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September 3, 2020

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- Tyler Belo Hercules Mulligan/James Madison in the Angelica touring company of HAMILTON

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Today's Featured Objects

- Two copies of the Emancipation Proclamation
- The strangest item in the Collection
- A letter from Franklin D. Roosevelt with advice to high school students

Emancipation Proclamation

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and government of the United States, and us a fit and necessary war measure for suppress ing said rebellion, de, on this first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand right hundred and sixty three, and in accentance with my purpose so to do publicly proclaimed for the full period of one hundred days from the day of the first above mentioned order, and designate as the Sures and parts of States wherein the people thereof respectively are this day in rebellion against the United States ; the following, to wit : Arkansas, Cexas, Louisiana - except the parishes of St. Bernard, Placquemines, Jefferson, St. John, St. Charles, St. James, Ascension, Assumption, Terre Bonne, Lafourche, St. Mary St. Martin, and Orleans, including the city of New Orleans - Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina . North Carolina. and Virginia - except the ferty eight counties designated as West Virginia and also the counties of Berkeley, Accomac, Northampton, Elizabeth City, Bork, Princess Ann, and Norfolk, including the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth, and which excepted parts are , for the present , left precisely as if this proclamation were not issued

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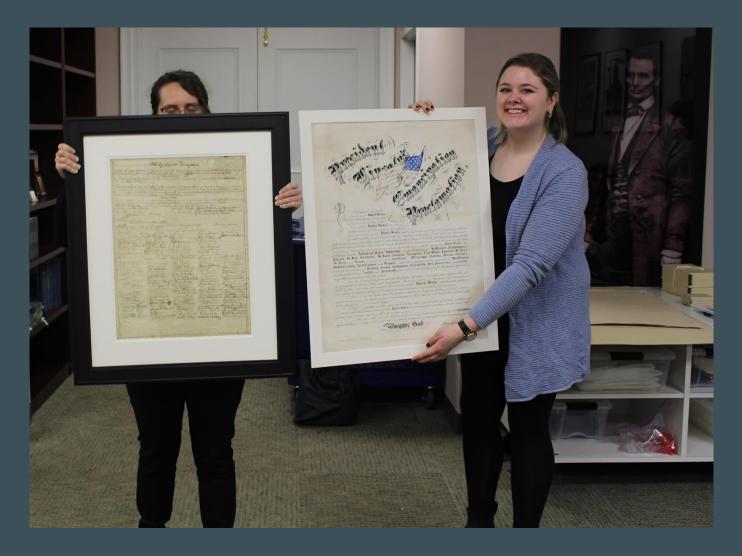
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Thirteenth Amendment and Emancipation Proclamation

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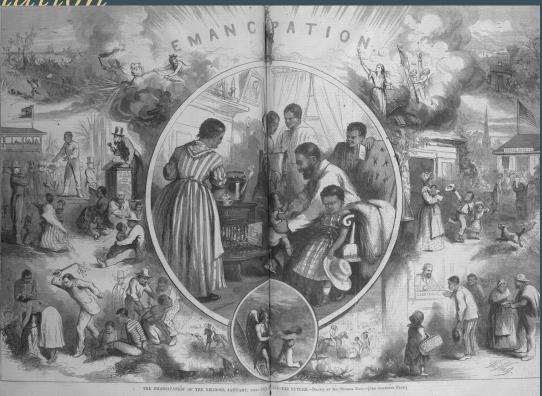


The First Reading of the Emancipation Proclamation by Francis Carpenter, 1866, Private Collection

- In July 1862, President Lincoln drafted a proclamation that would free slaves in the Confederacy.
- Lincoln first informed his cabinet of the proclamation on July 22.
- Secretary of State William Seward convinced Lincoln to wait for a US victory before issuing the proclamation.

Issuing the Emancipation Proclamation

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Emancipation, 1863. Harper's Weekly, pp. 55 & 56, The Gilder Lehrman Collection

- On September 17, 1862, the Battle of Antietam gave Lincoln the opportunity to issue his preliminary proclamation on September 22.
- "I never, in my life, felt more certain that I was doing right than I do in signing this paper. . . . If my name ever goes into history it will be for this act, and my whole soul is in it."

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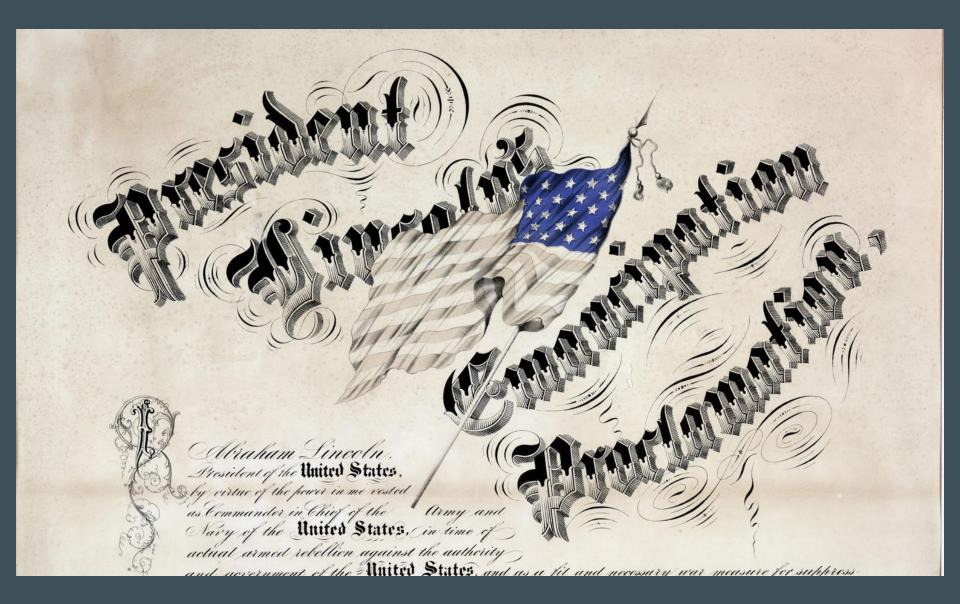
- David W. Cheesman sent three copies to Abraham Lincoln to be signed.
- On the back is a note: "Property of Mrs. Maria Cheesman, Phoenix, Oregon."
- Could have actually belonged to "Urania Cheesman," David's wife.

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One of three copies signed by Abraham Lincoln

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Decorative Copy of the Emancipation Proclamation



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By the President :

A true copy, with the autograph signatures of the President and the Secretary of State.

This is the "Leland-Broker authorized" edition.

- It was printed by Charles Leland and George Boker.
- The broadside was created for and sold at the Sanitary Commission's Great Central Fair in Philadelphia from June 7 to 29, 1864.
- Forty-eight copies were printed and signed by Abraham Lincoln, William Seward, and John G. Nicolay.
- Copies were sold at the fair for \$10 each.

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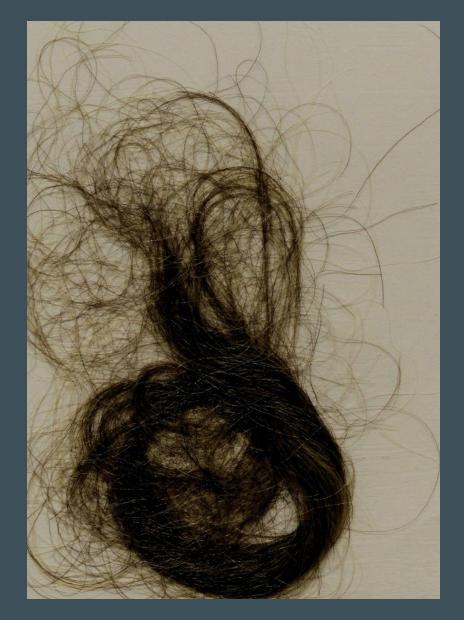
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Frequently Asked Question

"What is the strangest item in the Collection?"

James Madison's Hair



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- This is a large lock of James Madison's hair, cut post-mortem on the day of his death, June 28, 1836. He was 85 years old.
- The hair is brown with strands of blonde.
- Upon Madison's death his wife, Dolley, cut the lock of hair.



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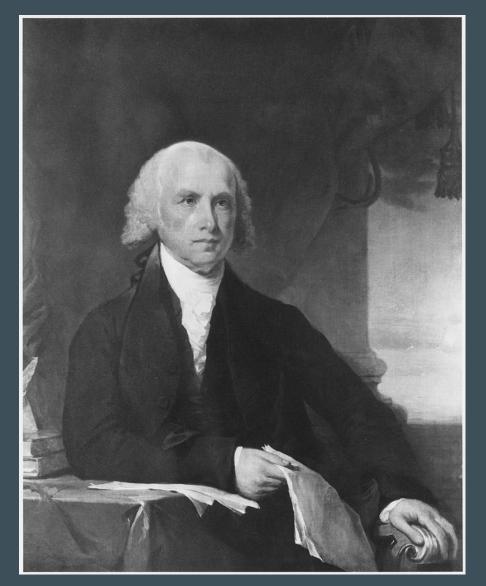
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Dolley sent the lock of hair to Eliza Lee on the day Madison died.

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Why keep hair?

- This was a very common practice, especially in periods of mourning.
- Hair was kept as a token of remembrance of someone who had passed.



James Madison by Gilbert Stuart, National Archives

Hair Wreaths

- Wreaths were made with the hair of family members who had died and were framed for display.
- They told the story of family history and could be made from the hair of multiple family members.



Courtesy of the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site

Close Up of Hair Wreaths



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Hair Jewelry

- Hair jewelry became especially common in the Victorian era.
- Bracelets, rings, brooches, watch fobs, and buttons were all made from the hair of loved ones.
- Hair was also added to jewelry, such as rings and lockets.



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Locket with chain of braided hair, Library of Congress



Mourning brooch belonging to Anna Symmes Harrison, courtesy of the Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site

Franklin D. Roosevelt to Sharpless D. Green, October 3, 1922

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October 3, 1922.

My dear Sir:

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I am glad to send a message to the young men and young women who are training for business under your supervision in the Senior High School of Trenton.

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Sharpless D. Green

- He was teacher at Senior High School in Trenton, New Jersey.
- In 1922, he wrote to hundreds of influential people from around the world to ask for:

"A little message that will be an inspiration to them [*his students*] in their work now and aid them in being better citizens in the business world...."

Letters from Famous People, 1925

356 Letters from Famous People

- REA, SAMUEL, President Pennsylvania Railroad; author of "The Railways Terminating in London."
- RHODES, JAMES F., author of "Historical Essays," "History of the Civil War," "History of the United States from the Compromise of 1850;" lecturer on the American Civil War.
- RICHBERG, DONALD R., lawyer; author of "In the Dark," "A Man of Purpose," etc.; contributor to magazines and reviews.
- RICHMOND, GRACE S., author of "Red and Black," "The Brown Study," "Red Pepper Burns," "Red Pepper's Patients," etc.
- RICKENBACKER, EDWARD VERNON, aviator; organizer and vice president Rickenbacker Motor Company; widely known as auto-racer; was commanding officer 94th Aero Pursuit Squadron, which unit was credited with 69 victories during the Great War—the largest number of victories of any American Unit—Rickenbacker heading the list with 26 victories to his credit; author of "The Fighting and Flying Circus."
- RINEHART, MARY ROBERTS, author and playwright; wrote "The Circular Staircase," "K," "When a Man Marries," etc.
- ROBERTS, KENNETH L., editor, humorist, newspaper correspondent; author of "Europe's Morning After," "Why Europe Leaves Home," etc.
- ROLT-WHEELER, FRANCIS W., editor, lecturer; author of "Nimrod," "Secret Service," etc.
- ROOSEVELT, FRANKLIN D., lawyer; Democratic nominee for Vice President of U. S. in 1920; Assistant Secretary of Navy (Wilson Administration).
- ROOSEVELT, KERMIT, author of "The Happy Hunting Ground," "War in the Garden of Eden," etc.
- ROOSEVELT, THEODORE, JR., Assistant Secretary of the Navy in President Harding's Cabinet; author of "Average Americans."

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- SAGE, WILLIAM, writer of newspaper and magazine stories, novels; author of "Robert Tournay," "The Claybornes," "The District Attorney," "A Maid of Old Virginia," etc.
- SANBORN, ELWIN R., photographer; has made scientific study of photography of wild animals, and general biological and sociological life; lecturer on natural history.
- SCARBOROUGH, DOROTHY, editor; author of "Fugitive Verses," "From a Southern Porch," etc.
- SCHEFF, FRITZI, prima donna; sang leading roles in "Faust," "La Boheme," etc.
- SCOTT, HENRI, basso; made operatic debut as Ramfis in "Aida."
- SEE, THOMAS J. J., astronomer, geometer; has made many important discoveries relative to earthquakes, gravitation, etc.; author of "Capture Theory of Cosmic Evolution," etc.
- SELIG, WILLIAM N., motion picture producer; inventor of many appliances used in motion picture photography; first producer of long historical photodramas.
- SELTZER, CHARLES ALDEN, author of "The Range Boss," "Beau Rand," "The Ranchman," and others.
- SEMBRICH, MARCELLA, operatic soprano; made first appearance in America in "Lucia di Lammermoor;" has sung as Gilda, Rosina, Violetta, etc.
- SERVISS, GARRETT P., editorial writer; writer on scientific subjects; author of "Astronomy with an Opera Glass," "Astronomy with the Naked Eye," "The Moon Maiden," etc.
- SEYMOUR, CHARLES, Professor of history at Yale; editor; author of "The Diplomatic Background," "Wilson in the World War," etc.
- SHEARER, CHRISTOPHER H., landscape artist, writer on nature.

Roosevelt's letter focuses on:

- Civic responsibility
- Voting
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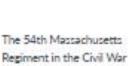
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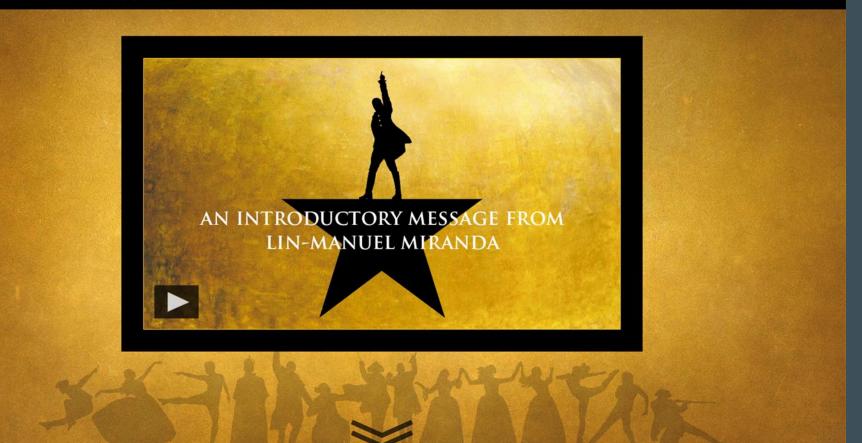
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- Historiography and Historical Methods with Andrew Robertson, Lehman College, CUNY

Upcoming Programs

Thursday, 7-8 p.m. ET (4-5 p.m. PT)

- September 17 Constitution Day!
- October 1 Documents relating to John Brown
- October 15 Women's suffrage
- October 29 Black soldiers in the American Revolution
- November 12 Abraham Lincoln
- December 3 Pearl Harbor
- December 17 Women of the American Revolution

Upcoming Programs

• Book Breaks, September 6 at **12 p.m. ET (9 a.m. PT)**

- o *New time*
- Alan Taylor discusses his book *Thomas Jefferson's Education.*
- Visit <u>gilderlehrman.org</u> for free resources for students, teachers, families, and history enthusiasts of all ages.
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