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# Letter: Louis A. Warren to Ida M. Tarbell, April 2, 1923

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LOUIS A. WARREN  
Morganfield, Ky.

April 2, 1933.

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

My dear Miss Tarbell:-

You are probably advised as to the change of the policy of McClure's relative to the Lincoln series. I regret that my material is not to be released by the paper with which you are connected, but I do not wish you to think that I have not appreciated your efforts on my behalf.

I am wondering if you have used, or contemplate using, any of the photographs which I forwarded to you shortly after your visit to Kentucky. As I am to submit my articles to another magazine, I should like to furnish illustrations, but would not feel like sending the prints if they have, appeared, or, are soon to appear in some of your syndicate material.

While on a recent visit to Hodgenville one of my friends received a request from one of your illustrators, for local prints that he seemed to need for some of material. I fear that it will be difficult to secure anything of value in Hodgenville as there is no photographer in the town, and the one at Elizabethtown does not seem enclined to do much work of the type that would be required for your purpose.

I have nothing to report, relative to the Indiana documents as my work has kept me closely confined for the past few weeks,

Mr. Gore's work on "The Boyhood of Lincoln" seems to be having no trouble in receiving the sanction, of some rather prominent authorities, as history rather than fiction. I have come to the conclusion that many Lincoln admirers do not really want the story of Lincoln as supported by documentary evidence, but prefer a traditional setting for his early life, exaggerated to a degree that would cause "Honest Abe" to blush with humiliation. I believe that you can do more than any one else to set the world right as to the status of the family from which Lincoln came.

Sincerely yours

Louis A. Warren