



Glossary of Terms

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Adjutant General of the Army – A U.S. Army general in the War Department who is in charge of a group of soldiers who handle the army's administrative needs. This includes publishing orders, keeping records, official correspondence, and tracking awards and medals.

Oldroyd Collection - A collection of 3,000 Lincoln relics that was amassed by Osborn Oldroyd, a Union Army veteran and great admirer of Lincoln. Oldroyd sold his collection to the U.S. Government in 1925 for \$50,000. Many of the artifacts in the Ford's Theatre Museum are from this collection.

Relic – A precious or very important object from an earlier time, especially one of historical or cultural interest.

War Department – The department of government that was in charge of the Army, Navy and later Air Force. At the time of Lincoln's assassination Edwin Stanton was the Secretary of War. In 1949 this department was renamed, the Department of Defense.

Judge Advocate General (JAG) – This is the top lawyer in the Army. He or she oversees Army officers who work on cases of military justice and military law. In 1931 JAG's office of the War Department had possession of the Deringer pistol that was used to assassinate President Lincoln.

Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital – A division of government that managed government owned buildings and national parks in Washington, DC. In 1931 they decided to display some of the Oldroyd Collection in the new Lincoln Museum in Ford's Theatre.

U.S. Grant 3d – Ulysses S. Grant was an army officer who was the director of the Public Buildings and Public Parks of the National Capital. He was the grandson of General of the Army and U.S. President Ulysses S. Grant.

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National Museum – This is a reference to the Smithsonian.

“Great tragedy” – This refers to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.

Morbid – Suggesting an unhealthy mental state, gruesome, grisly

Weak-minded – Having or showing mental weakness, foolish, gullible

C.H. Bridges – Charles H. Bridges was the Adjutant General of the U.S. Army from 1928 to 1933.