Guide to the Abraham Lincoln Indian Agent Appointment Document for Alfred R. Elder

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Descriptive Summary
Title: Abraham Lincoln Indian Agent appointment document for Alfred R. Elder
Dates: 1863
Collection number: MS-M046
Creator: Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865
Collection Size: 0.3 linear feet (1 oversize folder)
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Abstract: Collection comprises one printed document appointing Alfred R. Elder to be Agent for the Indians in Washington Territory, with signatures of Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, and John Palmer Usher, Secretary of the Interior.
Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English
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Biographies
Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States, was born February 12, 1809, in Hardin County, Kentucky. He was assassinated on April 14, 1865, at Ford's Theatre in Washington by John Wilkes Booth.
Alfred R. Elder was born August 16, 1806 in Kentucky and moved with his wife, Martha, to Oregon in 1848 and to Olympia in 1864. He died in Olympia in 1882.
John Palmer Usher, born in 1816 in Brookfield, New York, was the Secretary of the Interior under Abraham Lincoln. He resigned in 1865 and became a lawyer for the Union Pacific Railroad. In 1872, he moved to Lawrence, Kansas, where he served one term as mayor. He died in 1889.
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Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library’s online public access catalog.

Subjects
Indians of North America--Washington (State)--Archives.
Washington (State)--History--To 1889--Archives.

Genres and Forms of Material
Documents--Washington (State)--19th century.

Index Terms Related to this Collection
Elder, Alfred R., 1806-1882.
Usher, John Palmer, 1816-1889.

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Scope and Content Note
1 page, 14.57 x 19.75. Document includes autographs of Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, and the Secretary of the Interior John P. Usher.