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SEWARD (WILLIAM HENRY) PAPERS, ca1776-1921

230 linear feet (367 volumes, 144 boxes, 33 file
drawers, 9 museum pieces, 8 packages)

Personal and public papers of William Henry Seward
(1801-1872), Governor of New York State, United
States Senator, and Secretary of State under
Lincoln and Johnson, and of members of his
immediate family.

Gift and bequest of William Henry Seward III,
1945-1951; and purchase of supplementary material.

PREFACE

The William Henry Seward Papers, containing about 150,000 items, stand alone as an unusual collection of source material for the student of Nineteenth Century politics and the Civil War era. However, its value is enhanced by several other collections of manuscripts and manuscripts on film, held in the University of Rochester Library.

Among other manuscript collections which have material relating to Seward and to the Nineteenth Century are:

Grier (George M.) Papers, 1800-1881

Miller (Elijah) Papers, 1782-1861

Patterson (George Washington) Papers, 1831-1898

Weed (Thurlow) Papers, 1816-1894

On film are:

Library of Congress - Presidential Papers Program:

Papers of William Henry Harrison, Andrew Johnson, Abraham Lincoln, Franklin Pierce, James Knox Polk, Zachary Taylor, John Tyler and Martin Van Buren.

Massachusetts Historical Society. Microfilm of
the Adams Papers.

Henry Shelton Sanford Papers - Microfilm of
correspondence of Frederick William and William Henry
Seward and Thurlow Weed, and of Henry S. Sanford
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Microfilm of Department of State Records - Diplomatic
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Colgate Madisonensis: Lincoln Centennial Number

Detmold, John Hunter: The Seward House
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Edson, Arthur: ... Lincoln Beats Seward
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of Alaska, presented W. H. Seward in
1869 on a trip to the West Coast

3. Medal awarded George E. Robinson by Act
of Congress, Mar. 1, 1871 for heroic
conduct April 14, 1865, in saving
life of William Henry Seward

4. Mezzo-relievo bust of W. H. Seward
by Walter G. Robinson

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Adeline Seward, by Emanuel Leutze
in 1867, a year after her death
at the age of twenty-one

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G. Seward (and related families) Genealogy

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Lincoln, the True Story of a Great Life

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2. New York (State) Legislature.
Committee to Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition.
Report of the legislative committee
from the state of New York to the
Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, 1909

3 copies

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