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# Letter: Ida M. Tarbell to Mrs. C.F. Hunt, January 23, 1923

Tarbell, Ida M.

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120 East Nineteenth Street  
New York City

January 23, 1923

Mrs. C. F. Hunt,  
208 West Market St.,  
Lewistown, Pa.

My dear Mrs. Hunt:

I received the other day your very kind letter. I remember with real pleasure my call upon you and your mother in Lancaster last fall, and certainly appreciate the trouble you have taken to find for me the original home of Virginia John Lincoln.

You will see in Lea & Hutchinson, he calls himself "Carnevan township, Lancaster County," in the deed by which he transfers his 300 acres of land in New Jersey in 1748. Now, I am beginning to suspect that the portion of Lancaster County in which he then lived went into the making of Berks County when that county was first organized, I believe, in 1752. If you have a copy of Learned's "American Lincoln, an American Migration," you will find there that John bought and sold considerable land in Berks County. I rather think that it is in that locality that the hunt will have to go on. This land in which he was interested was located both in Amity and Union townships.

I am much interested in what you tell me about the letter written in 1818 by John Boone of <sup>York</sup> ~~Mayesville~~ County to Thomas Lincoln, and I should very much like to see it, as well as to examine the other papers of which you speak.

It is most kind of you to offer to bring these papers to New York when you are coming and to let me go over them with you. I shall be in New York until about the 9th of February, when I am off for a week. If between now and then you could come at any time, I should much appreciate it if you will let me know in advance, and would lunch or dine with me as is the more convenient to you. We could then go over the papers, and, if you are willing, I could have copies made of anything that was useful to me.

I have just received from Virginia a certified copy of John Lincoln's will. If it would interest you to have this to add to your papers, I will be glad to have a transcript made for you.

Thanking you again for your letter and for the trouble you have taken in writing me so fully, I am

Very sincerely yours,