

423 Grampian Boulevard
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My dear Miss Tarbell

Yours of 18th and 23rd inst have been received
I will first give a direct answer to your question

I have not in my possession any information
about the ancestors of Abraham Lincoln except
what I have read in books. I have however
some information (genealogical) about some
of the other descendants of Mordecai Lincoln
the great great grandfather of the President.

In the second place I will ^{call attention to} one or two things which may be of interest

In "Forges & Furnaces of Penna" page 99 it says that
Mordecai Lincoln was part owner & blacksmith at Coventry
Furnace in 1725 (note year as it seems to fix his coming
to Penna definitely one year earlier than any other data I have
seen) - A foot note speaks of an address at Ploverville (about
1910) by Mr Geo. B. Johnson in which he says Mordecai was an
ancestor of Abraham.

In regard to the rumor during the Civil War that Abraham L.
and Jeff Davis were related. - A possible solution as to
origin of this rumor is that Sally Lincoln (sister of the
Hannoverian you know about) married Joshua Davis &
lived in the Juniata Valley Pa. - Sally (or Sarah) had a
nephew Joe Lincoln and I have a letter which states that
this Joe said and acted as follows.

"Uncle Joe would not talk much about his relationship to
the President but to his friends that he did speak to he
claimed some relationship but they (the friends) are not
sure what it was - - - - - Joe would not talk about
this (relationship) before his niece Rizzie because she would
brag about it, but one time he stated that she (Rizzie)
would not feel so proud if she knew she was about as
closely related to Jeff Davis. He (Uncle Joe) claimed this
connection through his aunt Sally Davis, who was, perhaps
Jeff's aunt or mother, the folks do not remember which. When
Uncle Joe visited his aunt Sally Davis he remembered her
son Lincoln Davis"

Lincoln Davis settled at Lima Ohio and his
descendants are said to still live there

In re. to Abraham Lincoln's ancestor being "Friends" (ie Quakers),
 Remember that his ancestor John (who moved from Pa to Virginia)
 had a brother Abraham who married Anne Boone who was a
 Friend and she was discipline by that society for marrying
 out of meeting - This shows that her husband was not a
 Friend and indicates that his brother & the rest of his
 family were not members. - I am a descendant
 from another brother of John (namely Thomas) and it
 is understood in our family that there were no Quakers
 until my grand father's brother John married one and his
 children join the society

You refer in yours of 23rd inst to Learned's "Abraham Lincoln
 an American Migration

There is one big error (Genealogical) in book - On page 129 he
 says Sarah & Hannaniah were daughter and son of Mordecai
 instead of grand daughter and grand son - they being daughter
 & son of Mordecai's son Thomas.

I called Prof Learned's attention to this & received his
 acknowledgment

There is another error that affects me personally viz on page 81 &
 99 and in the index my name is given as Harrison V. Lincoln
 (Learned supposed this because I used my initials H.V.L. and
 the old record I copied is in possession of Harrison V. Lincoln
 of Reading & I expect his name suggested to Learned that I
 was his son and named after him. My full name is Henry
 Philip Lincoln)

In 1910 a Mr S.M. Buckley of 7011 East Market St. Huntington
 Indiana loaned me a pamphlet entitled "The Lincolns of Fayette County"
 By John S. Peter^{Referer} - Published by Charles Lincoln - I made a copy
 It is about Mordecai (the another brother of John) who moved from
 Berks Co. to Fayette Co Pa. - - - In 1888 I met a Mordecai Lincoln
 in Uniontown Fayette Co Pa. but could get no information from him

In Meigs' "Ozarkachson a History of the West Branch Valley"
 pag 377 is a reference to Abraham the brother of John - Its rather an
 unpleasant character he is given

At present I do not remember any other items which
 may interest you but I shall be pleased to have

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examine all the data I have collected and would suggest that if ^{you} want to do so that when you deliver your lecture here in Williamsport in about two weeks from now you spend an extra day here for that purpose - I hope you will find it convenient to do this.

Yours Very Sincerely

H. P. Lincoln

P.S. Mr Waldo Lincoln spent a day or so going over my data and made notes etc - this was several years ago & I understood he intended to publish a genealogical history of our branch of the Lincoln family - I have not heard from him for a long time.