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Haldenford Maine
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Miss Ida Tarbell
120 E 19th Street
New York.

My dear Miss Tarbell,

I have been thinking
of writing to you ever since my
trip to Chicago early in June, but not
being well, have postponed it. It may
be necessary for me to enter a hospital
for an operation (tonsils) this week so
concluded to write you before leaving.
I saw ~~Dr~~ Mr Barrett in Chicago but
Dr Warren was away on his vacation.
I got a nice letter from him in
Minneapolis on my way home. I believe
I would have thoroughly enjoyed a
conference with him. With Mr. B.
however, it was different. He does not
like to believe it is true. He is a lawyer
whom I think has left all romance be-
hind many years ago. He said my father
resembles our subject very much, that
he is a noble looking gentleman, but
he could not see the resemblance between
my father & his own grandfather! But

there is a marked resemblance, and of course we have plenty of proof for that fact. He did say, however, that a number of others have also told him this & if I could meet them, I would probably meet a number of my relatives. He wishes documentary proof. Well, I think no one would leave that behind. But we people all know it to be a fact. Mr Donohue told me all the proof I would need would be obtainable at the court house in the county in which he was born, a copy of the deed I believe it was, to prove he was born on my grandfather's farm. Mr Donohue attended the Dem. convention in Chicago. I'll inclose a clipping from our county-seat paper in order that you may see what a fine face he has. He was a delegate from St Cloud.

The beautiful painting of our subject in Mr. Barrett's office in Chicago almost overwhelmed me! So many large ones, and the resemblance to my father so marked! I wonder if you have seen his office, every where I looked it seemed I saw a picture of my father! My grandmother was a half sister to our subject also. I do not remember if I told you before, making my father his nephew of course, & he my grandfather!

I have an aged aunt living to whom I have written to see if she can throw any more light on the subject. She will be ninety years old her next birthday.

I would like to dispose of these articles to some one who would appreciate their value. I believe in years to come they would grow in value. Mr B. in Chicago has not seen the heirloom I have previously. I believe it to be the only one in existence. He that a first, it was a picture of the man supposed to be his father, but he was a far superior man.

I hope I have not tired you excessively, and that I may hear from you again sometime. I do not believe I could make another trip to Chicago this year on account of my health. My age is fifty-five, and I am fighting my arteries!

Thank you, Miss Tarbell!

Very Sincerely

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