

May 27, 1935

Dear Mr. Rough:

Pardon my long delay in replying to your letter of April 21st. I have been away from my desk and my correspondence has been neglected.

Now as to your inquiry regarding the rumor that John C. Calhoun was the actual father of Lincoln. If you wish to know more of the matter read William E. Barton's "Paternity of Lincoln." He takes up all the various fathers and shows how baseless the claims are.

Lincoln's father was Thomas Lincoln and for this we have undoubted documentary evidence as you will see if you will look into any one of the accredited histories of Lincoln - Nicholay and Hay, Beveridge, Carl Sanders - *Wright*

Hoping this will put you on a track to get the information you want, believe me

Very truly yours

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