

I have jist finished reading your April instalment of the Lincoln biography and songratulate you on the complete success with which you have set at rest the Herndon story about Lincoln's marriage, as in your earlier numbers you dissipated the doubts regarding the marriage of his parents. If there were nothing else, these two points would give to your biography a value which no other popular record of Lincoln's life history has yet attained. They were the points which no other biographers have succeeded in relieving from the fog raised by Herndon and Lamon.

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