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My dear Dr. Wayland:

Your letter of November 15 reached me in Illinois, but this is the first chance that I have had to answer it. I am back at my desk and down to the task of taking stock on my pilgrimage. I believe that it has been eminently worth while.

Will you not ask Miss Eliott to keep me posted on how she is getting along? What she has found, if anything.

You asked if I got on the track of John Lincoln's will in Staunton. If I had been a little more alert to my documents, I should have known that that will was in Staunton. If you have the Augusta County records there you will see that in one of the volumes there is an account of a suit brought by one Rymel, who married one of John Lincoln's daughters. It was brought against Jacob Lincoln, and in the papers recorded is John Lincoln's will.

I wrote Mr. Waldo Lincoln about the original, which Miss Pennebacker told me was in his possession. He said, no, that he had only a copy of the one he found in Staunton in the papers on this Rymel suit.

I think that before long I will arrange to have some pictures taken of the Lincoln place. May I send the photographer to you for directions? I should like to have the house from the best angle, to show how imposing a structure it is - the little graveyard on the hill, and a bit of landscape that would be characteristic. Do you suppose that Miss Pennebacker would let us have a photograph of one of the pieces of furniture, possibly the clock, as I find I am rather overloaded with cabinets.

With all good wishes to you and to Mrs. Wayland, believe me

Very sincerely yours,