

Dental Office
Peoria February 17th 1896

S. S. McClure

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 4th
rec'd & in reply would ~~say~~ that the
photograph of ~~Abraham Lincoln~~ that I
have. I let a friend have it some
time since as there was to be a reunion
of old Soldiers & some of them desired
to see him as they used to see him
years ago. He was a very dear friend of
my father & the day he spoke here with
Douglas the 28th day of August 1858
directly after his speech my father took
him by the arm and walked him over
to the photograph room directly over my
Dental Office & had the picture taken. I
remember well that in going up the
stairs Abe says to my father what do
you want of the picture of an ugly
old fellow like me. When there are so

many good looking men in the city
 father says you are the one I want;
 the day was a very warm one & you
 can see the perspiration on his forehead
 & the hair matted down. The picture is
 a good one & is old Abe as we know
 him here. I have delayed writing
 before as I expected to hear from my
 friend ere this. Will advise you
 as soon as I do. He is away from
 home I presume at present. The negative
 was destroyed by fire a short after it was taken.

Yours Res
 D. W. Greenleaf

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