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March 13, 1923.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 E. 19th St
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I have been reading with a great deal of interest *your* articles on the ancestors of Abraham Lincoln, which are running weekly in one of our local papers. I was particularly interested in the installment that had to do with New Jersey, and Berks County and Lancaster County, Pa. I had long known that Lincoln's ancestors lived at one time in Berks County, but it was news to me that any of them lived in Lancaster County. I gathered from your paper that you were not able to locate the place where these ancestors held land in Lancaster County, but I should be glad if you could drop me a line just where your investigations in Lancaster County led you, for I am planning to go down to Lancaster for a week or so in June, for my college commencement, and to go on a canoe trip up the Conestoga River to Churchtown, which is near where you said Lincoln's ancestors lived. Perhaps I might be able to unearth something on this proposed trip, and to get some photographs, etc., which if they were the real thing I am sure you would be glad to see.

Believe me, with kindest regards,

Very truly yours,

Samuel H. Rance

P.S.

How is your farm coming? I hope to get some early garden things planted the last of this month. *S.H.R.*