

Probate Court Sangamon County
Springfield, Illinois

May 2, 1933.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th Street,
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I am taking the liberty of sending you a letter with the compliments of Abraham Lincoln Council Boy Scouts of America, which is made up in the form of a letter franked by Abraham Lincoln from New Salem in 1835, in which I am sure you will be interested.

I am also addressing a number of cacheted letters to you and ask that you autograph these envelopes and return them in the enclosed stamped and self-addressed envelope. The enclosed folder explains the purpose of this request. These autographed envelopes are to be sold to build up an endowment fund to endow the Lincoln Trail Hike. I am sure you will be interested in our efforts in this regard, inasmuch as every Scout who takes this hike must first read your "Boy Scout's Life of Lincoln". About one hundred Boy Scouts are covering this trail on May 7th, and one of them will carry this letter.

I am sure you will extend us the courtesy of autographing such of these covers as you do not care to keep for your own collection, and return the same to us for the benefit of our endowment fund.

Thanking you for any courtesy you may show us in this respect, I remain,

Very truly yours,



Benj. S. DeBoice, Chairman Court of
Honor Committee, Abraham Lincoln
Council Boy Scouts of America.

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