

Sept. 25, 1922

Miss Mary Clemmer Tracy,
47 High St.,
Passaic, N.J.

Dear Miss Tracy:

I have been in correspondence with Mr. Frank Gay of the Watkinson Library, Hartford, concerning your father's Lincoln collection.

I was particularly anxious to put my hand on some of his correspondence on Lincoln matters, and I had understood, when I had my talk with him, that he intended to turn this correspondence over with his books and pamphlets. Mr. Gay tells me that it did not go with the collection. May I ask, dear Miss Tracy, what has become of it? Did your father prefer that it should not be made public? Would there be any way of consulting it?

I remember looking over a good many letters that he had concerning the parentage of Abraham Lincoln - letters which, as I remember them, seemed to me valuable documents for a student. Have you any idea of placing this correspondence where it could be used, or is it your judgment that it should not go to a library? I would like very much to hear from you on this point.

Very sincerely yours,