



#### Dr. David Mayer Silver

David was born in Pittston, Pennsylvania in 1918. The family was believed to have immigrated to the US from Russian occupied Poland. He was educated in Kokomo, Indiana and graduated from Shortridge High School in Indianapolis. He joined Phi Beta Kappa at Butler University and earned his PhD at the University of Illinois - Champaign in American History. During his tenure with Butler, Silver's contributions were recognized with the University's highest awards: in 1955 the J.L. Holcomb Faculty Award, presented to one deemed to have made the greatest contribution to the University; in 1987, the Butler Medal, given by the Alumni Association for extraordinary contribution to the University; in 1990, an honorary doctor of letters degree from his alma mater. In 1990, Dr. Silver decided that his own collection of Lincoln materials would enhance that of Butler's. So, he and his wife established the David M. and Anita C. Silver Lincoln and Civil War Collection & Fund.

Most important to him was his beloved wife of 60 years, Anita Cohen Silver, and his sons Terrance and Greg. He authored the timeless historical book Lincoln's Supreme Court. The book addresses the efforts of Abraham Lincoln to save the country from civil war calamity by his appointments to the United States Supreme Court. David passed away in 2003 at the age of 88.