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Rare Lincoln Photograph on Display for a Limited Time Only!

Green Bay, WI—December 27, 2012—A unique photograph of Abraham Lincoln will be on display in the Neville's exhibit, *MuseumPLACE*, for a limited time only. The Neville Public Museum has put the photo on exhibit due to the Steven Spielberg directed movie that focuses on the 16th President's tumultuous final months in office. *Lincoln*, a historical film starring Daniel Day-Lewis, was released in 2012 and is a Golden Globe nominee for *Best Motion Picture- Drama*.

Lincoln rarely signed photographs. This photo is one of only two signed photographs of Abraham Lincoln and his son Tad. In 1864, Lincoln autographed this image with "A. Lincoln & Son" and gave it to his secretary Gustav Matile as a gift. The original picture was taken by Anthony Berger at Mathew Brady's Studio in Washington, D.C. on February 9, 1864.

After Lincoln's assassination in April 1865, Matile worked as a lawyer in Minnesota and then served as U.S. Court Commissioner for Wisconsin's Eastern District in Green Bay. When Matile died in 1908, he gave the photograph to the Kellogg Public Library where it was kept until sold to the Green Bay & De Pere Antiquarian Society in 2007.

The Lincoln photo was made using the albumen process. The paper was first coated with egg white (albumen) and salt to make it light sensitive, printed under a negative, and finally fixed and washed. Unlike other early photographic processes, albumen prints made it possible to make many copies from a single negative; thousands of copies of this picture were made and sold across the country. This image was especially popular after Lincoln's assassination and was used on commemorative cards. Although reproductions remain common, only two original prints signed "A. Lincoln & Son" are known to exist. Come to the Neville Public Museum and see this rare photograph.

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