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My dear Mrs. Kingsbury:

A few weeks ago Mr. W. G. Schannach of The Leavenworth Echo wrote me, for you as I understand, asking if I could trace a picture of your grandfather, Green B. Taylor, which was loaned to McClure's Magazine in 1896 as an illustration for articles that I was writing on the Early Life of Abraham Lincoln.

I am afraid that the original must have been lost - if it was not returned to you. The illustrating of articles is not in the hands of the writer. I secured by correspondence many of the pictures for this Early Life of Lincoln but they were passed on to the Art Department of the magazine for reproduction and return. In the case of McClure's Magazine I am told that the files of the Art Department were destroyed when the magazine changed hands a number of years ago. The picture must then have been lost.

The best that I can do for you is to have a copy of the original made. This I have done and you will find it enclosed. I have had reproduced under the picture the note which we used in the magazine and afterwards in the book made up of the magazine articles. The source of the picture I have noted on the margin.

I hope, my dear Mrs. Kingsbury, this will be satisfactory; at least it is the best that I can do for you. I greatly regret that the original should have been lost but after such material went out of my hands into the care of the Art Department I had no further control over it, as a rule. It was supposed to be returned directly to the owners.

Very sincerely yours

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