

80 East 53rd St. N.Y. Dec. 1895.

Dear Madam.

If you are interested in the vindication of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, you are making a mistake in not assisting the current investigation. For the first time it is taken up by those who are willing to expend the needful time and money. We are not interested in anything but the descent of Nancy Hanks. English or other records have no interest for us.

Notwithstanding your letter I will ask you two questions. Have you any evidence, documentary or traditional, tending to show that the Hanks who was in or near Phil^a in the early years of the century, went to Virginia or any Southern State? If you have, will you let us have it? I ask you merely to save time. If the evidence exists we shall certainly find it.

The investigation cannot wait. It will be prosecuted energetically and exhaustively. If you have anything that will assist it, the memory of a good and pure woman - the mother of Lincoln requires that you should give it to one who will use it in the most effective manner.

Yours very truly

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