



Herbert Wells Fay collection O-22

SIX DAYS AFTER HIS NOMINATION, this ambrotype, probably by William Marsh, Springfield, May 24, 1860, was taken at the suggestion of Lincoln's campaign biographer, Joseph H. Barrett, who needed a photograph as the frontispiece for his *Life of Abraham Lincoln* (Cincinnati, 1860). Wrote Barrett: "At my request and in my presence (May 24, 1860) he sat for a daguerreotype [a term used for ambrotypes mounted in daguerreotype cases] which was lithographically reproduced for the volume then in preparation, published the following month."

Previous biographers have assigned this photograph to the sitting of May 20, but notice that Lincoln's spectacles cord is not visible and his tie is knotted differently.