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

My dear Miss Tarbell:

There is no question that Virginia Joan Lincoln was the oldest son, and probably the oldest child, of Mordecai and Hannah (Salter) Lincoln. According to an old family record, which I was fortunate enough to unearth in Ohio, he was born May 3, 1716. We are not certain of the date of Mordecai's marriage to Hannah, but as it was before 1714 it is quite possible that one or more of John's sisters were born before him but I do not think it probable. I have not the dates of birth of either Hannah or Mary, but have placed them after John.

I have just finished reading the page proof of my book, and as the index is more than half made I have strong hopes that the book will be ready early in March. I have now to decide on the size of the edition and perhaps you can give me some advice as to this, as you have had experience with publishing Lincolniana. I had determined on an edition of 300, because that will enable me to sell the book for \$10. without much if any loss, but Mr. Brigham thinks 250 is as large an edition as any genealogy should have, in which opinion I am inclined to agree as a general rule. As this book however relates in a degree to Abraham Lincoln, there may be a somewhat larger sale for it than for the average genealogy.

If you are to be in Boston the first week in January, as you say in your letter of November 28, I hope you will stop over in Worcester for a day or two, when I will be pleased to show you my papers and show you over our library, which every historical writer ought to be familiar with.

Yours very truly

Waldo Lincoln