

November 23, 1938

My dear Mr. Lucas:

I am sorry for the long delay in replying to your letter of November 7th. I have been very busy and neglecting all my correspondence.

Now as to your request for information on the Lincoln pilgrimage you propose to make through Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois. If you will look over a book of mine called "In the Footsteps of the Lincolns" - no doubt it is in Mr. Ranck's library at Grand Rapids, - you will find there the points which I consider most interesting. In Louisville you will find a Travel Bureau which gives directions and routes for visiting all the points of interest in what is called the Lincoln country of that state. I advise you by all means to secure their literature either before you start or as soon as you arrive in Louisville.

The Lincoln Historical Association which has its headquarters at Fort Wayne, Indiana, will give you the best help for that state. Indeed, I think that it would be a very good idea for you to go first to Fort Wayne and get their help of the laying out of your entire itinerary. Their director Dr. Louis A. Warren is thoroughly familiar with both the Kentucky and Indiana Lincoln country, and they have published various maps and informatory guides.

In Springfield you should seek the help of the Illinois Historical Society, the headquarters of which are in, I think, the Capital. There you will find one of the finest Lincoln collections in the country. It will not be difficult to see everything connected with Lincoln in Springfield. And of course you should go to

New Salem where again the information is to be had on the spot. If you wish to visit the towns on the Circuit on which Lincoln practised law or to make a tour of the towns in which the Lincoln and Douglas debates were carried on you can get the information best in Springfield.

Hoping that you will be able to get some help out of these suggestions, and apologizing again for my delay in answering your letter, believe me with best wishes for a pleasant trip

Very sincerely yours

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