

December 21, 1922

Mr. Charles Hutchinson,
Allentown, N.J.

Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

I was thoroughly delighted this morning when your letter with the photograph of the Deborah Lincoln inscription turned up in my mail.

I hunted so hard last summer to find a head stone, I have wanted so much a picture of it and always it seemed to escape me. You know, I was beginning to believe, down in my heart, that somebody had run away with the Deborah Lincoln headstone, and that I never, never should have the proof that it was there. And now comes this little document - not altogether satisfactory as a photograph, as Col. Coward says, but a great deal better than nothing and capable of being redrawn for reproduction, unless, of course, I can get something better.

Will you not tell Col. Coward how much I appreciate what he has done. And of course I shall be delighted at any time to receive another picture. For my newspaper work this will do very well, but for the book, when it comes out, I should of course be glad to have something more satisfactory. Please believe, my dear Mr. Hutchinson, I appreciate thoroughly the trouble you have taken.

You already have my belated letter acknowledging the receipt of the registered package you sent me last week and telling you of my gratitude for it. I think I did not say that the reason the acknowledgment was belated was that I was out of town most of last week when it came.

With the best wishes for a Happy Christmas, believe me,
my dear Mr. Hutchinson,

Very sincerely,