

#766 MADISON AVENUE, ~~100~~ 3rd., 1895.

My dear Mr. Chittenden :-

I am in receipt of your letter in reference to the

ancestry of the Lincoln branch of the Hanks family. I have written to Mrs.

Caroline Hanks Hitchcock of Cambridge, for I am quite sure that if any thing

authentic exists, she would have it. I have sent all my records to her.

I send you the Harper's Weekly of Feb. 13, 1892, which contains an interest-

ing article by Charles Carleton Coffin, which gives the record of my Great

great Grandfather Benjamin, and the fact of his brother John going West.

My father used to say that the family had lost trace of that brother John,

except that he went West, so that I was very glad of this article of Coffin's.

I know you will produce the most interesting account of President Lincoln's

life, as well as the most authentic. You have our very best wishes

With kindest regards from Mrs. Hanks and myself, I am as ever

sincerely your friend,

Horace Tracy Hanks.