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Miss Ida M. Tarbell

New York

Dear Miss Tarbell

I read, & read with much interest your letter of Feb 15. I think the occasional reference to Lincoln's sister as "Nancy" is due to the notoriety of frequent reference to her mother "Nancy Hanks". I like you, would love for her name to have been Nancy. It makes me sad to think of poor Nancy Hanks Lincoln who died so young, in a qualor & poverty little dreaming of her great gift of Abraham Lincoln to the world.

I note in your Life of Lincoln Vol. 1 page 27 you speak of Lincoln's sister as Sarah, & in the locality

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in Indiana where they lived (Lincoln City) you hear of no other name but Sarah.

My son & I are reading with much interest your articles in the "Boys Life". If I might pre-
sume enough, to offer a single suggestion as to your future articles it would be the inti-
macy & Companionship of Lincoln with his boys when he was over-
whelmed with the troubles & trials of the Civil War & the duties of his office. I recently read "The Soul of Ann Rutledge" by Bernie Babcock. It is one of the splendid but pitiful love stories of the century. I am now reading "The Matrix" by Maria Thompson Davies.

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This ~~story~~ author gives Thomas Lincoln a character & love of Liberty that has not been given to him formerly by writers.

I am reading a book by Stuart Henry whose wife a Miss Johnson formerly lived in our City. They reside at the Arapansitt Hotel & you no doubt know or have met them. The Foot Prints of Abraham Lincoln is published by "The Otterbein Press", Dayton Ohio pub. 1909. If not obtainable from them & you wish my copy to read, I will gladly send it to you.

Please excuse this lengthy letter as I do not know when to stop when on this subject.

Very Sincerely Yours
W. S. Maxey