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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,  
#120 E. 19th Street,  
NEW YORK, N.Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell:-

In my study of Lincoln and prohibition, I have just had a search made at Springfield, Illinois for the bond which was executed pursuant to the tavern license issued to the firm of Berry & Lincoln, but it does not seem to be in the court records. I am particularly concerned as to whether or not Lincoln's name appears on this bond in his own handwriting, and in your "Early Life of Abraham Lincoln" page 172, I find this statement:

"This bond appears to have been written by the clerk of the Commissioner's Court; and Lincoln's name was signed by someone other than himself, very likely by his partner Berry."

I have never been able to find any person who has seen the original bond, nor does there seem to be any facsimile of it in existence. In your work above referred to there is a printed facsimile of the license itself, but the bond which you set out is merely in type and not in facsimile. I shall be greatly obliged if you will advise me whether or not you have ever seen the original bond or whether you have ever seen a facsimile of it.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely,

T/J

