

# Jane Hamand Correspondence Collection

Collection # 5.001

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## COLLECTION SUMMARY

**Collection Number:** 5.001

**Collection Title:** Jane Hamand Correspondence Collection

**Dates:** 1920-1951

**Size:** 3 boxes (1.5 linear ft.)

**Creator/Collector:** Jane Hamand

**Acquisition Information:** Unknown

**Accruals:** No accruals are expected.

**Custodial History:** Unknown

**Languages:** Collection materials are in English.

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**Conservation Notes:** Not applicable.

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**BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**

Jane Hamand was raised in Decatur, IL, where she taught music in the public schools. Miss Hamand was an avid Lincoln historian, and the donor of the Lincoln Collection at the Decatur Public Library. She donated this collection in 1921, and it contained most of her valuable pieces. It also had a corner dedicated to her fascination with the family of Ann Rutledge. The Lincoln Collection was considered one of the finest in the country, and was visited annually by people from all over the country. After loaning it to the Decatur Public Library for many years, Miss Hamand sent the Kirkham's Grammar used by Abraham Lincoln to the Library of Congress, where it became their permanent property when she died.

She was also a student of the Esperanto language, and attended international conventions in America and Europe where she could converse freely with other Esperanto speakers. Miss Hamand was also an active civic worker who helped raise relief funds during World War I. After World War I, Miss Hamand adopted and supported 21 French war orphans, and would visit them during her travels to check on their welfare.

In February 1933, Miss Hamand died from severe burns received from a furnace explosion at her farm house in Schaller, IA. She had lived here for many years with her brother, who preceded her in death by a few years. She was 86.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains the personal papers of Jane Hamand. The collection is 1.25 linear feet, and includes biographical information, correspondence, speeches, and information about the Decatur Lincoln Collection.

The collection was originally housed in three early 20<sup>th</sup> century file boxes. The first two had no discernible order to them. The third was organized by year. The third box's organization was kept intact and can be found in the "Correspondence with Minnie Dill" and "Correspondence with Alice Evans" subseries. The rest were arranged with the researcher's use in mind.

**COLLECTION INVENTORY**

**I. Biographical Information**

This series contains information pertaining to the life of the individual, including obituaries.

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Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
Jane Hamand – Biographical Information	Box 1	ff. 1

**II. Speeches**

This series contains copies of speeches Jane Hamand gave.

Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
Jane Hamand's Speeches		ff. 2

**III. Correspondence**

This series contains letters to and from Jane Hamand or about the Lincoln Collection. There are two subseries: "Correspondence with Minnie Dill" and "Correspondence with Alice Evans".

Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
Abraham Lincoln Log Cabin Association		ff. 3
Abraham Lincoln Association		ff. 4
Addresses		ff. 5
Bangs, E.L.		ff. 6
Barney, Mrs. M.M.		ff. 7
Brimhall, C.W.		ff. 8
Brown, H.C.		ff. 9
Capitol Engraving Company		ff. 10
Carr, C.M.		ff. 11
Chamberlin, Earl T.		ff. 12
Corbett & Corbett, Attorneys		ff. 13
Cramer, John H.		ff. 14
Deans, Mrs. Oscar F.		ff. 15
Dimbleby, Claude		ff. 16
Dondero, George A., M.C.		ff. 17
English, Harry		ff. 18
Ford, W.D.		ff. 19
Foster, Lelah		ff. 20
Frederick Keppel & Co.		ff. 21
Free Public Library, Decatur, IL		ff. 22
Gastman, Mrs.		ff. 23
Gregory, Ralph		ff. 24
Griffith, Albert H.		ff. 25
Gyles, Will R.		ff. 26
Hall, Nancy A.		ff. 27
Hambrecht, George P.		ff. 28
Hardy, W.F.		ff. 29

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Javanese Savvar and Batiks		ff. 33
Latham, William Wyatt		ff. 34
Latimer, J.B.		ff. 35
Lemmon, Rev. George T.		ff. 36
Library of Congress		ff. 37
Lincolniana Publishers		ff. 38
MacHarg, John B., Ph.D.		ff. 39
Mariotti, Leopoldo		ff. 40
Nelson, G.E.		ff. 41
Oglesby, Felicite		ff. 42
Oldroyd, Leda A.		ff. 43
Onstott, Mrs. A.L.		ff. 44
Pence, L.S.		ff. 45
Pickering, Mrs. H.E.		ff. 46
Pratt, Harry E.		ff. 47
Prewitt, A.M.		ff. 48
Prewitt, Ray C.		ff. 49
Prewitt, Will A.		ff. 50
Putnam, Henry H.		ff. 51
Rankin, Henry B.		ff. 52
Rathbum, Adele		ff. 53
Rennick, P.G.		ff. 54
Rutledge, E.J.		ff. 55
Rutledge Family		ff. 56
Rutledge, J.W.		ff. 57
Rutledge, Mrs. R.C.		ff. 58
Rutledge, Warren		ff. 59
Rutledge, William W.		ff. 60
Salveson, Stella Marie		ff. 61
Saunders, H.G.		ff. 62
Saunders, James Rutledge		ff. 63
Schaeffer, Rev. S. Carlyle		ff. 64
Sedgwick, Ellery		ff. 65
Shoaff, T.B.		ff. 66
Simmonds, Claude F.		ff. 67
Simpson, George		ff. 68
Snyder, Silas E.		ff. 69
Symmachus Trading Co.		ff. 70
Tarbell, Ida M.		ff. 71
Terry, Howard K.	Box 2	ff. 1
Turner, James W.		ff. 2

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Unsigned Letter		ff. 3
Van Derwerker, Mrs. N.I.		ff. 4
Vest, Mrs. F.E.		ff. 5
Volk, Douglas		ff. 6
Warren, Louis A.		ff. 7
Watts, Stanley		ff. 8
Wayne, Miss		ff. 9
Weik, Jesse W.		ff. 10
Wilson, Rufus R.		ff. 11

**a. Correspondence with Minnie Dill**

Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
Dill, Minnie – 1925		ff. 12
Dill, Minnie – 1926		ff. 13
Dill, Minnie – 1927		ff. 14
Dill, Minnie – 1928		ff. 15
Dill, Minnie – 1929		ff. 16
Dill, Minnie – 1931		ff. 17
Dill, Minnie – 1932		ff. 18
Dill, Minnie – 1933		ff. 19
Dill, Minnie – 1944		ff. 20

**b. Correspondence with Alice Evans**

Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
Evans, Alice – 1920		ff. 21
Evans, Alice – 1921		ff. 22
Evans, Alice – 1922		ff. 23
Evans, Alice – 1923		ff. 24
Evans, Alice – 1924	Box 3	ff. 1
Evans, Alice – ND		ff. 2

**IV. Decatur Lincoln Memorial Collection**

This series contains information pertaining to the Decatur Lincoln Memorial Collection.

Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
Celia Lincoln Sawyer Donation		ff. 3
Decatur Lincoln Memorial Collection		ff. 4
Gardner Portrait of Abraham Lincoln		ff. 5
Historical Information for Collection		ff. 6

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Kirkham's Grammar Book		ff. 7
Lincoln Anniversary Medal		ff. 8
Lincoln Pamphlets and Books		ff. 9
Lincoln/Rutledge Collection at Library – Opening Feb. 12, 1922		ff. 10
Newspaper Clippings		ff. 11
Rutledge History		ff. 12

**V. Miscellaneous Lincoln Information**

This series contains information pertaining to Abraham Lincoln.

Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
Abstract for Lincoln's Bounty Land from Blackhawk War		ff. 13
Chain of Title to the Abraham Lincoln Cabin		ff. 14
H.W. Fay Collection – Lincoln Photograph		ff. 15
Flitch of Bacon		ff. 16
Rebuilding of Lincoln's Tomb		ff. 17

**VI. Photographs**

This series contains a photograph of Abraham Lincoln and log courthouse in Fairview Park.

Portrait of Abraham Lincoln – Harrison of Galesburg, IL		ff. 18
Old Log Courthouse in Fairview Park		ff. 19

**VII. Miscellaneous**

This series contains miscellaneous information, including CSA information.

Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
"Cleveland for President" Campaign Badge		ff. 20
Picture of CSA's "Moving Day"		ff. 21

**VIII. Oversize**

This series contains various documents that could not fit with the regular collection.

This includes some biographical and collection information.

Folder Name	Box #	Folder #
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Correspondence: Richardson, Mrs. Emmett L.	Box 4	ff. 1
Correspondence: T.B. Shoaff & Son, Publishers		ff. 2
Decatur Lincoln Collection List		ff. 3
Gettysburg Address		ff. 4
In Memoriam sign for Jane Hamand		ff. 5
Loren Hodge Donation		ff. 6
Kirkham's Grammar Information		ff. 7
Miscellaneous Lincoln Collections		ff. 8
Rutledge Collection		ff. 9