

P. Colburn

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Dear Mr. McMurtry:

This is an excellent piece of work you have done on The Kentucky Lincolns on Mill Creek. It helps materially in reconstructing Tom Lincoln's life after he went on his own.

You do not mention Mary Shipley as a possible first wife of Abraham Lincoln's grandfather. Do you think it entirely a foundation-alists's tradition? She was very persistent forty five years ago when I was working on Lincoln in Kentucky.

Congratulating you on a substantial piece of work, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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