December 19, 1922

Mr. Waldo Lincoln, Secretary,
Massachusetts Historical Society,

My dear Mr. Lincoln:

I hope I am not making too much
of a nuisance of myself for these inquiries on Lincoln genealogy;
but here is a point that I shall be very grateful if you will
settle for me.

Do you regard Virginia John Lincoln as the oldest son
of Mordecai and Hannah Salter Lincoln, as Lea makes him, or the
third son as Learned makes him?

I take it that Learned bases his authority on Mordecai’s
will, but I am not satisfied with that. As I read that will he
places the children of his second wife first - the two living sons
and the expected child - leaving to them his Pennsylvania lands.
He then takes up the earlier New Jersey set and leaves his New
Jersey holdings to them.

When you have leisure, will you not drop me a line on
this point?

I think, my dear Mr. Lincoln, that the only way for you
to get rid of my letters of inquiry is to publish your Lincoln
genealogy.

With the best wishes for the Holidays, believe me

Very sincerely yours,