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My dear Miss Tarbell:

I have been unable to see Mr. Kemper since I last wrote you. I have, however, made a personal examination of the Indexes of "Ended Causes" in the Circuit Clerk's Office, where the chancery cases of the old District Court are filed, but between 1810 and 1860 there appears no such case as "Rymel & ux. vs. Lincoln" on the Indexes. The papers of some early cases are filed in the County Clerk's Office, but there is no General Index to these cases, and the order books will have to be examined to see if this case is to be found there. I will get Mr. Kennedy to make this examination.

In the Circuit Court side, which I examined, I found only three Lincoln suits, all of which involved matters in which the same Lincoln was interested - my recollection is that this was either Samuel or Abraham, - along about 1810 to 1838. One of these cases involved the settlement of his estate, and contained his will, which mentioned a tract of land that he had purchased from Thomas Lincoln, which may possibly interest you.

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Is the "printed records of Augusta County", to which you refer, Chalkley's compilation; and is there any further information about "Rymel & ux. vs. Lincoln" than that the suit was brought in March 1813? The book is not accessible to me.

I shall continue my pursuit of this matter until I run it down - if it be possible to do so, and shall write you again.

With kind regards and the compliments of the season,

Sincerely yours,

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