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My Dear Ida:

Just lines to answer your enquiry for the name of the party who reported to me, by letter, the conversation between him and Herndon in the court house yard in Petersburg.

I send herewith ^{full} a copy of his letter. The writer is Mr. Hardy W. Masters, ^(in confidence, not to publish name - can use letter nameless) the father of Edgar Lee Masters.

I omit in my final MS. the ¶ referring to the "question of the legitimacy of one of the claimants," etc. etc. and retain the, - "want to drink whiskey when I pleased," portion.

... Make a note to correct in your MS. for the final book form, the spelling in the syndicate copy of the name of Paul Shelby. Leave off the "h." You have it spelled correct in your 2 vol. "Abraham Lincoln."

When you get to that portion of your "book copy" referring to me - let me know ^{in advance}, and I'll send ^{you} a clipping from syndicate copy, - amended & emended in a few of your sentences. In sincere sympathy for your overworked days and hopes you are fully recovered from your illness I am as ever
Yours, Sincerely,
Henry B. Rankin