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### **RICHARD W. THOMPSON MANUSCRIPT COLLECTION**

**3 boxes; 1.75 cubic feet**

#### **Biographical Note**

Richard Wigginton Thompson (1809-1900) was born in Virginia and moved to Indiana in 1831 by way of Kentucky. Thompson studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1834, served in the Indiana Legislature from 1834 to 1836, the Indiana Senate 1836 to 1838, and the United States House of Representatives 1841 to 1843 and 1847 to 1849. Thompson was an influential member of the Indiana Whigs throughout the 1850s before joining the Republican Party.

Thompson's friendship and professional association with Abraham Lincoln began when they served together in Congress beginning in 1847 and continued for the rest of Lincoln's life. Thompson initially supported the Constitutional Union Party ticket in the 1860 election, but switched allegiance to Abraham Lincoln and the Republican Party when it became clear that John Bell, the Constitutional Union candidate, could not win the election. Thompson acted as an intermediary between Lincoln and Governor Oliver Morton of Indiana during the tense early days of the Civil War. In January of 1863, Thompson drafted an unsent 17-page letter opposing Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, written "at the suggestion of several conservative members of Congress," many from the border states. Word of the letter reached Lincoln, who addressed Thompson's critiques and eventually earned Thompson's support. Upon Lincoln's assassination in 1865, Thompson traveled to Washington for the funeral and later eulogized his friend for the people of Terre Haute.

Thompson continued to be a prominent political advisor to other Republicans through the latter half of the nineteenth century. He served as Secretary of the Navy from 1877 to 1880, during the presidency of Rutherford B. Hayes. Thompson left his cabinet position to become chairman of the American Committee of the Panama Canal Company in 1881 and director of the Panama Railroad Company from 1881 to 1888. Thompson returned to Indiana upon his retirement and died in Terre Haute on February 9, 1900.

#### **Scope and Content**

Richard W. Thompson kept correspondence, papers, pamphlets, and news clippings throughout his career. The majority of Thompson's collection is comprised of letters he received, though he also kept some of his own papers as well as the correspondence and writings

of other notable politicians. His correspondents included local and national politicians, family members, and Indiana citizens. After his death, Thompson's collection became the property of his youngest daughter, Virginia Thompson Henry, and her husband, Judge David W. Henry, of Terre Haute. The Richard W. Thompson Collection was part of a large purchase from the Henrys in 1928 by the Lincoln Historical Research Foundation, and was one of the first foundational collections of what is now the Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection.

Over the years, pieces from the initial Thompson acquisition have been dispersed, both within the Lincoln Collection and to other institutions, including the Indiana State Library and the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center in Fremont, Ohio. The Richard W. Thompson Collection as it stands today is comprised specifically of letters and documents to, by, or about Richard W. Thompson. Thompson's autograph book from the Twenty-Seventh Congress (1841-1843), as well as other Thompson correspondence that was not part of the initial purchase from the Thompson descendants, can be found elsewhere in the Lincoln Financial Foundation Collection.

The Richard W. Thompson Collection is divided into three parts:

Box 1 contains *Letters to Thompson*. Comprising 340 letters, telegraphs, and petitions addressed to Richard W. Thompson, this is the most extensive part of the collection. Letters cover the years of Thompson's career from 1834 to 1897. Correspondents include Indiana residents, national politicians, Cabinet members, and influential Republicans.

Box 2 contains *Documents Created by Thompson*. Thompson kept few copies of letters sent to others. Much of the correspondence in this portion of the collection comprises drafts and incomplete documents. Also included are Thompson's handwritten notes, statements, memoranda, certificates of appointment, programs, news clippings, and scrapbook. After the collection was acquired, the original scrapbook was taken apart and the contents and leather covers made to fit into a standard-sized 3-ring binder, from which it has since been removed.

Box 3 contains *Documents about Thompson*. This box is comprised almost entirely of correspondence referencing Thompson, including invitation responses regarding Thompson's birthday celebrations.

## **Container List**

### **Box 1**

#### **Letters to R.W. Thompson**

Abbott, Lyman	Nov. 1, 1877
-	[undated]
Adams, James G.	March 20, 1860
Adams, John Quincy	April 8, 1842
Allen, E.B.	Jan. 28, 1863
Allen, J[ohn] W.	Aug. 15, 1857
Anthony, H[enry] B.	June 12, 1879

-	June 14, 1880	
Arthur, Chester A.	Sept. 25, 1879	
Atkins, [John] D.C.	March 9, 1880	
Atkinson, A[lonzo] M[elville]	June 4, 1895	
Baird, J[ohn] P.	Nov. 7, 1862	
-	Jan. 18, 1863	
-	Oct. 13, 1863	
-	March 16, 1864	
Baker, Conrad	March 5, 1864	
-	April 9, 1868	
Banks, N[athaniel] P.	Aug. 28, 1878	
-	Sept. 25, 1879	
-	Sept. 30, 1879	
Barry, E.H.	April 20, 1864	
Barton, Clara	Nov. 9, 1878	
Beecher, Henry Ward	March 31, 1877	
Bell, John	June 30, 1841	
Bernard, O[verton]	Feb. 1, 1849	
Biddle, James	Dec. 27, 1862	
Bigger, Sam[uel]	Dec. 3, 1845	
Birckhead, Hugh	June 2, 1848	
Blaine, J[ames] G.	June 21, 1879	
-	April 12, 1880	
-	June 23, 1880	
Blair, H[enry] W.	Jan. 6, 1880	
Blair, Montgomery	July 27, 1877	
Blinn, John J.	Sept. 9, 1861	
-	June 24, 1863	
Boggs, J.O.	Nov. 19, 1861	
Breck, Samuel	April 4, 1864	
Bright, A[aron] D.	Aug. 23, 1860	
Bright, J[esse] D.	Aug. 28, 1855	
-	Jan. 16, 1857	
Brown, Isaac	Feb. 8, 1863	
Brown, W[ilia]m H.	July 21, 1864	
Bruce, William	May 29	[incomplete]
Buntin, T[oussant] C.	May 8, 1862	
-	Aug. 5, 1862	
Burnside, A[mbrose] E.	April 13, 1878	
-	Oct. 25, 1880	

Butler, Ben[jamin] F.	Sept. 4, 1878	[telegram]
Butler, C.C.	March 9, 1858	
-	April 7, 1858	
-	Aug. 3, 1858	
Cameron, Simon	Oct. 16, 1860	
-	Aug. 25, 1861	
-	Aug. 30, 1861	
-	Sept. 21, 1861	
-	Aug. 8, 1864	
Cannon, C.	Sept. 3, 1860	
Cannon, Joseph G.	Oct. 11, 1888	
Carnan, R[obert] N.	May 10, 1841	
Carpenter, Matt H.	[undated]	
-	July 30 [no year]	
Carrington, Henry B.	April 22, 1863	
-	Jan. 13, 1864	
-	July 8, 1864	
-	Sept. 1, 1862 – Aug. 15, 1864	[9 telegrams]
Chambers, Thomas G.	Sept. 17, 1856	
Clay, Henry	April 3, 1847	
-	March 21, 1848	
-	Sept. 28, 1850	
Clay, Thomas J.	Oct. 7, 1877	
Clayton, John M.	March 20, 1850	[photograph of letter]
Coburn, John	Feb. 7, 1878	
Colfax, Schuyler	June 11, 1844	
-	July 12, 1860	
-	March 25, 1868	
-	June 29, 1868	
-	Feb. 8, 1877	
Conrad, C[harles] M[agill]	Jan. 7, 1860	
Corcoran, W[illiam] W[ilson]	June 29, 1855	[originally sent to Leslie Combs]
-	May 13, 1862	
Cox, Jacob D.	Jan. 18, 1871	
Cox, S[amuel] S[ullivan]	April 1, 1861	
-	Sept. 24, 1879	
Crane, A[lexander] B.	Nov. 7, 1862	
-	Nov. 5, 1863	
-	Aug. 13, 1864	
Crawford, Hartley	March 1, 1850	

Crittenden, John J.	Sept. 24, 1856	
Crittenden, Thomas L.	March 4, 1880	
Crutchfield, W[illia]m	Oct. 18, 1877	
Cumback, Will	Nov. 24, 1877	
-	Nov. 16, 1883	
Cushing, Caleb	Feb. 5, 1858	
Dana, Charles A.	Sept. 4, 1862	
Danaldson, David S.	April 18, 1851	
Daniel, A.B.	Sept. 7, 1860	
Davidson, A.H.	Feb. 24, 1860	
Davis, Henry Winter	Aug. 21 [no year]	
Davis, J[ohn] W[esley]	Dec. 23, 1835	
-	Jan. 26, 1836	
Dawes, Henry L.	Sept. 22, 1879	
Defrees, John D.	Aug. 1, 1849	
-	Jan. 14, 1850	
-	Sept. 9, 1860	
-	Feb. 2, 1864	
-	Nov. 25, 1864	
-	April 16, 1864	
-	Feb. 10, 1865	
-	Feb. 11, 1865	[telegram]
-	April 20, 1865	
-	July 10, 1865	
-	May 25, 1866	
-	Dec. 6, 1878	
Deming, Henry C. et al.	April 6, 1848	
Devens, Charles	July 15, 1880	
-	Sept. 3, 1883	
-	March 19, 1888	
-	[undated]	[2 notes on calling cards]
Dittemore, W[iley] E.	Sept. 24, 1862	[telegram]
Dix, John A.	[undated]	
Dixon, W.H.	July 11, 1864	
Dole, W[illiam] P.	May 27, 1864	
Donaldson, John	Dec. 6, 1855	
Dowling, Thomas	Jan. 27, 1848	
Dunihue, D[aniel] R.	Aug. 7, 1841	
Dunn, G[eorge] H.	Aug. 10, 1841	
Dunn, W[illiam] M.	Aug. 23, 1858	

-	Aug. 11, 1860	
-	Oct. 2, 1860	
-	Oct. 24 [no year]	
Edmund, George	Aug. 24, 1878	
-	Oct. 2, 1878	
Edwards, W[illiam] K[irkpatrick]	Nov. 24, 1858	
-	Jan. 21, 1859	
-	Feb. 19, 1859	
-	Feb. 24, 1860	
-	March 29, 1860	
-	April 14, 1860	
-	June 4, 1860	
Ekin, James A.	Sept. 24, 1862	[telegram]
Ely, John	Aug. 8, 1862	
Erskine, J.P. et al.	Oct. 1, 1856	
Etheridge, Em[erson]	July 12, 1860	
-	March 23, 1863	
Evans, R.D.	July 14 [no year]	
Evarts, William M.	April 20, 1877	
-	April 3, 1878	
-	Jan. 29, 1885	
Ewing, Thomas	May 31, 1841	
-	July 19, 1849	
-	Jan. 25, 1850	
Ewing, Thomas Jr.	Feb. 28, 1878	
Farragut, Virginia	Feb. 16 [no year]	
Ficklin, O[rlando] B.	June 1, 1869	
Fitch, C[hauncey] W[heaton]	Jan. 14, 1864	
Foster, John W.	April 28, 1884	
Frelinghuysen, Fred T.	May 24, 1879	
-	July 6, 1882	
Fremont, John C.	March 25, 1878	
Fry, John B.	April 24, 1877	
Gallaher, John S.	Aug. 4, 1862	
Galloway, Samuel	April 11, 1864	
Garfield, James A.	Nov. 3, 1880	
Goode, John	Sept. 12, 1877	
Gookins, S[amuel] B.	Oct. 12, 1867	
Grant, Ulysses S.	June 17, 1877	
-	Nov. 14, 1878	

-	Dec. 6, 1878	[telegram]
-	March 2, 1880	[telegram]
Green, George P.	Sept. 7, 1860	
Gregory, W[illiam] H.	Jan. 17, 1860	
Gresham, W[alter] Q.	May 23, 1868	
-	March 20, 1877	
-	April 25, 1884	
-	May 15, 1884	
Grose, William	July 11, 1868	
“H”	June 23, 1864	
-	Aug. 5, 1864	
Hager, J[onathan] B.	Sept. 25, 1863	
Hager, J.H.	March 13, 1857	
Hamlin, Hannibal	March 10, 1880	
-	Sept. 25, 1880	
-	[letter endorsed by Hamlin filed in T.B. Reed file]	
Hampton, Wade	March 12, 1880	
Hanna, John	Sept. 20, 1860	
-	Nov. 6, 1880	
Harlan, John M.	March 19, 1877	
-	Sept. 11, 1877	
-	Sept. 22, 1877	
-	Nov. 1, 1877	
Harmer, A[lfred] C.	June 29, 1878	
-	July 29, 1878	
Harper, Fletcher	Feb. 26, 1878	
Harris, J. Morrison	Oct. 18, 1859	
Harris, John T.	May 17, 1877	
Harrison, Benjamin	May 5, 1877	[typed copy only]
-	Nov. 22, 1877	
-	Sept. 30, 1879	
Hartranft, J[ohn] F.	Oct. 3, 1878	
Hawley, Joseph R.	Mar. 19, 1877	
-	Feb. 12, 1878	[telegram]
Henderson, C.R.	[undated]	[incomplete]
Hendricks, Thomas A.	Sept. 11, 1855	
Hilliard, Henry W.	Dec. 4, 1879	
Hodgson, Joseph	Nov. 14, 1877	
Hogan, Martin E.	Feb. 13, 1863	
Holliday, John H.	Nov. 10, 1894	

Holloway, W[illiam] R[obeson]	July 25, 1862	[telegram]
-	Aug. 15, 1862	[telegram]
-	Aug. 29, 1862	[telegram]
Hughes, John E. et al.	Aug. 13, 1841	[petition]
Hunt, Thomas H. et al.	Sept. 14, 1856	
Hunter, David	March 10, 1862	
Hunter, Morton C.	May 8, 1877	
-	Oct. 11, 1879	
Hunter, R[obert] M.T.	Dec. 9, 1879	
Ingalls, M[elville] E.	Sept. 3, 1879	
Ingersoll, E.C.	Aug. 29 [no year]	
Ingersoll, Robert G.	Sept. 27, 1866	
-	June 19, 1879	
-	July 22, 1879	
-	April 2, 1881	
Janney, J[ohn] J[ay]	May 12, 1877	
Jenckes, Joseph	March 13, 1860	
Johnson, Reverdy	March 31, 1851	
-	March 23, 1857	
-	April 9, 1857	
-	October 18, 1857	
-	April 22, 1858	
-	July 8, 1858	
-	July 27, 1858	
-	Aug. 6, 1858	
-	Nov. 6, 1858	
-	March 13, 1863	
-	March 7, 1864	
-	Sept. 1, 1866	
-	June 24 [no year]	
-	[undated]	
Johnson, William H.	Nov. 19, 1862	
Johnston, John	Nov. 9, 1858	
Jones, James F.	Nov. 16, 1863	
Jones, James G.	Jan. 27, 1860	
Jordan, David S.	Nov. 28, 1887	
Julian, J[acob] B.	April 8, 1849	
Keifer, J. Warren	Jan. 17, 1871	
Kelley, William D.	Aug. 23, 1877	
Kennedy, John P.	April 10, 1860	



Kernan, Francis	Sept. 15, 1879	
Key, D[avid] M.	July 10, 1877	
-	Sept. 17, 1879	
-	April 6, 1880	
Kick, Geo. et al.	Feb. 11, 1860	
Kidwell, John L.	July 2, 1879	
Kilgore, David	Sept. 5, 1860	
Kimball, Nathan	May 7, 1862	
-	May 7, 1864	
-	March 13, 1878	
Lafollette, Robert M.	June 9, 1888	
Lane, H[enry] S[mith]	Nov. 27, 1850	
-	Jan. 16, 1860	
-	Jan. 18, 1864	
Lange, A.	Aug. 26, 1862	[telegram]
Law, John	Feb. 27, 1860	
Lea, Luke	Nov. 1, 1850	
Letcher, John	July 14, 1877	
Lincoln, Abraham [photocopies - originals housed in Lincoln Manuscripts Collection]		
-	June 18, 1860	
-	July 10, 1860	
-	May 27, 1864	[telegram]
Logan, John A.	June 18, 1885	
Loring, George B.	Sept. 24, 1879	
Love, John	Sept. 2, 1862	[telegram]
-	[undated]	[telegram]
Mangum, W[illie] P.	[undated]	
Marsh, George P.	Feb. 10, 1877	
-	March 2, 1877	
-	June 22, 1877	
Marshall, Humphrey	June 15, 1856	
Marshall, J[oseph] G.	Aug. 11, 1844	
Matthews, Stanley	April 7, 1877	
-	Aug. 24, 1877	
McClelland, Robert	March 8, 1856	
McClure, Daniel	Sept. 1, 1862	[telegram]
-	Sept. 20, 1862	[telegram]
McCook, A[nson] G.	April 4, 1877	
McCormick, R[ichard] C.	Dec. 19, 1877	
McCrary, George	March 15, 1877	

McKeen, W[illiam] R.	June 11, 1862	
Meade, R[ichard] W.	Oct. 31, 1853	
-	Nov. 14, 1853	
Medill, Joseph	April 5, 1877	
Medill, W[illiam]	April 23, 1849	
Michener, L[ouis] T.	Aug. 13, 1890	
-	Aug. 25, 1890	
Miller, Sam F.	April 20, 1877	
-	April 30, 1878	
Mitchell, J[ames]	April 24, 1877	
Montgomery, James	April 19, 1860	
Montgomery, W[illiam] A. et al.	Sept. 25, 1860	
Morrill, Justin S.	May 9, 1879	
Morrison, W[illiam] R[alls]	Sept. 28, 1878	
Morton, Oliver P.	Sept. 1863	[appointment of Thompson as Commandant]
-	[undated]	
-	Aug. 10, 1862 – April 17, 1865	[16 telegrams]
Moss, Lemuel	Aug. 6, 1877	
Nast, Thomas	Aug. 8, 1879	
Nelson, Thomas H.	Sept. 14, 1860	
-	Dec. 1, 1864	
New, John C.	Aug. 17, 1862	[telegram]
-	Aug. 21, 1862	[telegram]
-	Sept. 9, 1862	[telegram]
-	Sept. 16, 1862	
-	Sept. 20, 1862	[telegram]
Newberry, John S.	June 13, 1879	
Nicolay, John G.	June 5, 1862	
Noble, Laz	July – October 1862	[13 telegrams]
-	[undated]	
Noble, N[oa]h	March 14, 1834	
Nordhoff, Charles	[undated]	
Norton, John A.	March 26, 1860	
Ober, Robert P.	June 14, 1894	
Ogle, W.B.	Aug. 29, 1862	[telegram]
Old Citizen of Parke	Jan. 25, 1865	
- response by A.G. Preston	Jan. 26, 1865	
O'Neill, Charles	July 30, 1879	
Orth, G[odlove] L.	May 12, 1859	
-	Oct. 11, 1861	

-	Jan. 18, 1869	
-	March 19, 1869	
-	Jan. 23, 1872	
-	June 22, 1878	
Owen, Robert Dale	Aug. 2, 1841	
-	Jan. 25, 1842	
-	April 24, 1877	
Paddock, A[lgernon] S.	Jan. 10, 1880	
Palfrey, John	March 14, 1877	
Patrick, G.W. et al.	Aug. 6, 1862	
Patterson, Josiah	Feb. 18 [no year]	[telegram]
Pearce, James Alfred	July 26 [no year]	
Peyton, J.E.	[undated]	
Poinsett, Joel R.	March 29, 1849	
Pollock, James	March 14, 1877	
Porter, David D.	Nov. 10, 1879	
Potter, S.H.	Dec. 27, 1863	
Pratt, D[aniel] D.	Jan. 28, 1848	
-	May 27, 1870	
-	Oct. 15, 1874	
Prentice, George S.	March 18, 1851	
-	Sept. 23, 1858	
-	Oct. 28, 1858	
-	Jan. 10, 1860	
-	Aug. 10, 1860	
-	June 27, 1861	
-	June 29, 1861	
-	Feb. 22 [no year]	
-	Dec. 30 [no year]	
Preston, William Ballard	Sept. 10, 1849	
Purdy, George	Aug. 9, 1862	[telegram]
Ramsey, Alexander	May 5, 1880	
Randall, Sam J.	April 26, 1877	
-	Sept. 30, 1879	
Rankin, Oscar	May 9, 1864	
Rawlins, B.F.	Nov. 18, 1861	
Ream, Vinnie	March 17, 1877	
Rector, J.	Dec. 13, 1866	
Reed, George H.	July 4, 1860	
Reed, T[homas] B[rackett]	March 16, 1877	

-	Sept. 13, 1890	
-	Oct. 3, 1894	
Rice, Alexander H.	June 25, 1878	
Risley, John S.	June 21, 1866	
Robinson, John C.	June 8, 1894	
Rollins, Edward H.	July 20, 1879	
Rollins, James S.	Feb. 19, 1872	
Rose, C[hauncey]	July 15 [no year]	
Ryce, Henry L.	July 16, 1862	
Sammons, S[tephen]	Oct. 7, 1856	
Sappington, William C. et al.	Aug. 4, 1848	
Sargent, A[aron] A.	May 23, 1878	
Sargent, N[athan]	Nov. 7, 1858	
-	Aug. 27, 1860	
Schenck, Robert	Oct. 9, 1872	
-	March 15, 1879	
Scholfield, John	July 1, 1867	
-	Dec. 14, 1867	
-	May 30, 1871	
-	Nov. 9, 1871	
-	Aug. 23, 1873	
Schurz, Carl	July 16, 1877	
-	May 1, 1878	
-	May 29, 1879	
-	June 2, 1894	
-	[undated]	[on calling card]
Scott, John L.	June 20, 1862	
Scott, Robert G. et al.	Nov. 30, 1849	
Scott, Thomas	March 24, 1873	
Shaw, B.C.	Dec. 9, 1891	
Sherman, John	Jan. 19, 1886	
Sherman, William T.	Aug. 6, 1878	
-	Dec. 11, 1879	
Sibley, H[enry] H[astings]	Dec. 15, 1848	
Simpson, Bishop Matthew	July 12, 1849	
-	March 9, 1880	
Smith, Caleb Blood	Feb. 13, 1840	
-	April 13, 1861	
-	April 16, 1861	
-	June 10, 1861	

-	Oct. 25, 1861	
Smith, O[rlando] J.	Feb. 7, 1863	
Smith, Richard	Jan. 16, 1869	
-	Feb. 5, 1869	
-	April 9, 1869	
-	June 11, 1869	
-	June 21, 1871	
-	April 3, 1877	
Smith, S.B.	Feb. 19, 1863	
Smith, William Henry	April 7 [no year]	
Smydth, Samuel H[owe]	Aug. 3, 1841	
Spencer, George	April 19, 1861	
Stevens, R[obert] S.	Aug. 9, 1860	
-	Sept. 14, 1860	
Strother, P[hilip] W[illiams]	April 2, 1860	
Stuart, Alex H.H.	Feb. 9, 1848	
Sullivan, Jeremiah	Sept. 18, 1861	
-	Oct. 22, 1864	
Swayne, N[oah] H.	Dec. 16, 1857	
-	Feb. 23, 1858	
-	April 5, 1861	
-	April 11, 1861	
-	Oct. 2, 1861	
-	Nov. 23, 1862	
-	Oct. 21, 1864	
-	April 1, 1869	
Talmage, T. DeWitt	Dec. 4, 1877	
Taylor, Fanny W.	June 10, 1897	
Taylor, Robert S.	June 10, 1897	
Terrell, W[illiam] H.H.	Dec. 30, 1869	
-	Feb. 18, 1880	
-	Aug. – Dec. 1862	[2 telegrams]
Thompson, J[ames] L. et al.	Feb. 4, 1854	
Thompson, J[ohn] B.	Jan. 25, 1869	
Thompson, R.W. Jr.	April 22, 1861	
-	Oct. 11, 1861	
-	Oct. 13, 1861	
-	Oct. 21, 1861	
-	April 12, 1862	
-	July 13, 1862	

-	Aug. 26, 1862	
-	May 2, 1863	
-	May 17, 1863	
-	Sept. 9, 1863	
-	Oct. 21, 1863	
-	Nov. 2, 1863	
-	Nov. 19, 1863	
-	Jan. 28, 1864	
-	March 31, 1864	
-	Aug. 20, 1864	
-	Feb. 9, 1865	
-	June 18, 1865	
Thompson, William	Oct. 14, 1856	
-	May 25, 1861	
-	Feb. 2, 1864	
Tomppert, Philip et al.	May 6, 1867	
Tucker, Beverley	March 21, 1877	
-	April 23, 1877	
-	April 30, 1877	
-	Aug. 9, 1877	
-	Nov. 13, 1877	
Tuck, Amos	Sept. 2, 1878	
Tyner, James N.	April 23, 1877	
-	Feb. 14, 1879	
Unknown correspondent	July 23, 1841	
Usher, J[ohn] P.	Dec. 26, 1861	
-	Jan. 1, 1862	
-	Jan. 20, 1862	
-	Jan. 21, 1862	
-	Aug. 22, 1862	
-	Sept. 17, 1862	
-	April 24, 1863	
-	June 8, 1863	
-	June 11, 1863	
-	July 21, 1863	
-	July 29, 1863	
-	Feb. 17, 1864	
-	Feb. 25, 1864	
-	April 12, 1864	[telegram]
-	May 31, 1864	

-	July 5, 1864	
-	Aug. 14, 1864	
-	Nov. 30, 1864	
-	Dec. 2, 1864	
-	Dec. 13, 1864	
-	July 6, 1866	
-	Dec. 28, 1877	[original and handwritten copy]
Vanderford, Charles F.	Aug. 31, 1860	
Van Dyke, John	March 14, 1877	
Voorhees, D[aniel] W.	Aug. 31, 1864	
-	June 10, 1880	
-	June 11, 1880	
-	Dec. 10, 1881	
-	Jan. 31, 1884	
-	Feb. 8, 1884	
-	Feb. 9, 1885	
Wait, John T.	July 26, 1877	
Wallace, David	Dec. 16, 1845	
Wallace, D. et al.	July 3, 1846	
Wallace, Lew	March 22, 1860	
-	March 24, 1877	
-	Nov. 18, 1878	
Wallace, William A.	June 18, 1878	
Warren, Henry	Sept. 13, 1864	
Washburn, H[enry] D.	March 2, 1865	
-	March 24, 1866	
-	April 17, 1868	
Watterson, Henry	Nov. 17, 1895	
Welles, Gideon	Nov. 20, 1877	
Wendling, George R.	Nov. 11, 1873	
Wentworth, John	May 21, 1869	
White, H. Clay et al.	Oct. 6, 1856	
Whitman, S.	June 2 [no year]	[incomplete]
Whitney, A[sa]	Oct. 10, 1848	
Whitney, William C.	May 13, 1873	
Whitthorne, W[ashington] C.	May 9, 1878	
-	Dec. 3, 1879	
Whyte, William Pinkney	March 24, 1877	
-	Feb. 21, 1878	
-	March 14, 1878	

Wiley, W[illia]m H.	Jan. 9, 1875	
Williams, George B.	[undated]	
Williams, O.W.B.	July 22, 1841	
Wills, W.V.	Aug. 25, 1862	[telegram]
Wilson, John	June 16, 1860	
Wilson, N.L. et al.	May 13, 1857	
Winthrop, Robert C.	July 22, 1878	
Wood, Alphonso	Aug. 3, 1860	
Woodard, J.H.	Jan. 12, 1880	
-	Feb. 17, 1880	
Woodford, Stewart L.	March 9, 1877	
-	March 31, 1877	
-	April 24, 1880	
Wright, Hendrick B.	March 22, 1878	
Wright, J[oseph] A.	Jan. 16, 1862	
-	Aug. 18, 1862	[telegram]
-	April 17, 1865	
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Wright, J.W.	Nov. 4, 1868	
Yeatman, James E. et al.	July 13, 1860	
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Cullom, Shelby Moore	Aug. 31, 1879
Davis, David	March 15, 1877
Edwards, Ninian W.	Nov. 6, 1862
Ellis, Abner Y.	Nov. 1, 1849
Gallaher, John S.	Feb. 26, 1863
Harper, John	Feb. 7, 1880
Lamon, Ward H.	May 23, 1877
Lanman, Charles	Aug. 16, 1861
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Livingston, John	April 25, 1877
McClure, A[lexander] K.	April 7, 1879
Noland, B[urr] P[owell]	Sept. 2, 1865
Rayner, Kenneth	Sept. 24, 1865
-	Oct. 18, 1865
-	Dec. 12, 1867
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-	Nov. 21, 1873
Schenck, Robert	Aug. 26, 1848
Swett, Leonard	March 10, 1877
-	Jan. 19, 1878
Thompson, M. Jeff	July 29, 1862
-	Sept. 16, 1863
Tuttle, Joseph	April 28, 1869

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Bradford, Mess. A.W. & Others	Apr. 8, 1848	
Delegation from Indiana to the Whig National Convention	June 18, 1852	
Editor Express (Terre Haute)	Dec. 2, 1859	[draft]
Editor of New York Tribune	June 28, 1881	[draft]
Greeley, Horace	Jan. 15, 1856	[incomplete draft]
Hornaday, S.	May 10, 1864	
Letcher, John	Dec. 22, 1860	
Lincoln, Abraham	Aug. 13, 1861	
-	Oct. 6, 1861	[photocopy – original housed in Letters to Lincoln]
-	Jan. 26, 1863	[draft from Thompson et al. opposing the Emancipation Proclamation]
-	Dec. 17, 1863	[photocopy – original housed in Lincoln Signed Documents]
McKinley, William	Feb. 12, 1897	
Rodgers, C.R.P.	Mar. 26, 1877	
Sanderson, J.P.	Dec. 22, 1856	
Shufeldt, Commodore R[obert] W.	[undated]	[incomplete; includes Shufeldt's notes on the USS Ticonderoga cruise]
Stuart, A[lexander] H.H.	Oct. 5, 1850	
Thompson, R.W., Jr.	Apr. 24, 1861	
Tomppert, Philip et al.	May 28, 1867	
Unidentified correspondent	Jan. 24, 1860	
Voorhees, D.W.	Aug. 9, 1864	

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**Miscellaneous**

**R.W. Thompson Scrapbook**

**News Clippings**

**Thompson Club Banquet Programs**

**R.W. Thompson address on Lincoln’s Assassination** [photocopy; original housed in Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Library]  
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**Article**

Neely, Mark, Jr. “Richard W. Thompson: The Persistent Know Nothing,” *Indiana Magazine of History* 72 no. 2, June 1976.

Thompson, J.B. Untitled reminiscence, undated. Original filed in *Reminiscences S-Z*.

**Correspondence**

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
Blake, Joseph H.	Deloss W. Minshall et al.	June 7, 1894
Child, George W.	A.C. Horner	Dec. 7, 1878
Child, George W.	A.C. Horner	Dec. 9, 1878
Covert, John	[proposal for establishing a school]	April 27, 1857
Crane, A.B.	Deloss W. Minshall et al.	June 7, 1894
Evarts, William M.	Fred A. Ross	June 5, 1894
Fairbanks, Charles W.	[unidentified]	May 5, 1899
Gaines, John P.	J[ohn] M. Clayton	Mar. 16, 1848
Gibbons, James	Dr. John L. K [illegible]	June 30, 1879
Hilliard, H.W.	John M. Clayton	May 1, 1849
Lea, Luke	Alex H.H. Stuart	Jan. 26, 1853

Morehead, C.S.	J[ohn] M. Clayton	Mar. 14, 1849
Rhoads, B.E.	Deloss W. Minshall et al.	June 5, 1894
Riley, James Whitcomb	Fred A. Ross	May 29, 1894
Thompson, William M.	Daniel F. Strother	May 26, 1831
Winthrop, Robert	Fred A. Ross	June 2, 1894
-	Charles Hulsemann	[undated]

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