

Ostendorf collection O-104A and B

An 1865 stereograph long attributed to Mathew B. Brady or Thomas Walker, this portrait of the President probably was taken about February, 1865, by a cameraman from the E. & H. T. Anthony Co., New York photographers whose imprint appears on their 1865 carte-de-visite and stereograph prints. The Anthony firm may have sent an operator to Washington, D. C., to obtain this and the preceding picture (O–103), both of which were published as stereograph cards bearing the Anthony imprint. The extremely rare stereograph (O–104, above) was found in 1962. There are dark lines and shadows in Lincoln's face; his eyes are deep and sorrowful; his beard is grizzled. In October, 1864, he was visited by Mrs. Anna Byers-Jennings, who later wrote, "When I entered he raised his tired eyes, oh so tired, and with a worn look I can never forget."