

Pensacola Fla

January. 31-39.

Dear Miss Tarbell-

I have
been much interested
in recent articles of
your visits to Venango Co.
They are about a locality
I love - I was born there
during the oil excitement.
while not old enough
to remember much,
it was my mother's home -
She is now 86 + my father

(Capt Winsmore) going there at the
close of the war. last night at
our Club we heard a paper read,
"Was Lincoln a Democrat or a Republican?"
Some discussion followed, Mother
said I have seen John Wilkes Booth many
times - He was in the oil business in
Franklin - In this morning Post Gazette
I note that you are writing a
history of events in his life -
following our club discussion it
seemed notable that it would
appear at the same time - May
he died recently, he has been in
the oil business all his life (83);
we visited him every summer. His
home was between Oil City and
Franklin - I have often wished
for the gift of writing - we
have lived in such a wonderful
age - the old Allegheny has such
charm - I even recall the
Steam Boats - If you are in western
Pa when the weather moderates

It would be so nice for
Mother to meet you. Since
you have the same interests,
trusting that I have not
presumed too much in
writing you!

Sincerely

Jessie (Winsmore) Allison

Mrs. G. E.