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Copy of telegram from President Roosevelt to
Mrs August Saint-Gaudens

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

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WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, January 2, 1908¹⁹

TO Mrs. St. Gaudens,
Hotel Webster,
New York, New York.

I desire to have a profile of Lincoln on one denomination of a new issue of postage stamps and would be glad to have the privilege of making photographs of such busts, made by your husband, as are now on exhibition at the Corcoran Art gallery. If you will grant this privilege please wire to the Director of Bureau of Engraving and Printing, this city, authorizing him to make such photographs.

(Signed) THEODORE ROOSEVELT

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.

CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR

2-4258

The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

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Mrs August Saint-Gaudens

January 2, 1909.

Mrs. St.Caudens,
Hotel Webster,
New York, N.Y.

Photographs of the Houdon busts were used for the new stamps issued showing the heads of Washington and Franklin. It is intended to prepare a memorial stamp of Lincoln, the twenty-second of February being the one hundredth anniversary of his birth. May photographs be taken of the bust made by your husband, in order to obtain a profile suitable for the Lincoln stamp?

Theodore Roosevelt.

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Letter to President Roosevelt from
Mrs August Saint-Gaudens

The Webster
40 West 45th Street
Saturday evening
Jan 2nd 1909

Dear Mr. President,

Your telegram
has only just reached
me. There is no finished
separate bust of Lincoln
by my husband.

I am very glad to have
the head of either Statue
of Lincoln used on the

The Webster
40 West 45th Street

Saturday evening
January 2nd 1909

Dear Mr. President,

Your telegram has only just reached me.
There is no finished separate bust of Lincoln by my husband.
I am very glad to leave the head of either statute of Lincoln use on the postage stamps.
The best photographs of the statues are by de W C Ward of No 10 East 14th Street New York.
He is the photographer whose work was preferred by Mr Saint Gaudens.
I hope there will be no difficulty in obtaining what is needed from the statues now in Washington,
and appreciate the honor shown my husband in your desire to have his head of Lincoln used for this purpose.
If there is anything I can do in the matter please call upon me.

Very sincerely yours,
Augusta Saint Gaudens

Postage Stamp
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Letter to Postmaster General Meyer
transmitting the letter from
from Mrs August Saint-Gaudens to
President Roosevelt

Personal.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 4, 1909.

My dear Mr. Postmaster General:

By direction of the President, I beg to send
to you for your information, the enclosed letter
from Mrs. Saint Gaudens, which explains itself.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Loepp
Secretary to the President.

Hon. G. v. L. Meyer,
Postmaster General.

Enclosure.

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60TH CONGRESS, } HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. } DOCUMENT
2d Session. } No. 1345.

ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF
ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

RECOMMENDING

THAT THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF
ABRAHAM LINCOLN, FEBRUARY 12, 1909, BE SET APART AS
A SPECIAL HOLIDAY.

JANUARY 19, 1909.—Read; referred to the Committee on the Library and ordered to
be printed.

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I have received from the committee of the Grand Army of the Republic, with the approval of its commander in chief, a communication running, in part, as follows:

Pursuant to the recommendation of the committee authorized by the Forty-first National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, and appointed "to take into consideration the fitting celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln," which was made a report to the Forty-second National Encampment that was unanimously adopted, the undersigned having been appointed a committee to prepare a programme for the occasion, met in New York City October 19, 1908, and submits the following as the result of its deliberations:

(1) That the commander in chief be requested to invite the President of the United States, governors of States and Territories, and mayors of cities, to participate with the Grand Army of the Republic in public recognition of the centennial anniversary of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, February 12, 1909, and by proclamation, as far as practicable, recommend that the day be observed as a special holiday.

I regard the proposal as eminently proper. It will be from every standpoint desirable to observe this hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln as a special holiday. I recommend that Congress pass a law authorizing me to issue a proclamation setting apart this day as a special holiday.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

THE WHITE HOUSE, January 18, 1909.

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The Congressional Record reporting a message by President Roosevelt welcoming the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the birthday of the Great Emancipator. A stamp would soon be issued on the actual day, February 12th, which will come to dominate the post ways of the Nation.

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Origins

Photograph of Augustus Saint-Gaudens' bronze statue of seated Lincoln, origin for the vignette of the 1909 Lincoln Memorial issue.
Located in Grant Park, Chicago, Illinois. Official photograph



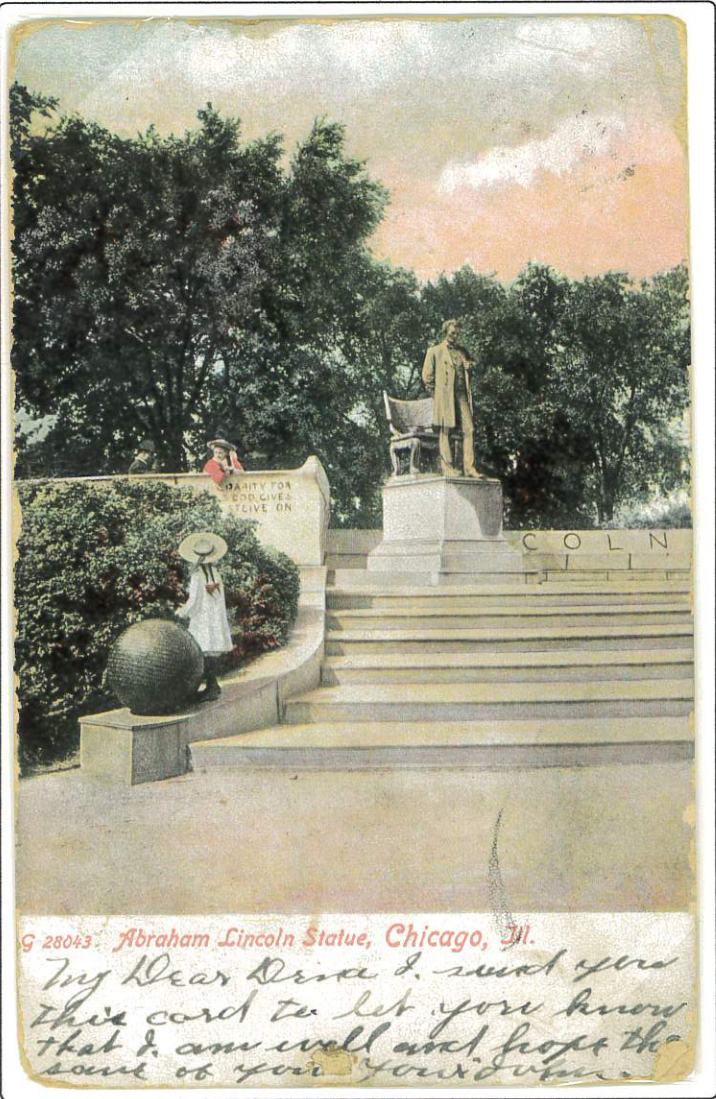
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Picture postcard of Lincoln statue used the 1909 Lincoln Memorial issue



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First Day Covers

LINCOLN COMMEMORATIVE POSTAGE STAMPS.

OFFICE OF THIRD ASS'T P. M. GEN'L,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12, 1909.

1. Postmasters are notified that shortly before Feb. 12, 1909, the Department will issue a 2-cent postage stamp of special design to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

DESCRIPTION.

2. This stamp is of the size and shape of the regular issue of postage stamps; color, red. The subject is a profile, within an ellipse on end, of the head of Lincoln from Saint-Gaudens' statue. A spray of laurel leaves appears on either side of the ellipse. Above the subject appear the words "U. S. Postage." Below, the ellipse is broken by a ribbon containing the dates of Lincoln's birth and of its 100th anniversary—"1809 Feb. 12 1909"—with the denomination in words—"Two cents"—beneath.

3. The Lincoln commemorative stamps are to be placed on sale beginning Feb. 12th.

4. All postmasters of the presidential class will be sent a supply of the Lincoln stamps without requisition. A limited additional supply of these stamps may be had by postmasters of the presidential class after Feb. 12th. Requisition should be made on Form 3201, the words "Lincoln issue" to be written plainly at the top of the blank, and the requisition to be mailed in an official envelope addressed "Third Assistant Postmaster General, Division of Stamps, Washington, D. C."

5. Postmasters of the fourth class will be supplied with the Lincoln stamps in response to requisition made on Form 3201 in the manner directed in paragraph 4. Not more than 500 will be supplied postmasters of the fourth class before Feb. 12th. After that date requisition may be made for larger quantities, if desired.

6. Requisitions for the Lincoln stamps will not be expedited, but will be filled in regular course in the order of receipt by the Department.

7. If requisitions are reduced or delayed in filling, postmasters will understand that it is because the Department's supply of the Lincoln stamps is not equal to the demand. If the Department finds it necessary to reduce a requisition, the remaining stamps will only be supplied in response to a new requisition, which may be drawn in time to prevent the postmaster's stock from becoming exhausted.

8. No other denomination than 2-cent will be supplied in the special Lincoln issue.

A. L. LAWSHE,
Third Ass't P. M. Gen'l.

Postal Office Announcement
issued January 12, 1909

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