

April 20, 1927.

Mr. W. H. McDougal,
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My dear Mr. McDougal:

I hope you will forgive me for having delayed so long replying to your letter of March 13th, asking me if I could give you any further information about Jack Kelse. I am ashamed that I have been so slow in replying but I have been very much driven and have left all but imperative correspondence go.

There is not a large amount available on Kelse. Probably as good as anything is, in the first volume of Carl Sandburg's "Prairie Years," a book which you certainly ought to read. I suppose you have seen Herndon's references. Barton has a good paragraph in his "Life of Lincoln" but it is not more than you will find in Sandburg's and my own book. Sandburg is best for your purpose I should think. I am sorry I can give you nothing more. I ought to, after so long a delay in replying to your note.

I want to thank you for referring me to Mr. Ross to whom I am writing today. I make it a practice to follow up every clue of this sort, and I am always grateful to those who give me the hint.

Regretting sincerely that I have been so slow in replying to your letter and that I have so little help to offer, believe me,

Very sincerely,

WMT BWA.