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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19 Street,
New York City, N. Y.
My dear Miss Tarbell,

I am the youngest member of the society and I am intensely interested in the history and genealogy of New Jersey. I am a direct descendant of Richard Salter, being his great great great grandson. Since my father's death some twelve years ago, mother and I have resided with my grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley F. Salter. My grand father Wesley F. Salter is one of the eldest living members of the Salter family. I am a personal friend of Dr. J. E. Stillwell, of New York City, author of historical-Genealogical Miscellany, which contains a fine account of Salter family. Doctor Stillwell told me he held some historically ~~interesting~~ interesting correspondence with you some years ago.

I have read your splendid book, "In the Footsteps of the Lincoln's", several times. I have enjoyed reading it very much. Mrs. Jessie Lincoln Randolph, of Washington, D. C., grand daughter of President Lincoln has held correspondence with me. Not long ago she presented me with a rare picture of Abraham Lincoln. It has never been published, it is a copy of a painting now in possession of her mother Mrs. Robert T. Lincoln. It will eventually replace the one in the White House.

I have written several historical articles which have been published in the Jersey Journal, Jersey City's daily paper and in the Proceedings of New Jersey Historical Society. Last Saturday, mother and I stopped at your home in New York, I was in hopes of seeing you, but you were not at home. I inquired at the Players Club and left my card with attendant there. I trust you received it and note it contained.

I should like very much to have the opportunity of seeing you some Saturday, so I may be able to show you the portrait of Lincoln, of which I have previously mentioned and so I may ask you some questions concerning your findings in the Lincoln-Salter Genealogy. I hope that you will favor me in this way.

Sincerely yours,

J. Owen Grady