

November 23, 1934

Dear Mrs. Warnsing:

I am very sorry that I have been so long in replying to your letter of October 2nd. My secretary wrote you that I would take it up immediately, but that has been out of the question.

All that I know about New Salem you will find condensed in my "Early Life of Lincoln" or in the latter books, "The Life of Lincoln" or "In the Footsteps of the Lincolns." Most of the information was gathered by McCann Davis under my direction. He was a most careful workman; he knew everybody in and around New Salem. The pictures he gathered I reproduced and the interviews were all very carefully verified at the time.

Yes, I did go to New Salem at the start of the work, looked the ground over and planned the campaign with McCann Davis.

*which* I returned there a few times but my recollection of those visits are hazy now and the notes I made are all so shabby that I cannot get at them. I have a letter which I think may be of value to you unless they are full - son of Samuel Hill in log? I am sending you a copy. I feel sure it will be useful.

I have great interest in the relocation of New Salem & hope one of these days to revisit the town.

Mrs. G. D. Warnsing  
Petersburg, Illinois

Replying that I have been so busy in replying to that as well as so unmanufactured. Believe me my sincere

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