Box 87,
Wattsburg, Pa.,
July 24, 1941

Dear Miss Tarbell,

For many months I have wanted to write you a friendly little note so that I would feel acquainted with the famous woman in whose honor our P.T.A. is planning to erect a birthplace marker. You see, it is my good fortune to

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be president of that or-
ganization and this explains
my special interest in intro-
ducing myself to you. Only
yesterday I received a letter
from Mrs. C. L. Barnett, nee
Carrie Wilbur, expressing in-
terest in our project because
she knew you as a young girl.

Our secretary, Mrs. Rankin,
had written you about the
controversy as to just which
farm was your actual birth-
place. So many people feel
certain that the present Charles
Ladd farm is the correct place.
I have before me now a
letter from Gertrude Sammons
to Mrs. Ladd in which she
states definitely that Ida M.
Tarbell was born on the
Ladd farm. She relates how
your parents moved into
the cheese house and her
mother helped them with
curtains, rugs, etc. Bert
McCullough, a distant relative

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of yours. Also had a letter from your brother Will saying that the Ladd farm was your birthplace. This may seem to contradict your statement that you first saw the light of day at the Hatch Hallow farm, but we only want to be sure that our marker goes on the correct place! And I must also admit that the Ladd farm is an ideal site

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and everyone is hoping for word from you agreeing with the consensus of opinion here.

If you are still sure that the Hatch Hollow farm is your birthplace, and since the buildings are all gone from there, would you be as pleased if we placed the marker on the grounds of our new school building?

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This may sound rather complicated and I hesitated in writing it, but we are leaving the final decision as to where the marker shall be placed, with you. We hope the Charles Ladd farm is correct; if not, we think it would be an inspiration on our school grounds.

Thank you kindly for the photograph which you sent to our P.T.A. It is very lovely and makes me wish that you lived much closer to Watsburg.

We are planning now to erect the marker sometime during October.

I pray that this letter finds you in good health and I am glad of this privilege of writing you.

Sincerely,
Olive Fullen
(Mrs. R.C. Fullen)

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