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Letter: Edna Bryon Buckbee to Ida M. Tarbell, May 14, 1939

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1531- North La Brea Avenue
Hollywood, California,
May 14, 1939.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

May I tell you how greatly I enjoyed reading your autobiography, " All in the Day's Work ? " Your book, from cover to cover, was most illuminating, fascinating, interesting. I was deeply touched by your tribute to Woodrow Wilson. Indeed--the world will not forget him, ever.

Recently, I have stumbled upon the name of Anna Ella Carroll, of Kingston Hall, Somerset County, Maryland. If it be true that Miss Carroll's timely, strategic plan of the Tennessee campaign was hailed with delight by Lincoln and his advisors is it not wrong, even at this late date, that something isn't done about giving her some credit? In spite of the fact her claims for recognition appear to have rested on broad ground, so far as I can find out, no mention of her name has ever been made in the history books of our educational institutions.

I was born with a passion for research but, unfortunately, I'm always coming upon such names as Anna Ella Carroll^s about which no person, at least in the Far-West, has ever heard mentioned. I surmise that the Congressional Library would be the most likely place to find

out about Miss Carroll's activities during civil war days, however, if, in your researches of outstanding women, you have gained knowledge of her worth will you be so good as to let me know of it ?

I have just spent a pleasant week-end with one of Kathleen Norris' friends, Anne Wilde by name. Miss Wilde, a former journalist, told me that Kathleen has just sold a story for \$200,000 to a major studio here in Hollywood. Madame Roland, I think, would make a splendid subject for a concern wanting historical material.

Again, Miss Tarbell, let me tell you how much I enjoyed reading your book, " All in the Day's Work. " How I should like to a read a life of Woodrow Wilson from your fair and just pen, but for the tribute you so graciously paid the great and wise man, I am grateful.

With every good wish for continued health, happiness, peace and prosperity,

I am, sincerely,

Edna Bryan Buckbee

(Mrs.) Edna Bryan Buckbee.