

February 10, 1928

Mrs. W. P. Caldwell
Bloomfield, Iowa

My dear Mrs. Caldwell:

Thank you very much for your letter
of Feb. 7.

I think you can hardly appreciate how important, from a genealogical point of view, this matter of the family name of Basheba Lincoln really is. The tradition in the Shenandoah Valley and one adopted by J. Henry Lea who has studied the Lincoln genealogy very carefully is that Basheba's name was Herring. We have the record of his marriage to a Basheba, but not her family name.

Now, if you and your sister or any of your family can give any documentary proofs or any hints that her name was Harrison, you will have made a real contribution. I do hope, dear Mrs. Caldwell, you will push this matter.

I am sorry to write you such a short letter, but I am just leaving town for some three weeks; but a letter addressed here will always reach me.

Thanking you again, dear Mrs. Caldwell, for your letter, believe me

Very sincerely yours