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Anderson S.C.
Sept. 16th 1896

McClure Phil. Co.
Gentlemen,

I wish to know if you desire those articles written on the early life of Abraham Lincoln - especially his birth & parentage the residence now of his mother's kindred in Anderson Co of this State.

Miss Ida Tarbell is entirely mistaken as to who were his parents.

His father was the Hon. John C. Calhoun of this State by Nancy Hanks who lived in Anderson Co. & then her kindred still live - and show a great resemblance in Physique to the President of the U.S.

Why Calhoun did not marry Nancy Hanks and how he got her off to the west have heretofore been the an unknown question in history.

I can furnish you portraits of Mary of the Hanks family & of Judge Jas. L. Orr. & Gen. Bunt who knew more about this matter than any one else. Gen. Bunt is dead but his statements can be given by responsible men who say he told them

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of Cobbom's intimacy with
Nancy Hanks & why they did
not marry - Gen. Burt
married a niece of Cob-
bom & told these things in
great secrecy to certain very
dear friends
I have written two or
three articles in our State
papers - The two last have
not been controverted at
all but the first was severely
I can send you copies
of these articles if you
desire to see them & judge
if there is any ground for
the assertion I have made -
Do you desire to have a few
articles written on this line &
what are you willing to pay for
them -
Yours very truly D. J. Knotts
Swansea - Ga

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