

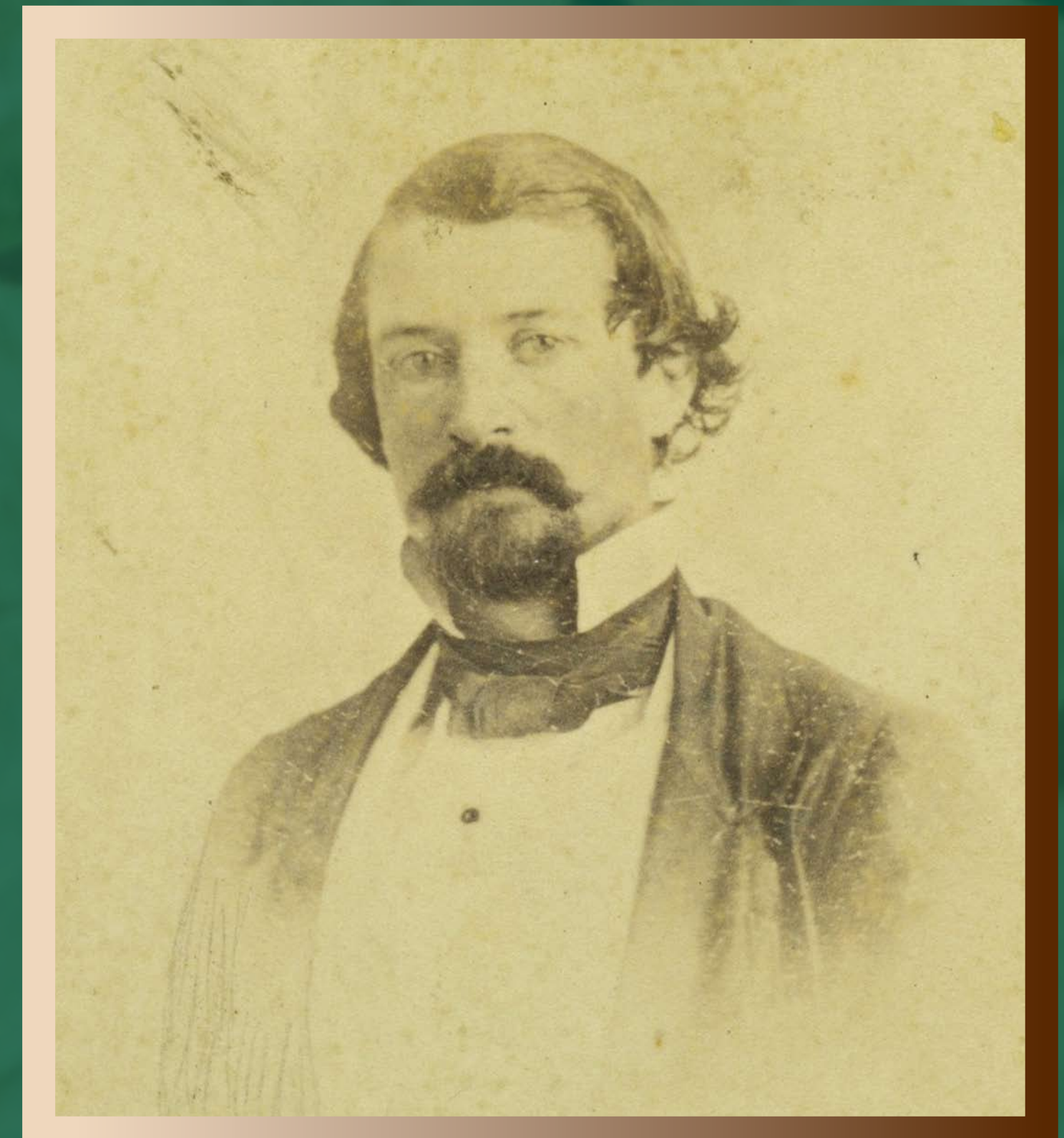
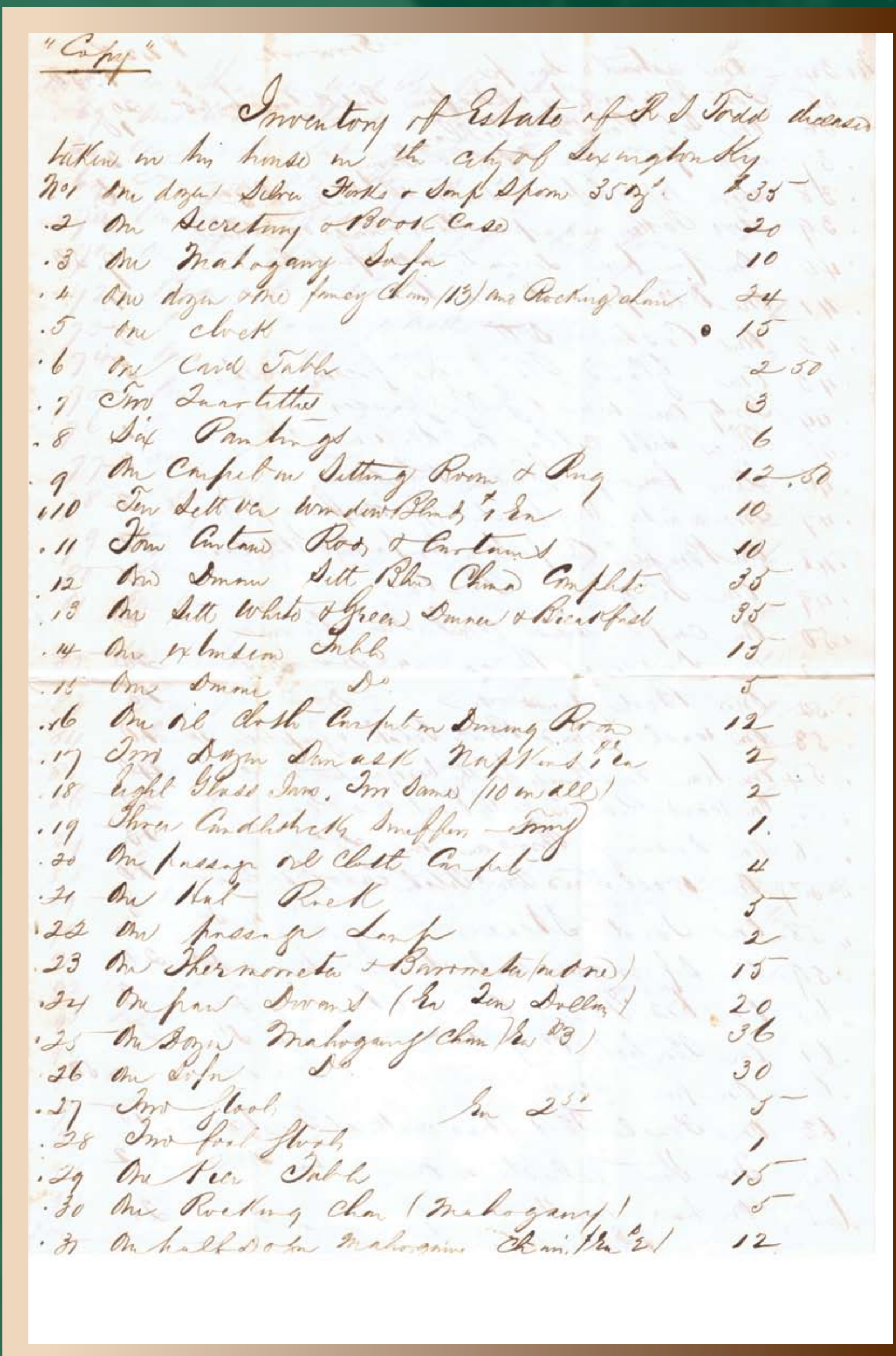
A HOUSE DIVIDED

The Lincolns' Confederate Relatives

Did you know ... the Todd family was divided before the Civil War began?

Like the Union itself, the Todd family had been drifting apart for years. Four daughters, including Mary, moved to Illinois and married in the 1830s and 1840s. Other daughters would marry men in the South. Two of the younger sons moved to Louisiana in the 1850s. Thus, the family was naturally positioned to take opposing sides in the war.

The family's divisions were reflected at the inaugurations of Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis. Several of the Todds, including those who lived in Illinois with the Lincolns, attended Abraham Lincoln's inauguration on March 4, 1861. Sisters Martha and Elodie attended Confederate president Jefferson Davis' inaugural ball on February 18, 1861.



Samuel B. Todd
After his father Robert S. Todd died in 1849, teen-aged Sam moved from Lexington to New Orleans to live on his uncle's sugar plantation. Sam was living in the Deep South at the outbreak of the Civil War. He quickly enlisted in the Confederate Army.

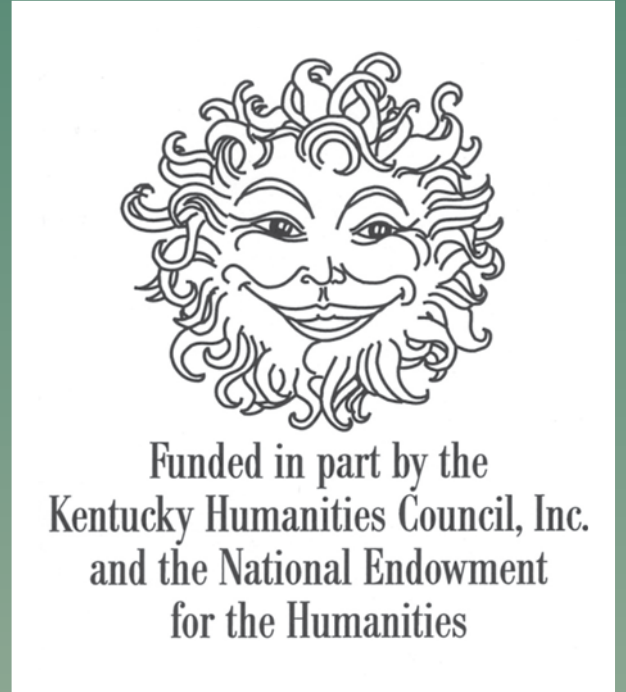
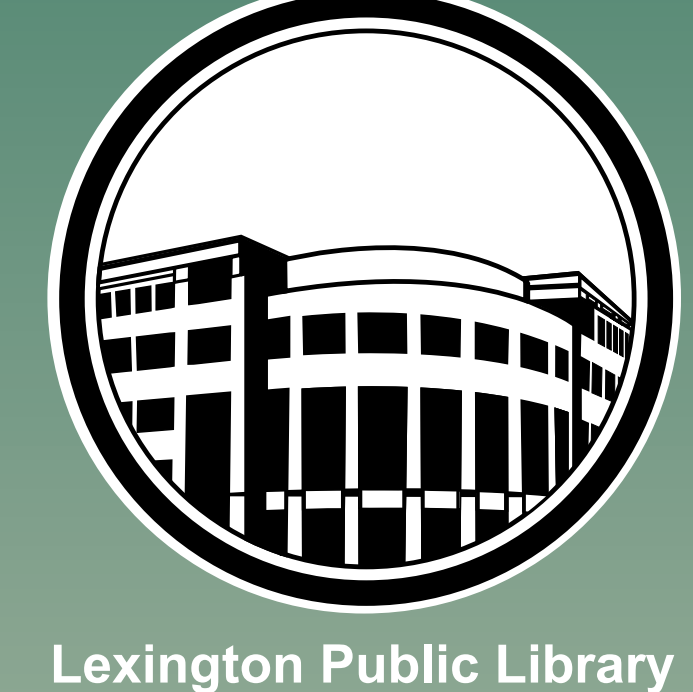
1849 Auction Inventory & Robert S. Todd

The death of Mary Todd Lincoln's father in 1849 set off years of litigation within the family over the disposition of slaves and other property. These lawsuits divided the six children of Mr. Todd's first marriage to Eliza Parker from the eight children of his second marriage to Betsy Humphreys. Abraham Lincoln represented the children of the first marriage in two of these lawsuits.



Flag: 4th Alabama Infantry (Co. C, Magnolia Cadets)
This flag was made in 1861 for a Confederate Alabama infantry unit by two of Mrs. Lincoln's sisters, Elodie Todd and Martha Todd White. Martha was married to Selma physician Clement White. At the start of the war, Elodie was visiting them from Kentucky. The sisters completed this flag in 1861, shortly after attending Jefferson Davis' inaugural ball.

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