

Office of County Clerk

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Vermilion County.

Danville, Ill., Oct 25 1895

Mrs M Tarbell

New York City, N.Y.

Dear Madam

Your letter of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst reached me this morning and I hasten to reply.

You ask for the date of building the court house in this city. I presume you mean the "Old Court House" where Abraham Lincoln used to practice. It was built in 1832, and destroyed by fire in 1872. "The

"New Court House" was built in 1876, a cut of which you will see on the envelope in which this letter will be enclosed.

Your articles on Mr Lincoln will be read here with a great deal of interest as every Illinoisan reveres his memory. I think you might gain some very valuable information in regard to Mr Lincoln's early practice in this county from Mr Hiram H Beckwith of this city.

Very truly Yours  
Thos J Dale Clerk