

## E. HERTZ, EXPERT ON LINCOLN, DIES

Lawyer Here 45 Years Wrote  
Two Biographies and Scores  
of Papers on President

WAS A NOTED COLLECTOR

Gave Documents to Congress  
Library and 48,000 Books  
to Educational Institutions

Emanuel Hertz, one of America's outstanding authorities on the life of Abraham Lincoln and author of two books about Lincoln, died yesterday at his home, 17 West Seventy-first Street. Mr. Hertz was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage a week ago. He was 69 years old.

Besides having a great interest in Lincoln, which led him to collect thousands of rare items relating to the President, Mr. Hertz was widely known as an attorney. His practice was wholly in the Federal courts. Since 1926 he had frequently appeared before the United States Supreme Court.

He was born on Sept. 2, 1870, at Butka, in that part of Austria which later became Czecho-Slovakia, being the son of Simon and Esther Moskowitz Hertz. He came to this country when 14 years old.

In 1892 Mr. Hertz was graduated from City College here, in 1894 received a master's degree from Columbia University, in the next year a law degree. During his career he was the recipient of honorary degrees from the Columbia University School of Law, the Lincoln Memorial University at Harrogate, Tenn., and Knox College, Galesburg, Ill.

He was admitted to the New York bar in 1895 and practiced in this city until his death. His office in recent years was at 141 Broadway. He was a member of the New York Bar Association and the New York County Lawyers Association.

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Mr. Hertz was a lifelong Republican and participated in politics upon occasion. In 1915 he was appointed Tax Appraiser for the City of New York, but resigned within a week when he learned his appointment, which had the endorsement of the Republican County Committee, was disapproved of by the city administration. In 1926 he sought the Republican nomination for Congress, and in 1928 was a Presidential Elector from New York.

From his youth Mr. Hertz had been interested in American history, and many years ago he took up a serious study of the Civil War and the Lincoln Administration. He gathered an untold number of papers, letters and other documents either by or about Lincoln and probably had the largest private collection of Lincolniana. Much of it he presented to the Library of Congress.

His brother, Dr. Abraham J. Hertz, was unable yesterday to say just how large a collection Mr. Hertz had at his death, or what provision he had made for its disposition. He said undoubtedly the sixteen large portfolios that had been in Mr. Hertz's possession would go to the Library of Congress.

Although primarily a collector, Mr. Hertz had written, besides his books, scores of papers on Lincoln. In 1931, under the title "New Light on Lincoln," he wrote a series of papers for THE NEW YORK TIMES based upon more than 2,000 Lincoln letters and State papers, none of which had previously appeared in the standard editions of Lincoln's works and many of which were made public for the first time in THE TIMES.

Before his collection had been partially dispersed Mr. Hertz had gathered some seventy large folders, containing nearly 4,000 hitherto undiscovered documents. These formed the basis for Mr. Hertz's first extended book on Lincoln, "Abraham Lincoln: A New Portrait," which was published in 1931. Mr. Hertz continued his research and collecting and in 1938 published what is probably his best-known book, "The Hidden Lincoln."



#### Drew on Herndon's Papers

This book was based upon the letters and papers of William H. Herndon, Lincoln's law partner and early biographer. Mr. Hertz's volume was a defense of Herndon's ultimate portrait of Lincoln as an extremely human person. The book, which contained a commendatory preface by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, occasioned a considerable controversy among Lincoln "experts" at the time of its publication. Mr. Hertz, who was critical of most Lincoln biographers, was unstinted in his praise of the work of Carl Sandburg, whose recent biography, "The War Years," won the latest Pulitzer Prize for history. Mr. Hertz was also the editor of "Abraham Lincoln: The Tribute of the Synagogue."

He had contributed about 20,000 books each to the library of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and to Lincoln Memorial University and had given 8,000 books to Knox College.

He was an organizer of the Jewish community at Washington Heights and had helped erect the first synagogue in that section. In recent years he was a member of the Spanish and Portuguese Congregation.

Mr. Hertz belonged to the American Jewish Historical Association, the Abraham Lincoln Association, the New York Historical Society, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Judaeans, the Zionist Organization of America and the National Republican Club.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Blanche Rosenthal Hertz; five children, Mrs. William S. Brown of New York, Mrs. Harold Hoffman of oYnkers, N. Y.; Mrs. Harold V. Lese of Washington, Mrs. Bernard Ginsberg of Forest Hills, Queens, and Hamilton Hertz, who recently was graduated from Washington and Lee University; four sisters, Mrs. Samuel B. Asher, Miss Hannah Hertz, Mrs. Spencer Gilbert and Mrs. Samuel Hecht, and besides Dr. Abraham J. Hertz, another brother, the Very Rev. Joseph Herman Hertz, chief rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the British Empire since 1913.