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## PURPOSES:

"To observe each anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln; to preserve and make more readily accessible the landmarks associated with his life; and actively to encourage, promote and aid the collection and dissemination of authentic information regarding all phases of his life and career."

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September 1, 1934.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,  
120 E. 19th Street,  
New York, New York.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

In your "The Early Life of Lincoln" you give the returns of the election held at New Salem August 6th, 1832 when Lincoln first ran for the State Legislature, and state that your figures are based upon an examination of the original poll sheets.

I am preparing an article for the Abraham Lincoln Association Bulletin on "Lincoln: Voter and Candidate". I have been unable to locate the New Salem poll sheet for that particular election. It occurred to me that you may have a copy of ~~that~~ it. If you have, I should greatly appreciate it if you would be so kind as to send me a copy.

With best regards,

Very truly yours,

*Benjamin P. Thomas*