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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

The Pioneer Publishing Company of whixh the writer is president plans in the early fall to publish a monograph by David Rankin Barbee entitled "The Inside Story of Lamon's Life of Lincoln". Mr. Barbee has brought together a mass of fresh and significant data having to do with, as you know, the most discussed and disputed book in the whole range of Lincoln literature. His monograph is preliminary to our issuance under his editorship of an adequate reprint of Lamon's Life of Lincoln, originally published in 1872 and now exceedingly difficult to obtain.

In 1895, after Lamon's death his daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Lamon Taillard published a volume entitled "Recollections of Abraham Lincoln". This covered the years between 1847 and 1865 and was based on letters preserved and notes made by her father or on data gathered by him in preparation for his Life of Lincoln. A part of this collection of Lincolnania is now in the Henry E. Huntington Library at San Marino, California. The whereabouts, however, of the bulk of it is unknown. It should be located and given permanent lodgment in the Library of Congress or some other public institution.

Looking to this end I desire to get in touch with Mrs. Taillard if living or if she is dead with her heirs. If you can assist me I shall be most grateful for your help.

Faithfully yours,

Rufus Rockwell Wilson

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