

“Clouds and Darkness Surround Us”: The Life of Mary Todd Lincoln
A DREAMWORKS / ABRAHAM LINCOLN LIBRARY AND MUSEUM
EXHIBIT

FEBRUARY 12, 2015 TO NOVEMBER 20, 2015



Using original and replica artifacts, and presented in the Young Mr. Lincoln Gallery this exhibit will feature three costumes from the Steven Spielberg movie “Lincoln.” The items will be housed for security and visibility in a 12’ by 16’ Plexiglas enclosure in the first gallery. All materials for construction of the can be utilized for later projects.

Featuring

1. Mary Todd Lincoln/Sally Fields Dress
2. Replica Abraham Lincoln/Daniel Day Lewis Suit
3. Elizabeth Keckley/Gloria Rubenstein Dress
4. Artifacts and replicas from the life of Lincoln and movie memorabilia

We plan to open the DreamWorks exhibit *Clouds and Darkness* on February 12 this year with a special opening event. This project started as an attempt years ago to acquire a prop from the movie Lincoln for the collection. However, with the current collecting value of movie memorabilia a contribution was out of the question. Steven Wilson was able to secure this loan for nine-months of several garments used in the movie, as a centerpiece of what we hope will be a popular exhibit.

Additional activities:

- Side exhibit of movie items from earlier Lincoln movies already in the ALLM collection
- March: showing of the movie Lincoln at the Arnold Auditorium with short talk on Lincoln in the movies by Steven Wilson
- Night at the Museum, open evening event featuring old Lincoln movies comparing them to the newest movie (date to be announced)
- The Movies and Lincoln Museums by Tom Mackie and Steven Wilson (date to be announced)