



Meserve collection (M-19) Variant O-17



A NEW BEARD, A NEW BODY
An early composite Lincoln

THE FAMOUS COOPER UNION PORTRAIT by Brady is shown (above, left) in a waist-deep variant, identified by Meserve as a separate pose. On the right is the same photograph, reversed and with a beard. But Lincoln's face has now been grafted on the body of Henry Clay, and the Civil War President, much shrunk, stands proudly against the background of the original Clay engraving. This "photograph" was widely circulated during Lincoln's lifetime. In 1856 the same body of Clay had carried the head of Presidential candidate John C. Frémont.