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Mr. A. L. Beall,
Media, Henderson Co.,
Ill.

My dear Mr. Beall:

Away back in January, you wrote me a very interesting letter which I believe my secretary acknowledged as I at that time was out on a lyceum trip. Since my return I have been so driven that my correspondence has been sadly neglected. I am sorry for this in the case of your letter particularly for, as you know, everything that concerns Lincoln interests me very much

You ask if I know anything about Lincoln's connection with Henderson Co. I do not. I think there is no doubt that he was at Yellow Banks for a few days in 1832 with his Company. I have no record, however, of his speaking in Oquawka. Have you any report of what he said there? And if so will you let me have a copy of it?

Nor do I know anything about Mr. Lincoln's having attended court in Henderson County. I have had Oquawka on my mind ever since I received your letter, but have not run across it once.

No, I do not know the "knife story" that you say Mr. Lincoln told Mr Phelps. I would be glad enough to have it written down for me.

And how about the room in Mr. Phelps' house, and which is kept just as it was at that time? Has the house or the room ever been photographed? If so, I should be very glad to buy copies if you would tell me to whom to write.

I should like to see your history when it is finished; and I should be very grateful if you will send me a copy, as you suggest doing in case it is published.

If you can get any more information on the points which you raised in your letter, or anything concerning Mr. Lincoln which may have come to your knowledge since, I shall be most grateful. And you can be sure that I will have Henderson County in my mind and pass on anything in the future that I may turn up.

Sincerely yours,

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