

Taken on February 9, 1864 by photographer Anthony Berger, this portrait became one of the most commonly used image of Abraham Lincoln after his death, appearing on mourning ribbons and badges, as well as in lithographs, etchings, and engravings honoring the fallen president. Having been used on American paper currency since as early as 1869, the photograph was selected for the redesigned five dollar bill in 2008.



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Abraham Lincoln, The Nations Martyr, 1865
Etching
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Elijah C. Middleton American, 1818-1883 [Portrait of Abraham Lincoln], 1864 Chromolithograph 2021.183.002, Gift of Bartley J. Madden

Middleton was a pioneer in using the chromolithography process, and created portraits of a number of important Civil War figures, including US Grant, WT Sherman, and RE Lee.

