

April 5, 1923

Mr. Waldo Lincoln,
Worcester, Mass.

My dear Mr. Lincoln:

It is very good of you not only to read the installments of the Lincoln story which I sent you, but to write me so kindly about them.

I am mailing you the next six - all that I have received from the printer. In these you will see what I have to say about Bathsheba. I wish you would note when you have leisure what I have said about Nancy Hanks' origin. I don't know whether you have read the report of Mr. Barton's in which he claimed that he had found positive proof that Herndon was right in the story that he told of Nancy's being the illegitimate daughter of a Lucy Hanks, who afterwards married a Sparrow.

I want to see his records before I accept fully. I could not ignore the article, coming out as it did and being so widely spread over the country, and I tried to play safe. Do you think I succeeded?

I found in Kentucky that Barton and his associate Warren really turned up a good deal of new material, but I still don't feel entirely convinced that he has the documents to prove Nancy's origin. At all events, a Hanks genealogy is what we should have, don't you agree with me?

I shall be so glad to see your autobiography. I think you told me that you were selling it at \$10., and I enclose a check which, if you will turn over to your publisher with the request that he send it to me as soon as it is ready, I shall greatly appreciate.

Sincerely yours,