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Ida M. Tarbell,
Bethel, Conn.

Dear Madam:

Mrs. George Kingsbury, residing near Leavenworth, has asked me to write you regarding a matter which now may be regarded in the nature of ancient history, but which is nevertheless, important.

You may possibly remember a magazine article you prepared along in 1896 or thereabouts on the subject of Abraham Lincoln. For the article, according to Mrs. Kingsbury, you requested the use of a portrait of Green B. Taylor, then residing in South Dakota. Mr. Taylor, Mrs. Kingsbury's grandfather, at one time operated flatboats on the Mississippi, and Lincoln worked for him.

Mrs. Kingsbury is anxious to know if the picture of Mr. Taylor was used in connection with your article on Lincoln, and if it still be in the possession of the magazine, if there be a possibility that it might be returned to her. If it is impossible to trace the picture of her grandfather, she wonders if there is the remotest chance that a copy of the magazine in which your Lincoln article appeared is available at this late date.,

Any co-operation which you may be willing to give in securing either picture or magazine article, would be greatly appreciated by Mrs. Kingsbury, and please accept her thanks in advance.

In replying, please address:

Mrs. George Kingsbury
Leavenworth, Washington.

I beg to remain, very sincerely yours,

W. G. Schannach

Turn to Early Life of A. L.

by Ida M. Tarbell

added by J. M. Carr Davis

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GREEN B. TAYLOR, A BOYHOOD FRIEND OF
LINCOLN.

Son of James Taylor, for whom Lincoln ran the ferry-boat at the mouth of Anderson Creek. Mr. Taylor, now in his eightieth year, lives in South Dakota. He remembers Mr. Lincoln perfectly, and says that his father hired Abraham Lincoln for one year, at six dollars a month, and that he was "well pleased with the boy."