

Mrs. E. R. Lincoln,
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My dear Mrs. Lincoln:

You must not believe, in spite of my long silence, that I have forgotten about the interesting hours that I spent with you in Harrisonburg so many weeks ago.

I carried out the plan, of which I think I told you, of following the footsteps of the Lincolns into Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois. It was a long pilgrimage and I have been back but a short time and very busy since I came, getting my notes into shape. All of that has kept me from writing you and fulfilling my promise to send back to little Abraham a copy of my Boys' Life of Lincoln. That will go to him in a day or two, just as soon as I can find the time to order it.

I hope that you have been following up your Lincoln studies. It was very gratifying to find that you are so thoroughly interested and are determined to know more.

Did I or did I not speak to you about Learned's "Abraham Lincoln - An American Migration?" I think it one of the most valuable of the Lincoln genealogies, but very difficult to get. I do not possess a copy, and I have had an order in for a long time with second hand dealers, but have not succeeded yet in getting it. I believe that only 500 copies were published and that Learned himself is now dead. I hoped to get a copy to send you, but I am afraid I will have to give it up.

Has a copy of the photograph of David Lincoln, which so interested me because of its resemblance to Abraham Lincoln, ever been made? I am hoping very much to have that to use sooner or later. I should be very ready to pay for the copy if you were willing to have it made for me. May I trouble you to write me about this?

Since seeing you, I have found that John Lincoln's will is among the court records of Staunton, Va. I am trying to get hold of a copy of it, though I find that the person that I employed in Staunton to look into the records is a very dilatory person. If I get this, I shall be glad to send you a copy.

I hope, my dear Mrs. Lincoln, that you and Mr. Lincoln

and your fine boy are well. I remember my visit to you with such pleasure.

Sincerely yours,