# C. C. DUBOIS PAPERS, 1933

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

C. C. DuBois was once a resident of Kokomo, Indiana. As there is no information available about DuBois, it is possible that his birth date was around 1845, as he was a young man when Abraham Lincoln's body passed through Indianapolis in 1865. His date of death is unknown.

From 1912–1937, John E. Boos (1879-1974) of Albany, New York, collected documents and letters relating to personal experiences regarding Abraham Lincoln, which is most likely why DuBois was in contact with him. Boos also published a book, *Abraham Lincoln; Farewell to Neighbors*, in 1942.

#### Sources:

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#### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains a total of four letters and documents and an envelope of correspondence between DuBois and John E. Boos in January 1933.

In a letter dated 18 January 1933, DuBois recalls his encounters with Lincoln. When Lincoln's body laid in state in Indianapolis at the Old State House, DuBois was able to take a train from Noblesville, Indiana, to Indianapolis to view Lincoln's remains. A second document in DuBois's hand is very similar to the letter written to Boos; this document describes the same events but adds that since the day was very solemn, there were no brass bands, parades, or noise.

A third document, possibly written by Boos, is an interview of DuBois. The document notes the difference in Lincoln's visit to Indiana in 1861 as president-elect and when his body laid in state in 1865. As the author writes, although he never met DuBois and was not sure if he was a veteran, he is sure that he was a "patriotic American."

DuBois writes another letter to Boos on 26 January 1933. In the letter, DuBois suggests contacting the postmaster and newspapers in Springfield, Illinois, for information on Lincoln.

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