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## HENLEY C. LYBROOK PAPERS, 1865

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### COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	2 folders
COLLECTION DATES:	9 April 1865 and 17 June 1865
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**BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Henley C. Lybrook was a merchant and citizen of Dowagiac, Michigan. His wife, Lovicy, was a homemaker, and their daughter Mary was once a student at St. Mary's Academy, Notre Dame, Indiana. Lybrook might have lived in Cassapolis, another town in Cass County, Michigan. Records show that Lybrook had relatives living in Giles County, Virginia.

**Sources:**

Family Search Internet Genealogy Service, <http://www.familysearch.org>. Accessed 18 June 2003.

Lybrook Family Letters, <http://www.people.virginia.edu/~msk5d/genealogy/Lybrook.html>. Accessed 18 June 2003.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

The collection consists of a letter from Henley C. Lybrook of Dowagiac, Michigan, 17 April 1865, to his daughter, Mary Lybrook, at St. Mary's Academy, Notre Dame, Indiana. Lybrook's letter briefly mentions General Robert E. Lee's surrender to General Ulysses S. Grant. The letter speaks of Abraham Lincoln's assassination by John Wilkes Booth, who shot Lincoln through the head with a pistol. Lybrook feels that Lincoln's death came at a time when "things were taking a direction to a humane honorable and speedy place."

His letter describes Secretary of State William H. Seward's stabbing that occurred on the same night as Lincoln's assassination; this information is thought to be uncommon to the average person at the time. Seward's stabbing has not been proved fatal yet, Lybrook writes. The presidency is now in the hands of Andrew Johnson, Lybrook continues, and he is unsure of the policies that Johnson may adopt. An envelope addressed to Mary is included.

A New York newspaper engraving of Seward, dated 17 June 1865, is present with the letter. The relationship of the engraving to the Lybrook letter is unknown.

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