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BETHEL, CONNECTICUT

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Mears & Son
805 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Gentlemen:

Your address has been given me as that of one who might be able to give me information about Thomas Y. Mears who, in 1864, was one of the partners in what was known as The Dramatic Oil Company, the headquarters of the Company was in Franklin, Pennsylvania. Another member was John Wilkes Booth. My supposition for which I want a better foundation than I have is that Thomas Y. Mears was a Baltimorian, was in the theater, and had known John Wilkes Booth there. I think that he was in stock in Cleveland, Ohio, along with John A. Ellser. I know that your family knew more or less of the Booth's and possibly you could tell me of what you know, if anything, of Thomas Y. Mears.

If not, can you give me any source of information.

Thanking you in advance for a reply, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

Ida M. Tarbell

IMT/MMS
Inc.

Miss Tarbell,

I greatly regret that I cannot help you with any information regarding Thomas Y. Mears. Personally I never heard of him. Father died two years ago, at 91 Years of age, Am sure he could have given you a great deal of information. I never have been inclined to take interest in these matters.

Sincerely yours,

S. R. Mears.

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