

Schaller, Iowa. May 31, 1923.

My dear Miss Tarbell,

We have just returned from Hawaii, where we spent the winter. We were loath to leave the Islands I assure you.

Mrs Evans sent me the installments of your splendid "Footprints," which I read and reread with the utmost enjoyment. I am constantly filled with amazement over the vast amount of material so absolutely authentic and interesting, that you gathered in so short a time and say again and again that you are a very marvel of a deliver.

While in Honolulu, I found in the Hawaiian Archives a letter from Abraham Lincoln written in 1863 to King Kamehameha IV, commissioning James McBride as Minister to his Court. The signature is signed "Abraham Lincoln", instead of the usual "A. Lincoln". I was granted permission to copy it for our Lincoln-Rutledge Collection. I shall have the document placed in a covering of Hawaiian Tapa cloth.

You remember that last winter you wrote me that you had asked Mr Douglas Volk to send to Decatur, a photograph of his painting of Mr Lincoln, and that he had promised you he would do so. Mrs Evans writes me that it has not as yet been received. We are so anxious to have it since in your judgment it is so very fine.

Do you not think the matter has escaped his memory, and would it be asking too much of you dear Miss Tarbell to gently remind him of it. They have long been anxiously awaiting its coming. We will, as I said before, give it the place of honor. I am planning to go to Decatur late in June and should be so glad to see it in the Collection.

I trust you are well. I know you are happy for you are engaged in the work you love.

Sincerely yours

Jane E. Hamana

P. S.

In the XIVth installment of your "Footsteps", you say  
"Recently Miss Jane Hamand, the owner of the Lincoln  
collection housed in the public library of Decatur &c"

Please change in your volume the word "owner" to "donor"  
for I gave it outright to the people of Decatur, and I  
hope to be able to add to it as long as I live.

J. E. H.