

654 N. Columbia St.
Frankfort, Indiana
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Miss Ida Tarbell
New York Times
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I read an article written by you for the New York Times, on the Herndon Papers on Lincoln's life. It was published on February 13th, I believe. I am, therefore, taking the liberty of reaching you through the New York Times since I do not know your address.

I trust that you will pardon me, a stranger, for addressing a request to you, but it will be of such material assistance to me that I cannot forbear asking it.

In your Life of Abraham Lincoln, published in 1900, Volume I, Page 46, you speak of Lincoln as having been greatly moved by his return visit to Indiana. I presume this was his visit made in 1844. You continued by saying that he relates a touching experience in one of his published letters and put his feelings into verses. I should appreciate it very much indeed, if you could tell me in what published collection of his letters I could find this particular one and the verses. If you do not recall the collection could you tell me when he wrote it? The only collection I know anything about is the two volume edition by Nicolay and Hay, published by the Century Company. I do not recall having read it there, or at any time.

Please do accept my sincere thanks for any aid you may be able to give me. I can only plead my intense interest in the life of Abraham Lincoln as an extenuation of this request. Thank you for the pleasure you have given me in your biographies of him.

Very truly yours,

Isaphine Richey

(Miss) Isaphine Richey

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Letter 2 Verse in
1844 of 29 of
Vol II of Sayaman
edition by J. D. P.
with sketches of verses*

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