Guide to the Charles Thomas Baker Papers

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Charles Thomas Baker Papers,
Date (inclusive): ca. 1920s-1940s
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Creator: Baker, Charles T.
Extent: .8 linear feet (2 document boxes)
Repository: University of California, Santa Barbara. Library. Department of Special Collections
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Physical Location: Del Sur
Abstract: Ca. 1920s-1940s. Correspondence, photographs, postcards, clippings and other ephemera regarding Abraham Lincoln and Indiana.
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None.

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Acquisition Information
Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kridler, 1983.

Scope and Content of Collection
The personal papers of a newspaper owner and editor (Grandview, Indiana Monitor), and a Lincoln enthusiast. The collection includes correspondence, photographs, daybook, postcards, and other ephemera regarding Lincoln and Indiana,
ca. 1920s-1940s. The focus of Baker's research was in establishing Lincoln's connection to Indiana and his residency there. Other scholars have maintained that Lincoln left Kentucky directly for Illinois. This collection was donated by Anne Baker Kridler, the daughter of Charles T. Baker. Anne Baker Kridler was distantly related to Abraham Lincoln via her mother's family whose surname was Grigsby.

**Indexing Terms**
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog. Lincoln, Abraham, 1809-1865.

**Series 1. Correspondence**
Scope and Content Note
Mainly relating to Baker's research with regard to Lincoln's association with the town of Grandview Indiana and the Grigsby family. Also includes financial and personal documents related to Baker and other family members, as well as a number of related clippings.

- **Box 1: 1 - 3** Lincoln crossing at Grandview, 1927 - 1937
- **Box 1: 4** Correspondence, general, 1939 - 1942
- **Box 1: 5** Personal correspondence and financial records, 1910 - 1944
- **Box 1: 6** Documents and receipts, mostly related to land and property, 1906 - 1942
- **Box 1: 7** Property, tax, and land documents, 1904 - 1931

**Series 2. Writings by Charles Baker**
Scope and Content Note
Mainly research notes with related clippings and several short works, some fictional, related to Lincoln.

- **Box 2: 1** Writings and research notes, clippings, 1927 - 1942
- **Box 2: 2** Typescripts by Charles Baker of his works relating to Lincoln, 1932 - 1936

**Series 3. Writings by Others**
Scope and Content Note
Includes: "Lincoln in Indiana" a typescript of a play in three acts, n.d., Miscellaneous short stories (in journals), poems, and clippings.

- **Box 2: 3** Lincoln in Indiana, - Typescript of a play in three acts, n.d.
- **Box 2: 4** Short stories (in journals), poems, and clippings, 1911 - 1941
- **Box 2: 5** Lincolniana - Typescripts, articles, clippings, 1929 - 1966

**Series 4. Miscellany**
Scope and Content Note
Includes photographs, postcards, clippings, ephemera related to Baker and his Lincoln-related work.

- **Box 2: 6** Photographs (snapshots, presumably of Baker and Kridler families), n.d.
- **Box 2: 7** Postcards (all related to Lincoln/Lincoln in Indiana), 1922 - 1933
- **Box 2: 8** Clippings (mainly related to Lincoln in Indiana/Lincoln Highway project; brief obituary for Charles Baker), 1928 - 1930