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Department of Lincolniana
R. Gerald McMurtry, Director

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

My dear Miss Tarbell:

For three years, I have been making an exhaustive study of the pioneer Lincoln family who settled in northern Hardin County (Kentucky) in the year 1803. As a result of diligent research, helpful cooperation from well known authorities, and numerous field trips, I have been able to gather a wealth of new material concerning the pioneer Lincolns.

This new work entitled, "The Kentucky Lincolns on Mill Creek", now in manuscript form, will present in a technical manner (fully annotated) a study of the Lincoln genealogy, Lincoln land holdings, home sites, migrations, and burial places, long neglected by Lincoln historians.

Here is indeed, a new thread of the Lincoln fabric which must be woven into the warp and woof of Lincoln history, before we can get an accurate insight into the character, environment, and background of the sixteenth president.

The manuscript is now in the hands of the Kingsport Press of Kingsport, Tennessee, who will issue two hundred and fifty copies of this work around November 1, 1939, if enough orders are received in advance to insure publication costs. A technical description of the book is as follows:

Book cloth, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", approx. 100 pages,
map frontispiece, nine illustrations, chart,
146 notes. Limited to one edition of 250
numbered and signed copies. Price \$3.00.

If you are interested in the purchase of this book, please sign the enclosed postal card and a copy of "The Kentucky Lincolns on Mill Creek" will be sent to you as soon as the edition comes from the press.

Yours very truly,

R. Gerald McMurtry

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