

54 Park Street,
Jersey City, N.J.
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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

The last time I heard from you you were slowly but surely recuperating from a serious illness. Today, while at work on the Lincoln-Salter genealogy, I began to think of you. So I thought I would write a line to inquire how you were getting along. I do hope you have regained your health and are on the road to complete recovery.

Do you recall your writing me some years ^{ago} asking the location of Lincoln's or Mordecai's Gap? Well, I have been on the hunt for it ever since. I was interested, too, in locating the exact boundaries of Richard Salter's "Buckhorn Manor" on which Mordecai Lincoln built his forge.

Well, I think I have found these spots. The forge is reputed to be still standing in Fillmore, N.J. It is being used as a garage-repair shop. The Doctor's Creek and Buckhole Creek mentioned in the old deeds converge at Imlaystown, N.J. Wm. H. Handrickson, now dead, was a local historian in these parts; his daughter has written me an interesting letter in which she says that the local citizens are acquainted with the Lincoln-Salter history. She gives me the boundaries of Richard Salter's lands.

Some day, if you are interested, I shall show you what I have "dug up". Henry C. Beck, author of "More Forgotten Towns of Southern New Jersey and their Stories" put me on the right track. The WPA Writers' Project put out a book: "New Jersey, A guide to it present and past" which has quite a bit on the subject, also.

Again wishing you happiness and the best of health, I remain,

Sincerely,


J. Owen Grundy