

April 5, 1928

Miss Maude A. Gernes  
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My dear Miss Gernes:

I hope you will pardon me for having delayed so long in replying to your letter of March 13. - I have been very busy and out of town a good deal of the time.

And now as to your question, would it be possible for me to tell you where you might find the letter which Russell Jones in the interview published in my Life of Abraham Lincoln claims that he received from Gen. Grant.

I wish I could. I would have given a good deal to have had a copy of the letter at the time I had the interview, but I could not get it from Mr. Jones and now I cannot remember whether it was because he said that he didn't wish to give it to me, that it had been destroyed, or that it was packed away where he could not put his hand upon it.

I saw Mr. Jones in Chicago. This interview I wrote out and sent to him for his O.K. The correspondence I had with him after the interview I cannot put my hands upon. Indeed, I am not sure that it is in existence. I did these articles for McClure's Magazine, was on its staff as a contributing editor, and much of my Lincoln correspondence was kept in their files. When the magazine changed hands, fifteen years or so ago, the old correspondence, so I was informed, was destroyed, and with it went most of my Lincoln correspondence.

My only suggestion would now be for you to try and get in touch with the family of Russell Jones in Chicago. He of course must be dead by this time but there may be members of his family living, and possibly they could give you the information you want.

Regretting I have delayed so long in replying to your letter,

Very sincerely yours