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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,  
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My dear Miss Tarbell:

A few days ago, in looking up some material for the University of Chicago, I came across the following paragraph in your life of Lincoln, Vol.2, Page 167 :

" He (Lincoln) even found time to give frequent sittings to the artists sent from various parts of the country to paint his portrait. Among those who came in the summer after his nomination were Berry, of Boston; Hicks, of New York; Conant, of St. Louis; Wright, of Mobile; Brown and Atwood, of Philadelphia; Jones, of Cincinnati."

The Wright referred to is my father, George Frederick Wright, who painted three portraits of Lincoln from life. One of these, which formerly belonged to the Butlers, has just been purchased by Chicago University. A second is in the collection of Mr. Percy Rockefeller, and the third belongs to William Randolph Hearst.

What I am particularly interested in is the fact that Mobile is given as his residence. Can you without much trouble tell me the source of this information? My father was born in Washington, Ct., studied in Europe, and then returned to this country to paint the governors of Illinois. He lived many years in Springfield, Ill., where he became the personal friend of the Lincolns. Later he lived in Philadelphia, Pa., and then in Hartford, Ct. We have never before heard of his residence in Mobile, though my mother was a frequent visitor there at the home of her sister, and this fact may have given the impression that the family lived there. Any information which you may care to give me will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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