

June 8, 1939

Dear Mr. Mathews:

Thank you very much for the copy of your letter on the Armstrong trial. Thirty years ago an associate of mine in the Lincoln work, J. McGann Davis of Springfield, a very careful young lawyer, interviewed all the parties living at that time connected with the trial. I have the reports that he made at that time. The conclusion from this research and the examination of all the records I could put my hands on was that there was no doubt as Mr. Gidley shows in his booklet that the moon at the hour of the murder was too low in the sky to give light enough to identify the guilty. All of this I have stated two or three times in what I have written. I also have facsimiles of the Almanac.

I am grateful to you for sending me a copy of your excellent letter.

Very sincerely yours

Mr. T. L. Mathews
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