

Sept. 16, 1922

Address

Col. J. Howard Willets,
Port Elizabeth, N.J.

My dear Col. Willets:

I recently received a letter from Mr. A. R. McAllister of Bridgetown, N.J., telling me of the interesting material that you have on President Lincoln.

I have long been student of Mr. Lincoln. I published a two volume life with which you may or may not be familiar. It appeared first as a serial in McClure's Magazine several years ago. I am now at work on a serial which probably will be called "In the Footsteps of Lincoln," in which I am going over in detail the scenes of his life, trying to gather up trustworthy fragments that have hitherto been passed by. I should be honored and gratified if you would consent to let me have a talk with you on your reminiscences.

I expect now to be in Philadelphia early in October, and, if agreeable to you, would be glad to go from there to Port Elizabeth.

Hoping that you will be willing to see me for a short visit, believe me, dear Col. Willets,

Very sincerely yours,