

January 20, 1933

Mr. Joseph Polin,  
Springfield, Ky.

My dear Mr. Polin:

I am afraid you will think I am a great nuisance. But will you not, in the interest of correct history, look over the rough little map I have enclosed, and see if I have the location of the Lincoln cabin at Peer Town and the burial place approximately correct? I shall appreciate this courtesy very much.

Again, is there anyone in Springfield that could make me a little map, including the points that I have jotted down? If so, I will be grateful if you will put me in communication with them.

I am much interested in your letter of January 4, in regard to President Lincoln's grandfather and the place where he was killed. I have never been able to locate any land in the name of the elder Abraham Lincoln in what is now Washington County. Of course the 400 acres on Floyd's Creek in Jefferson County, some 12 miles out from Louisville, was long ago located and the record of its survey with Abraham, Hananiah and Josiah Lincoln's names attached, is well known. This survey was made in 1785.

Of course I have a copy of the inventory at Bardstown. I published that fully twenty-five years ago, although the clerk in copying it made some little errors as to values which I corrected with I was in Bardstown last fall. I would appreciate it very much if you can locate land owned by Abraham Lincoln's grandfather.

Mordecai Lincoln did not buy the piece which adjoins the Berry land until 1797, if I read the records right. I shall appreciate very much any help you can give me, and thank you in advance for it.

Very truly yours,