

Stayner Mar 13, 1925

Miss Garbell
New York

Dear Madame

Yours of March 6th is received
but it seems of little use to write to a
person who has previously determined to
disbelieve my statements

The truth about Lincoln's ancestry was
told to the American Nation at a demonstra-
tion held I think in Buffalo to commemorate
the 100 years of Peace or fifty years since Gettys-
burg by a gentleman who had visited in Lincoln
England. The speech was printed in a Buffalo
newspaper which I read with interest but did
not keep the paper. As Lincoln Historian
you should have an account of it. It is pos-
sible that speech was delivered at the Lincoln
Centennial but I think it was in 1914

years afterwards I found that the American
Nation had ejected that true story to cling to
their old illusion that A Lincoln's ancestors
were very lowly people

When my great-grandfather 10th Earl of
Lincoln whose younger brother became the

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father of A Lincoln lost his large estates in Lincoln County Eng he was left a small piece of land perhaps 4 ac in the city of Boston England At his death which occurred in or about the year 1818 my grandfather sold his life right to the same he could not sell forever as it was entail property When my grandfather died it rightly belonged to my father and now to my brother My father talked of going overseas to reclaim it but never went my brother wrote a few letters but said he would not spend money over it and as I thought it would revert to the British crown about the year 1918 I made an attempt by writing I failed to get the land which I suppose has now been taken by the British crown but in the attempt I traced our ancestry and consequently Abraham Lincoln's ancestry back to Benjamin

A Lincoln's father probably thought like my father ^{that his name was Lincoln} as owing to the title their fathers had been called Lincoln for many generations but their name was not Lincoln but Clinton A Lincoln's grandfather was Henry Viennes Clinton 9th Earl of Lincoln

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whose mother's name was Lucy Pelham
sister to Henry Pelham Prime Minister of Eng
then he married Catherine dau of the Prime
Minister so there was too strains of Pelham
blood in their boys and Henry Fiennes appears
to have been fond of the name as by act of
Parliament he had the name prefixed to his
own so the correct name is Pelham Clinton

A Lincoln's father was a brother of Sir Thomas
Clinton 3rd Duke of Newcastle who crossed the
sea and acted as aide de camp to Henry
Clinton a relative of theirs who was Command
er in Chief of the British forces in America
during the revolutionary war and as Mr Lincoln
landed in America in the last decade of the
18th century not so many years later he would
find the name Clinton about as popular as
the Kaiser is in Canada to-day

I could tell how it happened that Mr Lincoln
had neither money education or influential
friends but my letter is already too long

yours Jessie Houldershaw
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