January 19, 1903—

Sirs:—

After reading Tarbell's Life of Lincoln I find that I can send some information that will be of interest to you, I hope—Mordecai Lincoln a brother of Thomas and an uncle of the President came to Fountain Green, Hancock County, Illinois which is about twelve miles from here—He now has a grand son living in the village of Fountain Green eighty years of age and has but few dollars. He has been a bee hunter, wagon maker, farmer, hunter for years. He makes many axehandles—I counted 75 in his shop a few days ago—The village built his shop for him—His name is Thomas and he has a son Tad who is kind of a shiftless fellow—

Mordecai had three sons, Abraham, James and Mordecai, Jr—Abraham had three sons, Robert, Hezekiah and Nicholas—James had three sons—Thomas, James and Charles—Mordecai, Jr. was never married but lived at a point near Fountain Green with his mother—They were all Catholics—good people but never very much for the Almighty dollar—Mordecai Jr. lived at a place called Joe Duncan—The above is correct in every particular as I have consulted Thomas who is still living—

Respectfully—

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