My dear Mrs. Winkler:

I have your letter of May 30th saying that you will be in Chicago on June 5th and suggesting that you come on here to talk with me about the Lincoln material in your possession. Of course I should like to see you and find out just what it is that you have, but it is impossible now. I am leaving town on Saturday for a much needed vacation.

You say you have an heirloom which you think would be valuable to collectors. I should advise you to see Mr. Oliver Barrett, 301 South Michigan Ave., while you are in Chicago. He has probably the most valuable collection in existence of Lincolniana.

If you are to be in Chicago it would not be a long journey for you to go to Fort Wayne, Indiana and see there Dr. Lewis Warren the director of the Lincoln Research Foundation. Dr. Warren would be a man to whom you might safely talk about your material. If it concerns the ancestry of Lincoln you will find him exceptionally well informed. I also believe him to be entirely thrustworthy.

It would be quite impossible for me now to make any use of the material you have even in case I felt it to be of importance. I am so tied up with other subjects at present that I have practically no time for Lincoln work. I am sorry because I am naturally ~~and~~ curious about the matter of which you have written me. In case you see either Mr. Barrett or Dr. Warren I should be glad to know what they think of your material. If you come to no understanding with them and I am able to get to Chicago later in the season as I may I shall try to see you. Regretting that it is out of the question at the present moment, believe me

Very truly yours

Mrs. Jos. Winkler
Holdingford, Minn.

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