

Jan. 12, 1923

Mr. H. Frank Eshleman,
48 North Duke St.,
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My dear Mr. Eshleman:

Thank you for your letter of January 8. I think you probably have it right, and that the Caernarvon township of Lancaster County in which John Lincoln was living in 1748 became later a part of Berks County.

John Lincoln paid taxes from 1754 on, in Union township Berks County. Now, was Union township once in Lancaster County? If so, the tangle is unraveled.

However, I don't feel sure about this for this land on which he paid taxes is probably the land which he bought in 1746 - "a certain tract of land situate in Union Street in the county of Berks." It speaks of him as being of Caernarvon township in the deed but doesn't mention the county, - the deed recorded in Trenton, of which I spoke to you, dated November 7, 1748. It is recorded in Liber H-2 of deeds, page 437. I have a certified copy which I had made in August of this year. It was not recorded until May 1, 1757.

You will find the deed and all that is known of John Lincoln in Learned's "Abraham Lincoln, An American Migration," published by William J. Campbell of Philadelphia.

I am enclosing 50¢ for the payment of the pamphlets.

As for the Lincoln pamphlet, I want to keep it a few days longer, when I will write you about it.

Very truly yours,