

Title: Lincoln Memorial Drive Collection

Reference Code: Mss-2506

Inclusive Dates: 1925 – 1975

Quantity: 000.03 cu. ft.

Location: Sm Mss

Abstract: Noted architect Alfred C. Clas developed plans in 1917 for a bridge to span the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad tracks along Lake Michigan as part of a larger proposal to erect a memorial to Abraham Lincoln on the city's lakefront. The bridge was subsequently incorporated into plans to establish a Lake Shore Drive. The bridge was completed in 1926, and the following year, the Lake Shore Drive (renamed Lincoln Memorial Drive) opened from Mason Street to Lafayette Place. The Lincoln statue was unveiled at the bridge in 1934, but it was relocated in 1955 with construction of the War Memorial.

Scope and Content: The collection consists of photocopied correspondence and newspaper clippings related to the construction and dedication of the Lincoln Memorial Bridge and efforts regarding the Lincoln statue. Also included is a parade order of march for the bridge dedication and correspondence, clippings related to the bridge's status as a county landmark, and a 1945 report "The Location of Lincoln Memorial Drive and the Connections to East and West Streets."

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English