

April 30, 1940

Dear Mrs. Howard:

Forgive my long delay in replying to your letter of April 8th. I have been ill and neglecting all my correspondence.

Now as to what you ask, that I write something on the Knob Creek Farm, something that might contribute to your desire to see the Farm made a National monument. The project interests me, but at the moment I feel that I can make no promise, only to bear it in mind and if possible a little later in the year write something for some periodical which eventually you might use in your publicity.

Of course I remember Mr. John Barry. I have notes of the time I spent at the Knob Creek home more than some sixteen years ago. I used some of the material in a volume which you may not have seen - "In the Footsteps of the Lincolns" - but not all of it.

You say that you have a replica of the Knob Creek home constructed with logs taken from the Austin Gallaher cabin. I am taking the liberty of giving you a name - Mrs. Ruth Gallaher Dibble, 3156 Santa Ana St., South Gate, California - who has just written me saying that she has been trying for several years to find out something about her people without any success. I am sure she would appreciate any information you might pass on to her.

Very sincerely yours

Mrs. Chester Howard
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