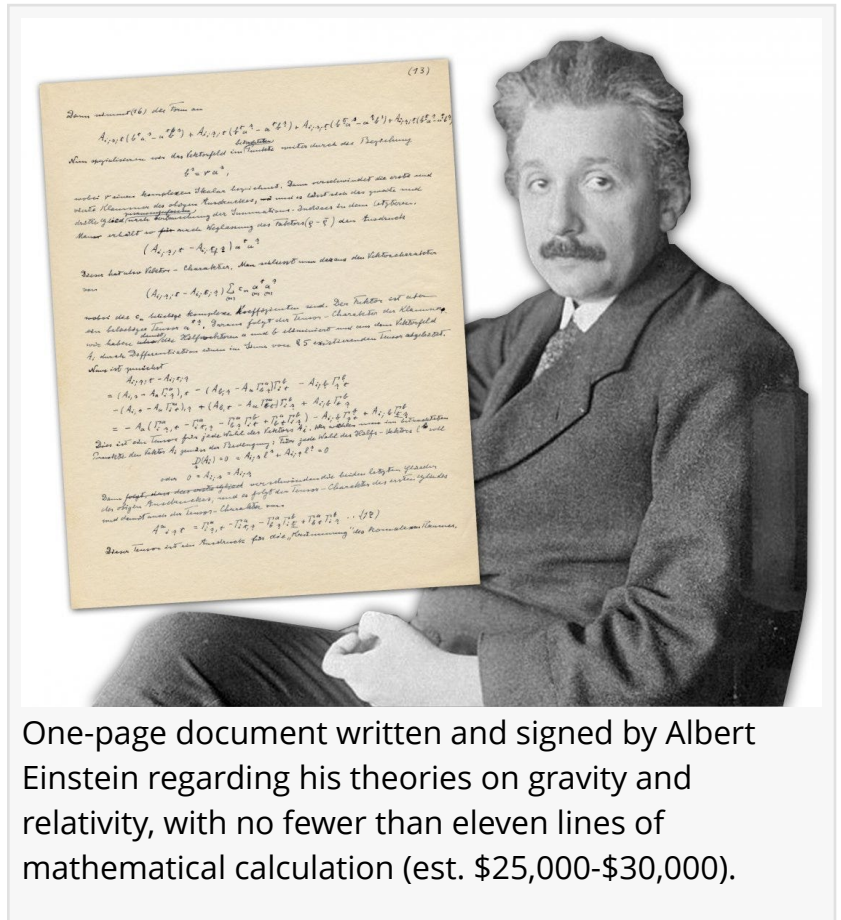


Items signed by Lincoln, Jefferson, Einstein, Lenin, others will be in University Archives' online auction, March 3rd

The full catalog, showing all 408 lots, is up for bidding and viewing now at University Archives' website (www.UniversityArchives.com) and on three platforms.

WILTON, CT, UNITED STATES, February 16, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- An exceptional handwritten four-page presidential address signed by [Thomas Jefferson](#) and directed to the Cherokee Nation in 1806, a spectacular one-page document written and signed by [Albert Einstein](#) regarding his theories on gravity and relativity, and a two-page letter handwritten and signed by [Abraham Lincoln](#) in 1863 concerning the transportation of troops by rail during the Civil War are just a few of the expected top lots in University Archives' online-only auction of rare manuscripts, autographs and books slated for Wednesday, March 3rd.



One-page document written and signed by Albert Einstein regarding his theories on gravity and relativity, with no fewer than eleven lines of mathematical calculation (est. \$25,000-\$30,000).

The auction starts promptly at 10:30 am Eastern time. The catalog is up for viewing and bidding now, on the revamped University Archives website (www.UniversityArchives.com), as well as on LiveAuctioneers.com, Invaluable.com and Auctionzip.com. Phone and absentee bids will also be accepted.

It's the first auction being conducted from University Archives' new offices in Wilton, Conn., a 6,000-square-foot space in a Class A corporate building. In addition to more office space, the firm has acquired a 1,500-square-foot temperature-controlled and fully secured storage facility that can house bulkier consignments.

"Our March sale, which tips the scales at a healthy 408 lots, provides another great opportunity for aspiring and veteran collectors to enlarge and refine their collections," said John Reznikoff, founder and president of University Archives. "We thought it would be appropriate in the weeks following Inauguration Day to offer a selection of U.S. Presidential and First Lady autographs."

The result is a range of historical U.S. presidential material from George Washington (#1) to Joe Biden (#46); as well as an assortment representing First Ladies, from Martha Washington (#1) to Frances Cleveland (#22 and #24), and from Edith Roosevelt (#26) to Jacqueline Kennedy (#35).

Other categories include literary (Clemens/Twain, Melville, Hemingway, Nietzsche and others); early American (Declaration of Independence material and signers, John Hancock and more); foreign (Lenin, Disraeli, Khrushchev and others); science (Einstein and others); space (Aldrin and Armstrong, cosmonauts, Lindbergh, Orville Wright, Red Baron and others); and notorious (John Brown, Lee Harvey Oswald, Jack Ruby, Whitey Bulger, the Birdman of Alcatraz and others).

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The manuscript by Albert Einstein containing superb Unified Field Theory content is written in German and includes nearly 200 words in Einstein's hand and eleven lines of mathematical calculation. In it, Einstein reexamines some of the concepts underpinning his earlier theories



Handwritten four-page presidential address signed by Thomas Jefferson in 1806 and directed to the Cherokee Nation, embracing his role as the "Great White Father" (est. \$90,000-\$100,000).

In the four-page presidential address signed by Thomas Jefferson, addressed to "My Friends & Children Chiefs of the Cherokee Nation", Jefferson fully embraces his role as the "Great White Father". The letter advises the Cherokee to continue in their ongoing efforts to establish farming communities and to resist making war against other indigenous peoples (est. \$90,000-\$100,000).

about gravity, spinning off complex “Thought Experiments” (est. \$25,000-\$30,000).

There are seven lots relating to Einstein in the sale, including a life-size wax mold taken of Einstein’s head during a live sitting with sculptor Katherine Stubergh, complete with salt-and-pepper human hair (possibly Einstein’s?). The mold is signed and inscribed on the nape as, “Katherine, Much Thanks, Albert Einstein” (est. \$12,000-\$15,000). Also up for bid is a gelatin silver print photo of Einstein as a young man, signed and inscribed by him in 1921, the year he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics (est. \$17,000-\$18,000).

The two-page letter signed by Lincoln is addressed to Secretary of War Edwin Stanton regarding the recalcitrance of an Illinois railroad company vital to securing troop transport. Lincoln, who had successfully sued the same railroad company in the 1850s when he was an Illinois lawyer, writes, “If I had the leisure, which I have not, I believe I could settle it.” (est. \$20,000-\$25,000).

Staying in the presidential category, a one-page autograph letter signed by George Washington just a few months before he retired from his second presidential term in 1796, written at Mount Vernon and addressed to a Rev War veteran, conveys his thanks to well-wishers from a West Virginia town that once competed to be named the nation’s capital (est. \$12,000-\$13,000).



Two-page letter handwritten and signed by Abraham Lincoln in 1863, to Secretary of War Edwin Stanton, regarding the transportation of troops by rail in the Civil War (est. \$20,000-\$25,000).



One-page autograph letter signed by George Washington just a few months before he retired from his second presidential term in 1796, written at Mount Vernon (est. \$12,000-\$13,000).

Two lots pertaining to former Russian leader Vladimir Lenin should attract great interest. One is

a one-page typed letter signed in Russian by Lenin in his capacity as Chairman of the Workers' and Peasants' Defense Counsel during the middle of the Russian Civil War in 1919 (est. \$30,000-\$40,000). The other is monumental plaster death mask of Lenin taken by the Soviet artist Sergei Merkurov shortly after Lenin's death in 1924, one of only 14 in existence (est. \$15,000-\$17,000).

Miscellaneous offerings will include John Brown's personally owned and signed copy of a biography of an African American Revolutionary War minuteman and minister (est. \$20,000-\$24,000); and a seven-volume edition of The Life of Benjamin Disraeli, the Earl of Beaconsfield, with hundreds of letters, documents, photos and engravings tipped in from such luminaries as Charles Darwin, Charles Dickens, King George III and William Gladstone (est. \$9,000-\$10,000).

A three-page letter written on two adjoining sheets in 1869 and signed by the renowned German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche, in German, addressed to his childhood friend Wilhelm Pinder, with the original mailing envelope, should reach \$35,000-\$40,000. Also, a superb hand-colored engraving from 1779 by artist John Collett, depicting the American naval commander John Paul Jones shooting a sailor attempting to strike the American flag, has an estimate of \$6,000-\$7,000.

The finest known set of Thomas Bowles' 1720 South Sea Bubble playing cards, rare, depicting satirical portrayals of speculators of the day and documenting, in effect, the original stock market crash, missing the title card, should bring \$30,000-\$40,000. Also, a copy of XL Super Bowl: The Opus MVP Edition (2006), with the signature autographs of all Super Bowl MVPs from 1969-2006 (Bart Starr, Joe Namath, Len Dawson, etc.) carries a pre-sale estimate of \$9,000-\$10,000.

The notorious category will be led by a full set of 27 books on the Warren Commission Hearings following the assassination of JFK in 1963, 26 of which are signed by Lee Harvey Oswald's wife and widow, Marina (est. \$20,000-\$30,000). The set was originally owned by Declan Ford, an important witness who testified before the Warren Commission, and his Russian-born wife, Katherine, who had a close relationship in America with Marina Oswald.



One-page typed letter signed in Russian by Vladimir Lenin in his capacity as Chairman of the Workers' and Peasants' Defense Counsel during the Russian Civil War (est. \$30,000-\$40,000).

University Archives has become world-renowned as a go-to source for rare items of this kind. It is actively seeking quality material for future auctions, presenting a rare opportunity for sellers. Anyone who has a single item or a collection that may be a fit for a future University Archives auction may call John Reznikoff at 203-454-0111, or email him at john@universityarchives.com.

University Archives was founded in 1979, as a division of University Stamp Company, by John Reznikoff, who started collecting stamps and coins in 1968, while in the third grade. Industry-wide, Reznikoff is considered the leading authenticity expert for manuscripts and documents. He consults with law enforcement, dealers, auction houses and both major authentication companies.

University Archives' new offices are located at 88 Danbury Rd. (Suite 2A) in Wilton, Conn. For more information about University Archives and the Wednesday, March 3rd online-only Rare Books, Manuscripts & Relics Auction at 10:30 am Eastern, visit www.universityarchives.com.

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