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Miss Ida M. Tarbell
120 East Nineteenth Street,
New York City

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I appreciate your kind comments concerning my new book "The Kentucky Lincolns On Mill Creek". I do hope this work will prove to be a contribution to Lincolniana.

I did not mention the supposed first wife of Capt. Abraham Lincoln because I was afraid she might complicate the story, and of course she had no place in the Mill Creek study.

It is my personal opinion that Bathsheba was the mother of Thomas Lincoln. However, I do not have good proof of this, and likely no one will ever definitely settle the question.

Thanking you again for your letter and check, I remain

Yours very truly,

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