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Steamboat Springs Colo. 1/11/09.

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My dear Miss Tarbell

Yours of 12/29/08 came to hand some days since. I dont know as I can furnish you with any thing further of my personal knowledge of Mr Lincoln, but perhaps I might further explain some things that I alluded to in my former letters. As a boy in Knoxville in the early 50s. I knew Dr Duncan so well — he was our family physician that when I read your "Life of Lincoln" & found that "Dr Duncan predicted that Lincoln would be a President" I wondered from what source you obtained your information — from Salem people or from some Knoxville source. Also there was a

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very old man — Gallahue, a playmate of Lincoln in Kentucky. Now in Knoxville there lived a Gallahue who was a brother in law of Dr Duncan. This Gallahue was a man rather older than Lincoln was, at that time & both Gallahue & Duncan came from Kentucky originally but might have lived in Salem.

The "Uncle Billy" Sanburn of whom I spoke was a brother of Mrs. J. S. Phillips grandfather. The story telling match of which I spoke was in Dr. Duncans Dry Store during "Court week" in the Early 50s. Our then Congressman James Knox was among the listeners at this "match" I will remember that Lincoln, who had been in Congress some years before was

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asking Knox questions about the Washington boarding houses and about one in particular where Henry Clay boarded. I send you here- with clippings from Chicago Tribune — one regarding Lincoln pictures & the other Lincolns Genealogy &c I am a very old Tribune subscriber & am told at Tribune office in Chicago that I am the oldest living Tribune "War Correspondent" Henry sent old letters. which my sister at Jackson has & one telling of an interview I had with Lincoln during the war I will try & get it. It gives an account of our conversation & what Mr Lincoln said about Ellsworth who was killed early in the war at Alexandria. If at any

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time I come across any thing of Lincoln interest, or find out who borrowed that "last" Lincoln picture I will be pleased to let you know. Lately I have been much interested in making some copies (by Heclograph) of a paper My sister in Goshen recently read before her D. A. R. Society. It contains some most interesting extracts from some Revolutionary family papers that have been stored away in Goshen & Vicinity for 150 years + more. If you are at all interested I would be pleased to mail you a copy.

Yours very truly

Henry H. Miller

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