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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
New York, New York

Dear Miss Tarbell:

My reason for writing is that I greatly appreciated your history of Lincoln and his ancestors as I had the pleasure of meeting him many times while at the front from '61-'65. My special reason for writing you is that I was present on the early morning of the 22d of February 1861 when President Lincoln while on his way to Washington to be inaugurated President and stopped over night in Philadelphia and in the early morning of the 22d raised a flag at Independence Hall. So, while on a visit to Philadelphia in 1898 attending the G. A. R. National Encampment a friend of mine, Mr. Kendric, editor and proprietor asked me to write something for his publication, The Upholstery Journal. As I had seen accounts of the flag raising in the Public Ledger also in the press but in neither accounts was the full details connected with the incident given. So I wrote it out in detail from memory then and there as we had just taken lunch in a restaurant on Broad and Chestnut Sts., near the City Hall.

There is something about it that makes me think about the remark we read about from time to time that certain incidents and sayings never occurred such as the Apple Tree, William Tell and General Sherman's remark of "War is Hell". Well, I heard Lincoln say I do this alone.

If you desire a copy I will have my typist make a copy as the original that I cut out of the Upholstery Journal is very much delapidated.

Very truly yours,



~~E. E. JOSEF MFG. CO.~~

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