

Statues of Abraham Lincoln

Katherine M. Cohen

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February 27, 1957

Mr. R. Gerald McMurtry, Director The Lincoln National Life Foundation Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Mr. McMurtry:

In December you replied to my request for information on a bronze bust of Lincoln that I own. You were not able to give me any information and, since I have been fortunate enough to get it, I thought you might be interested. I quote from a letter from the Chicago Historical Society:

"Katherine M. Cohen, the sculptor of the bust of Lincoln about which you inquire, was born in Philadelphia in 1859. She studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, the Art Students League of New York and under Augustus Saint Gaudens and Mercier in Paris. Among her best known works are a statue of General Beaver, the bronze bust of Lincoln, "Dawn of Thought" and "Vision of Rabbi Ben Ezra." She died in Philadelphia in 1924."

I am enclosing a picture of the bust. I would like to have this picture back, however, if you have any use for it, you may retain it.

Sincerely.

Eldon Holmquist

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March 13, 1957

Mr. Eldon Holmquist Executive Assistant to Vice President Continental Casualty Company Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Holmquist:

I have your letter of February 27. I have delayed answering you due to the fact that I have been on an extended speaking tour throughout the eastern states.

I am delighted to learn that you have been able to compile some information regarding Katherine M. Cohen and her work the bronze bust of Abraham Lincoln. I will make a special file in which I will place your letter. I would like very much to keep the photograph if you do not mind. It will find an important place in our Cohen file.

Thanking you I remain

Yours sincerely,

Director

