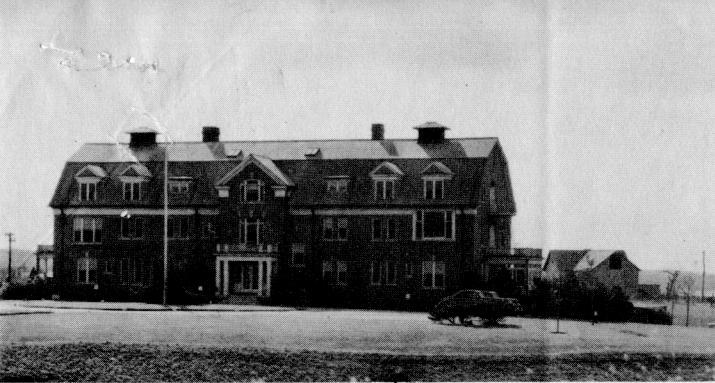




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My dear Miss Tarbell:

A number of years ago, while you^{were} writing your splendid Life of Abraham Lincoln in Washington I had the privilege of lending you, for inclusion in your work, an autograph letter of Lincoln's, addressed to my Great-great Grandfather, Charles Hoyt, who was Lincoln's client when the latter was practising law in Illinois.

I now wish to sell this letter, which is in excellent condition, as it has always been under glass, as I need to raise funds for a rather serious operation on my wife.

May I ask if it is possible that you might advise me as to the possibility of selling this letter, and if so, where?

I realize that this is greatly imposing on your good nature, but my need is rather acute, which is my excuse for bothering you. If you can have your secretary give me any suggestions that may occur to you, I shall be under deep obligations,

Sincerely yours,

Ames Higgins
Ames Higgins.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell.

Enc. env. for reply