

51 Elm Street
Worcester, Mass., May 18, 1924.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th Street
New York, New York,

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

Your letters of the 13th and 15th May were duly received and I am returning herewith the letter from George T. Hunsicker which I have copied. It contains some very interesting information, especially the record of the births of the Rogers children of whose existence I have previously found no evidence. I will write to Mr. Hunsicker and answer his queries, though if he has followed your advice he has already found his answer in my book.

I hope you will be successful in your request for funds for the Hanks research work but I can give you no advice as to where to apply for it. I have a long list of collectors of Lincolniana but I doubt if much could be extracted from them. I will send you the list if you would like it.

You did not send me a copy of "In the Footsteps of the Lincolns" and I am ashamed to say that I have not seen it in book form, but I was in Bermuda all winter and saw nothing new during that absence. It will give me very great pleasure to receive a copy from you. You wrote me once that you contemplated writing an article for the Atlantic based on the Lincoln family. Are you still considering that.

As to the differences in the inventory of Abraham Lincoln's estate in your "Life of Lincoln" and my "History", have you noticed what I say on page 197 of Mr. Durrett's copies of the appointment and appraisal furnished you. I cannot believe that Mr. Durrett had the originals since the names are quite wrong. I have given an official copy of the appointment, and the inventory I copied myself with extreme care as I knew that it differed from the copy as printed in your "Life". I am very confident that it is correct but, of course, one does make mistakes even when most careful. You are very welcome to use it in your new edition. I notice that the Reverend Mr. Barton is posing as the only authority on the Lincoln family and have not seen that he gives credit to anyone else for knowledge of the subject.

Yours very truly

Waldo Lincoln