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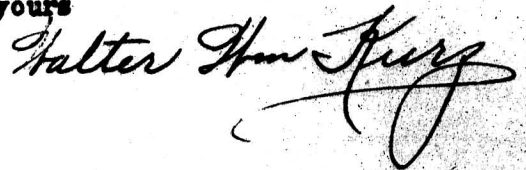
Miss Ida Tarbell
New York, N.Y.

Most Honorable Miss Tarbell:

I am a young collector of documents, majoring in history in college. At present I am teaching in a one room country school. I am an offspring of the Lemmen Family. No doubt you are acquainted with their history. In my research on the Lemmens I have turned up some good documents. In one mass of stuff I found a short article written by James Lemmen Jr., entitled "Lincoln, As Lemmen Knew Him." This article I believe is not as yet published. There is some doubt about the authenticity of the Lincoln-Lemmen interviews, according to some authorities at the Springfield Library, Springfield, Illinois.

It seems to me that some of the old pioneer Lemmens told me that you wrote to James Lemmen Jr. about his connection with Lincoln. I often wondered if they were correct in their assumption. So I am now writing and asking if there was ever such a connection. At present I am working on the life of James Lemmen Junior's brother, Robert Lemmen, who was first marshal of the state of Illinois appointed by James Monroe. Any information you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

Truly yours



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