

THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN ASSOCIATION

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PURPOSES:

"To observe each anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln; to preserve and make more readily accessible the landmarks associated with his life; and to actively encourage, promote and aid the collection and dissemination of authentic information regarding all phases of his life and career."

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May 6, 1929

Miss Ida M. Tarbell
120 East Nineteenth Street
New York City

Dear Miss Tarbell:

About a year ago I started to compile a record of Lincoln's whereabouts and activities during the year 1855. I had to lay it aside before it was finished, but I am certain that I got far enough to know that there is no truth in the Merwin story. All of Lincoln's correspondence and all the records concerning him which I have found indicate that he was entirely engrossed in law and politics. I have not even come across any indications of interest in the temperance question.

I enclose a list of dates and places which, I think, practically proves that he was not campaigning with Merwin. Legal business took him to every place outside of Springfield which he visited during the first eight months of 1855.

Sincerely yours,

Paul M. Angle.

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January	5	-	Springfield
	6	-	"
	26	-	"
	31	-	"
February	1	-	"
	2	-	"
	3	-	"
	8	-	"
	9	-	"
	15	-	"
March	2	-	"
	10	-	"
	19	-	"
	23	-	"
	30	-	"
April	7	-	Bloomington
	23	-	Metamora
	24	-	"
	25	-	"
May	11	-	Pekin
	14	-	Springfield
	25	-	Danville
	26	-	"
	28	-	"
	29	-	"
	30	-	"
	31	-	"
June	7	-	Springfield
	25	-	"
	27	-	"
July	11	-	Chicago
	12	-	"
	13	-	"
	14	-	"
	15	-	"
	16	-	"
	17	-	"
	23	-	Springfield
August	9	-	"
	11	-	"
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	24	-	"
	27	-	"
	31	-	"