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My dear Miss Rowley: Please accept our thanks for the copy of the pamphlet "The Lincoln Room" We are very glad to have it in our collection of Lincoln Books & Pamphlets. We now have about 2100 different titles. We are so glad that you have the Tarbell collection — she did a lovely piece of work. Everywhere we went following Lincoln Trails we found traces of her. One of the very interesting ones was at Denver Creek Here on the farm that Jacob Lincoln had, is a fenced in family burying plot. The fence is iron with pointed pickets, about 4 5/12 feet high. It has one gate swung low at the bottom. The plot is entirely surrounded by a ploughed field. When she was there, the furrows had been thrown up against the gate, so it could not possibly be opened, hence it opens outward into the field. So Ida Tarbell climbed the fence. Neither Mr.



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Horner nor I could have done it. When she was there, there was no bridge across the creek where she wanted to cross. The automobile in fording the creek got stuck in the middle. Dr Wayland went for help, while Mrs Wayland and Ida Tarbell sat in the car & laughed and ate apples.

At Birdsboro, in the Mordecai Lincoln House, we saw the things that had especially interested her. The closet back of the kitchen fireplace was one of them. Here we saw a treasured book – her boys life of Lincoln which she had autographed and sent back to the small boy in the family.

At Beech Lands in Kentucky at the country store, the man gave me a chair & said casually – "Lots of people have sat in that chair, – Miss Tarbell & Beveridge, and Sandburg & Barton & Robert Lincoln sat there and talked to me."

Pardon the length of this letter of thanks

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interested in these little glimpses of Ida Tarbell. No creek nor fence, no distance nor hardship stopped her, and everywhere she left a trail of friends.

Sincerely yours,

Henrietta Horner

[MRS H. H. HORNER]