

Jan. 4, 1928

Dr. J. E. Lincoln,
Lacey Spring, Va.

My dear Dr. Lincoln:

How very kind it was of you to take the trouble to send me the copies of "Zion's Advocate" containing Mr. McGregor's article on the minutes of the Old Pigeon church in Indiana. I am no less obliged from the fact that a few months ago, I went to Beenville, Ind., where the minutes now are preserved and had full copies made of the entries referring to the Lincolns. I have considerably more than Mr. McGregor quotes in his article.

Of course it establishes an important fact that Thomas Lincoln, who has been regarded as a no-account, was not only in good and regular standing in his church but entrusted with matters important in church government.

If at any time any new material of this kind comes to your attention in regard to the Lincoln family, I shall be most grateful to you for calling my attention to it.

One question I should like to ask is, whether or no you have any knowledge of the Hanks family in the Shenandoah Valley. There is a tradition - I don't know how well placed - that a family of that name, living near the Lincoln families in Berks County, came into Virginia at the same time that John Lincoln did. I find no trace in the Augusta records of anyone of that name, but I believe myself that they must have gone down into the Yadkin region of North Carolina. If you have any tradition in your family I should be very glad if you would pass it on to me.

I am returning the copies of the magazine under separate cover. I regret very much that in opening the package, the cover of one of them should have torn.

With my best wishes to you and Mrs. Lincoln for a Happy New Year, believe me

Sincerely yours,