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Miss Ida M. Tarbell
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My dear Miss Tarbell:

I thank you for your letter and also the enclosure containing Mrs. Hoffman's genealogical notes on the Hanks family. There are some items of importance contained therein but she fails to make the vital contact with the mother of Lincoln. I think that I have now about eight separate branches of the Hanks family which claim Nancy Hanks the mother of the president. We shall presently have as many mothers for the president as we have fathers and birthplaces.

I returned the manuscripts to Mrs. Hitchcock about the time I learned of a Dr. Aby in Chicago who had done considerable research on the Hanks family in England. He was very anxious to use the manuscripts and I put him in touch with Mrs. Hitchcock and through me she forwarded him the manuscripts. He is now working on them I understand and I hope he will soon be able to publish. He is financially able to swing the publication and I trust it may help to make clear some of these family relations.

My book seems to be going well and I am glad that many of the reviews show that I support the proposition which you raised about the status of Lincoln's father. Lea and Hutchinson and your own biographies may not be so out of harmony with the early history of the Lincolns as some biographers have wanted to show.

I thank you for your interest in sending me the biographical material.

Sincerely yours,

Louis A. Warren

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