln delivered his first presidential campaign speech in Leavenworth, Kansas in December 1859 at the urging of his friend Mark Delahay, a Leavenworth lawyer and newspaperman. Delahay was convinced the time was right for Lincoln to run for president despite his recent Senate Loss to Stephen Douglas, and he was eager for Lincoln to roll out his platform in Leavenworth. Lincoln was so delighted with his reception that he stayed nearly a week and later said, "If I were to ever travel west again, I think I'd go to Leavenworth."

11th Annual Lincoln Lecture at USM - The University of Saint Mary presents its 11th Annual Lincoln Lecture at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12, 2007, with keynote speaker Lieutenant General William B. Caldwell, IV, Commanding General, U.S. Army Combined Arms Center and Fort Leavenworth. General Caldwell oversees the Command and General Staff College and 17 other schools, centers, and training programs located throughout the United States. The Lincoln Lecture will be held in University of Saint Mary's Xavier Theatre, 4100 South 4th Street, Leavenworth, Kan. This event is free and open to the public. Visit www.stmary.edu for more details.

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