

April 15, 1924

Mrs. G. W. Thomas,
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My dear Mrs. Thomas:

I owe you an apology for not having answered before your letter of last February. It reached New York while I was away on a lecture trip. All letters which were not imperative were held for my return, and I am only just back and taking up my correspondence.

I appreciate your writing me. I am always glad to consider family traditions about Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks. I do know of the documents at Springfield, Washington Co., showing that Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks were married in that county, and have examined them myself.

You are wrong, however, in saying that Abraham Lincoln was born in Washington County. There are documents to prove the contrary. The story about Sarah Mitchell and her capture by the Indians I have always accepted. I should be very glad indeed if Professor Noe of whom you write would give me his understanding of the relationship. I am quite as anxious as you can possibly be to have Nancy Hanks' genealogy established with documentary evidence.

Sincerely yours,