

Bloomfield - Iowa
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My Dear Miss Torbel -

Your letter came

and I appreciated seeing it so very much and to learn that you had found what I had written you of some interest.

I have been talking with my oldest sister about the family name of Bertha and she feels certain that the name was Harrison - There was never a mention of any Shipley -

Bertha's family had come from Maryland & were people of wealth. The city of Baltimore was their home. Some of these lived - and her heirs always had a hope of someday restoring their claim to lands there that they felt were rightfully theirs. A cousin of my mother named Robert Lucas made a trip back there in the midst of this fortune but nothing came of it.

In writing of great great Grandfather Abraham your idea was that his family were at the flock house & that he had no estate but at the time of his

death - The story as we always heard it was - that when he was shot by the Indian Mordecai got the rifle from the log in shot the Indian who had killed his father and was carrying off Thomas as then with the family & his father's body to the "Toof" - I suppose this was the black house you speak of - No doubt his body was buried near there - This Robert Lincoln who was my mother's cousin lived in Hancock County Ill. and business often took him to Springfield where Abraham Lincoln lived there & who always requested he stop at his home - He therefore became well acquainted with the family - He took a striking resemblance to Abraham and on one of his visits to Bloomfield a little boy went home & told his mother that he had seen President Lincoln up town - This cousin has been dead many years so in fact are all the others from whom one might obtain information - However if at any time I should find out anything that I think will be of interest to you I will write you concerning it.

Yours truly
 Wm W. P. Caldwell