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Dear Mr. Starry:

I am sending you by insured parcel post a copy of The Early Life of Abraham Lincoln. As you will see from the introduction it is made up from the text and illustrations which appeared in McClures Magazine in 1895 and 1896.

I was commissioned by the editor of McClures to gather unpublished reminiscences of Lincoln; in order to discharge my commission thoroughly I began my search in Kentucky and went over the ground where he was born and lived until he was seven years of age. What I did was literally follow the footsteps of Lincoln through his early years in Kentucky and Indiana up to the time that he started out for himself in Illinois.

I then went to Illinois and took up on the ground the next five years of his life, that is up to the time that he began the study of the Law and had been elected to the State Assembly.

In covering these five years I had the assistance of an able young lawyer of Springfield - J. McCann Davis whose thoroughness and intelligence were only equaled by his interest.

The articles ^{so made up from our findings} were well received that it was decided to put them into book form under the title of The Early Life of Abraham Lincoln. The volume is of course out of print and difficult to find at second hand stores. I am pleased to have it included in your exhibition.

Very sincerely yours

Mr. David Starry
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