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Columbine Cottage
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30 Aug. 1930

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

My dear Miss Tarbell:

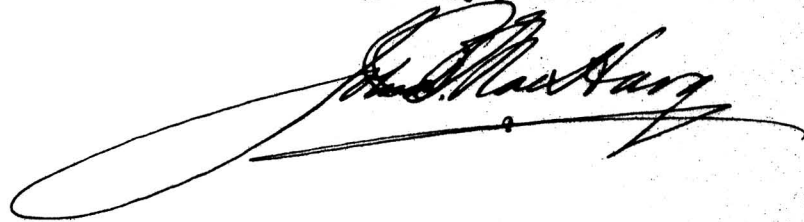
After some delay in forwarding, your letter reached me here and I thank you for it. After a very strenuous yet generally satisfactory trip, I am now enjoying the leisure and pleasures of my little mountain home.

After leaving New York I followed the footsteps of the Lincoln and yourself somewhat carefully and secured good pictures. The days were full of inspiration. I am sorry to say I did not find Covell's Hill Cemetery. I spent three or four hours at Columbia and the New York Library trying to locate it before writing you. If it is not a trouble, I should be much pleased to receive the map showing its location. I shall be in Appleton after Sept. 15th.

I am not nearly so much interested in the early life of Lincoln as I once was, yet details do interest me and Elijah Grigby seemed certain of three Thomas Lincoln cabins near Gentryville. He took me to the sites and presented what was a fixed family tradition, at least. When I return home, I shall be glad to send you some notes and pictures that may be of possible value.

I do thank you again for your real help.

Sincerely yours

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "John B. Macharg". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.