

# Emancipation Proclamation (SC209)

## *Introduction*

This collection contains the printed text of the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation issued September 22, 1862, and the final proclamation signed into effect on January 1, 1863.

## *Descriptive Summary*

Title: Emancipation Proclamation  
Dates: n.d.  
Size: 1.3 linear feet, 1 folder  
Collection Number: SC209

## *Donor Information*

Found in collection. Possibly purchased by the library as part of the Fitzpatrick Collection in 1953.

## *Citation Note*

Emancipation Proclamation (SC209), Missouri Valley Special Collections, Kansas City Public Library, Kansas City, Missouri.

## *Administrative Information*

Access restrictions: This document has been digitized and is available online at [www.civilwaronthewesternborder.org](http://www.civilwaronthewesternborder.org). The original may be viewed by appointment only.

Related Collections: Additional materials relating to slavery, emancipation, Abraham Lincoln, and the Civil War may be found in the Missouri Valley Special Collections local history collections as well as the Kansas City Public Library Catalog.

## *Biographical/Historical Sketch*

Implemented during the Civil War, the Emancipation Proclamation declared that slaves held in states that had seceded from the Union would be free. President Abraham Lincoln issued the preliminary proclamation on September 22, 1862 as formal notice to the Confederate states of his intention to free the slaves. The final proclamation was issued on January 1, 1863. Emancipation was not extended to slaves residing in Union states until the end of 1865.

***Scope and Content Note***

This collection contains a 9.75 x 14.25 in. broadside. It features the text of the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation issued September 22, 1862, and the final proclamation signed into effect on January 1, 1863. A quotation from Confederate Vice President Alexander H. Stephens calling slavery "the chief stone of the corner in our new edifice," is included at the bottom.

***Collection Inventory***

f. 1 Emancipation Proclamation broadside, n.d.

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