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Mr. Charles N. Cunningham
Saratoga, California

My dear Mr. Cunningham:

Some two years ago you wrote me a very interesting letter in regard to the grandmother of President Lincoln. I have been out of the country a good deal of the time since that letter was written and very much occupied when here. I apologise for my long delay, particularly since you raise a point there which may be of value in establishing the family of Lincoln's grandmother.

It is known that John Lincoln married a woman by the name of Bathsheba. It is supposed that she was a Herring, but there is no documentary proof that I have ever seen.

Now, you say that your great-grandmother, Mrs. Margaret O. Russell, believed that her grandmother was a sister of President Lincoln's grandmother. If I understand your letter, this grandmother was a Montgomery. It is an interesting point. I cannot give you any further information than you will find in my Footsteps.

I should advise you, however, to consult Lea and Hutchinson on the Lincoln ancestry - an important book which you will probably find in the library at Los Angeles, and certainly in San Francisco.

Regretting that I can be of no further service, and apologizing again for my long delay in answering you, believe me

Very truly yours