

April 13, 1939

My dear Mrs. Jones:

Through some error, probably my own, your letter of January 30th has been lying unanswered in a mass of accumulated mail.

I am particularly sorry for this as it raises an interesting Lincoln incident, that of his appointment of a substitute in the Civil War.

I am sorry that I can give you no information but now that the point is raised I shall bear it in mind and if I can run down anything I will pass it on to you. I am sorry that I should have failed to get you something for the Lincoln Birthday article you were planning.

As to your suggestion that the inscription found on the window of a room in a Meadville hotel and supposed, but not proved, to have been written by J. Wilkes Booth, influenced me to study the life of Lincoln. No, it had nothing to do with it. In fact I cannot remember that that inscription ever crossed my mind when I was in College.

Regretting very much, dear Miss Jones, that I did not get around to your letter earlier and assuring you that if I should run down the incident in which you are interested I shall pass it on, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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