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West Brighton
Staten Island
N.Y.

Miss Ida Tarbell.

Thank you
very much for your
kind letter. Enclosed is
an editorial of my family
History I thought you
would enjoy reading.
Of all the Biographers
who have published a
book on Lincoln it seems

Strange Bevedge & Emanuel
Harty are the only two authors
to recognize the fact
the Francis family shaped
Lincoln's destiny. Simon
Francis is really Lincoln's
school master. Note Simon
Francis's career as an editor.

1815-1817 - apprentice in New Haven.

1817-1824 Clapp & Francis

New London Conn - Republican Advocate

1824-1829 Lazelle & Francis

Buffalo N.Y. General Advertiser

Buffalo Emporium. over

When Lincoln first came to
visit the Francis Bros 1832
he was very poorly educated.
For further information see
newspaper editorials. The Francis
^{Bros.} introduced Lincoln to all
his early friends in Springfield.
I trust you will be
kind enough to return
this newspaper to me.
- I thank you.

Sincerely -
Allen Francis Edgar.

Great Grandson of
The Francis Brothers.

Herbert Fray

Custodian of Lincoln ^{Joint} tell
me the Francis family come
first in the Life of Lincoln

Paul Angle Illinois Historical Library
tells ^{me} Lincoln & the Francis Bros
were ^{more} intimate than
friends.

My grandmother Marrietta
Francis told me her family
did everything possible to
help Lincoln.

Her sister Fuldah Francis
lived with Mrs Simon
Francis the last 30 years
of her life in Portland Oreg.
So you can see our family
was well informed about
the Lincoln.