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HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA

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

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Mrs. E.R. Lincoln has just been in to see me, and insists that I send you a copy of a photograph of my father, Joseph Strickler Coffman, the son of Abigail Lincoln and Joseph Coffman of Dayton, this County. The daguerreotype from which this was copied is a beautiful picture, but this copy is rather a poor one.

I believe you will agree with me, that my father was one of the best looking of the Lincoln descendants that you have seen.

I was talking with Mrs. Lincoln about the Baptist church at Dayton, which was largely supported by my grandmother and grandfather, and may have been established by great-grandfather Jacob Lincoln. I suggested to her that we make a trip to Dayton and talk with our cousin there, as I could not certainly say that the church had been built by Jacob Lincoln. When we have visited this cousin Mrs. Lincoln can write you more definitely.

Hope you have been quite successful in your search for Lincoln history, and we await with great interest your publication of the history. With all good wishes  
I am

Sincerely yours Lucy M. Coffman

Enc. Photo of Joseph Strickler Coffman