

Rockport Ind.
June 30 " 32

Miss Ida Tarbell
120 East 19th St.
New York
N. Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Our Southwestern
Indiana Historical Society is still working
on our "Lincoln Inquiry" and Judge
Iglehart made us with the same
enthusiasm as of old although he has
grown more this past year.

In Spencer county we put aside
our ^{fourth biennial} Lincoln Pageant this year in
order to celebrate in honor of Washington

We gave my pageant "The Patriot"
in our county five times and
so I feel we have done our bit
this year.

Miss Tarbell, my writing of Lincoln articles
has always been for our historical
publications, newspapers etc; please &

pageants having taken up most of my time in the past.

I am now so anxious to have a magazine story of Lincoln in Indiana, but being utterly unknown by any magazine editor I feel sure my manuscript would never have a chance, especially since the Atlantic Monthly's fiasco over those Lincoln love letters.

In thinking about it, I wondered if it would be asking too much of you to write a short statement of saying I was a Past President of the Southwestern and had been connected with the Lincoln Inquiry for twelve years?

I will send you a copy of what I have written and you will know the truth of it and value of the pictures.

You were so kind and gracious that time you were here in going to our club with me and you know my deep interest in this work as a "native interpreter", as Judge Sutherland calls us, so I feel that

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you may not refuse me.

Your name is so well known
that I would be given a hearing
if you stated that you knew me.
Thanking you very, very much
Miss Tarbell, if you will do this
kindness for me and with deepest
appreciation for the work you have
done and are doing

I am

Sincerely

Bess V. Ehrmann.

P. S. I send you a program of
this year's memorial service at
the Nancy Hanke Park. This is
our sixth or seventh year to hold
such a service, always the
Sunday before Decoration Day.
Send you a copy of
my Washington Pageant too.

PROGRAM

MEMORIAL SERVICES



Nancy Hanks Lincoln Park

LINCOLN CITY, INDIANA,

May 29, 1932.

2:30 P. M.

Lincoln History in Spencer County.

Abraham Lincoln came to live in Spencer County with his father in 1816 when he was seven years old. Crossing the river from Kentucky at Anderson Creek, the family established a home at Lincoln City where they resided for the next fourteen years. About three years after settling in Spencer County, Nancy Hanks Lincoln, the mother of "Abe", died from fever and was buried at the top of the knoll about a half mile distant from the cabin home, now known as the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Park.

As a boy Lincoln often made journeys to Rockport and other nearby towns for the purpose of borrowing books. When nineteen years old, he left Rockport on the Gentry flatboat for New Orleans where he saw the evil of slavery and vowed he would stop it if he ever had the chance.

In fourteen years Lincoln had grown from a boy of seven to a well developed young man. His education, his moral principles, his love for truth and honesty, and his kindness to all, were all inculcated in his life as he roamed the beautiful hills and fertile valleys of Spencer County, Indiana.

The pageant, "When Lincoln Went Flatboating From Rockport," which portrays the life of Lincoln in Indiana, is given every five years at Rockport.

PROGRAM

Music..... Dale Girls' Drum Corps
DALE, INDIANA

"America" Audience

The Invocation..... Rev. H. R. Page
PASTOR METHODIST CHURCH, ROCKPORT

"The Star Spangled Banner"..... Audience

A Word of Welcome..... Mrs. J. C. Glackman
ROCKPORT, INDIANA

Address..... Judge T. J. Wilson
CORYDON, INDIANA

LED BY THE DALE GIRLS DRUM CORPS, FOLLOWED BY THE BOY SCOUTS, THE
AUDIENCE WILL PROCEED TO THE TOMB WHERE COL. J. S. WRIGHT WILL PLACE
A WREATH ON THE GRAVE.

Honorary Salute..... The American Legion
At the Grave of Mrs. Lincoln
MR. ROY MARTIN, SERGEANT-AT-ARMS, SPENCER COUNTY LEGION

Benediction Rev. Karl W. Kramer
ROCKPORT, INDIANA

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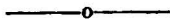
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**"Abide with us, and let thy light
Shine, Lord, on every heart;
Dispel the darkness of our night.
And joy to all impart."**

Bernard of Clairvaux.



**A special invitation is extended to old soldiers, their
wives and widows, the Women's Relief Corps, and
descendants of friends of the Lincolns and old settlers.**

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