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Mr. Richard Lloyd Jones,
Tulsa Tribune,
Tulsa, Okla.

Dear Mr. Jones:

What an ungrateful person you and Mrs. Jones must think I am! Here it is weeks and I have never sent you a word of thanks for your Rescue Party. I did so enjoy it, and it put me in the way of getting safely to Garnett, though once there I suffered collapse and had to stay in bed most of the time. I got back to New York a week ago and am again at my desk though so shaky that I am going off to the country for a week; that always fixes me up.

I did have a good time with you and carried away no end of interesting impressions. One of the finest was the joyous interest of the whole Lloyd Jones family in all sorts of good things. Possibly it is that that makes me dare to ask you what you think of undertaking something which has been in my mind for a long time, hoping that somebody would do it - something in connection with our beloved Lincoln.

You know there has never been a thorough attempt to establish the Hanks' genealogy. Mrs. Hitchcock of Cambridge did something, but stopped when she found the Joseph Hanks will. That doesn't settle the matter, by any means. Besides, there are loose screws in her earlier findings. What ought to be done is to get some thoroughly trained person to go at the thing scientifically and not stop until we have no more clues. It would take some money, and time to direct. I have not much of either, but I could chip in on both. Do you think we could find people enough to finance it? I do not think it should be undertaken until we have had the best advice on who to get to do it. Luckily there is a man available who could give this advice, and that is Waldo Lincoln, the head of the Antiquarian Society of Massachusetts, who is himself a master geneologist. He has done a book on the genealogy of the Lincoln family, which I hope you have seen. He, I think, would know just who to recommend for such a piece of work. There are certain Lincoln collectors and students that I think we could expect something from. You of course know not a few. Now, how about it? I did not start this letter to bring this matter up,

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but as I have been writing to two or three people on it, it just naturally came in.

Please give my love to everybody in the house, and here is wishing that I may see you all soon again.

Faithfully yours,

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