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My dear Miss Tarbell:-

Your letter of Nov. 29th came to hand just as I was concluding a letter to you, and I attach this note in reply to your inquiry.

You notice that I had anticipated the part of the history that I thought would appeal to you, by enclosing the errata with reference to the industry of Thomas Lincoln. Each chapter has an errata as large, and in some instances much more contradictory.

I am much pleased with the suggestion that I prepare something for Collier's, and wish to thank you for calling the editors attention to my work. Any assistance you may give me in the presentation of the material will be appreciated.

There are several reasons why I would like to see Collier's publish these recent findings, but its interest in, and the successful propagation of the Memorial and Park at Hodgenville, should put all lovers of Lincoln under obligation to the paper.

The fact that the most remarkable discovery I have made has to do with this same Lincoln National Park, would make it very unfortunate for Collier's, if the findings on this particular subject should be released through any other publication.

You are well enough acquainted with Lincoln History to know that the location of the Lincoln Farm, the site of the cabin, and much other data connected with the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln is purely traditional. The nearest the President himself comes to locating the site is, in placing it on the waters of Nolin three miles from Hodgenville. I am now able to present public documents which show that Thomas Lincoln owned the farm on which Abraham Lincoln was born. I have made plats of this farm and the surrounding farms, and my attorney Mr. Otis Mather of Hodgenville is now in correspondence with Richard Lloyd Jones, commissioner of the Lincoln National Park, about some items that should be attended to, before this fact is made public. (This is confidential)

I shall be glad to present an article on Thomas Lincoln in Kentucky featuring the points you suggest, and using original documents to prove every assertion, and shall be glad to take up the matter as to the length of the manuscript with the editor of Collier's.

It would seem to me, however, if there should be room for such a discussion, that four installments of the story, using the first four parts of my book as suggestive divisions, would be much more satisfactory. I will leave it to your discretion as to whether this proposition should be presented to the editor. The following notations on the synopsis mentioned, and attached here to might suggest the ground covered by such a series;

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN

IN

"THE OLD KENTUCKY HOME"

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PART ONE ----- ABRAHAM LINCOLN & HIS GENESIS

- Chapter One ----- The Pioneer Country
The Mother State, The Kentucky Country, The Virginia Counties, The State of Kentucky, The Kentucky Counties, Towns, Water Courses, Roads.
- Chapter two ----- The Birthplace
The Competitive Sites, The President's Testimony, The Cave Spring, The Cabin Home .
- Chapter three --- The Nativity
The Winter of 1809, The Messenger, The Traditional Guests, The Relatives Present, The Date.
- Chapter four ---- The Rival Genitors
The Charges of Illegitimacy, The Mine Rivals, The Enlow Quartette, Abraham Enloe, Abraham Inlow, Abraham Enlow, Abraham Enlows, George Brownfield, Charles Friend, Martin D. Hardin, Andrew ----- adopted son of Judge Marshall, John C. Calhoun.
- Chapter five ---- The Paternity
The Slandered Patriarch, The Lincoln Lineage, The Second Child, Month of May, 1808, Dates that Speak with Authority Faithful to the Last.
- Chapter six ----- The Maternity
The Many Nancys, The Daughter of Joseph, The Daughter of Lucy, The Home of the Orphan, The Hanks Progenitors, "My Darling Mother".
- Chapter seven --- The Ancestry
Grandfather Abraham Lincoln, Grandmother Bathsheba Lincoln, Uncle Mordecai Lincoln, Uncle Josiah Lincoln, Aunt Mary Crume, Aunt Nancy Brumfield. Other Lincoln Relatives. Grandfather Joseph Hanks, Grandmother Nancy Hanks, Hanks Aunts and Uncles, Other Hanks Relatives.
- Chapter eight --- The Allied Families
The Mudds, The Barlows, The Brumfields, The Crumes, The Sparrows, The Friends, The Halls, The Bushes, The Todds .

PART TWO ----- ABRAHAM LINCOLN - HIS PARENTS

Chapter one ----- The Vocations of Thomas Lincoln
The Laboring Boy, The Carpenter, The Farmer, The Distiller, So called.

Chapter two ----- The Avocations of Thomas Lincoln
The Wanderer, The Hunter, The Horseman.

Chapter three ----- The Public Service of Thomas Lincoln
The Patrolman, The Road Petitioner, The Prison Guard, The Jurymen, The Appraiser of Estates, The Road Supervisor.

Chapter four ----- The Home Life
The Father, The Mother, The Sister, The Brother, The Pets
The Play Grounds.

Chapter five ----- The Foster Mother
His First Sweetheart, The Rival Suitor, The Removal, Mrs. Sarah Bush Johnston, The Jailors Wife, The Return of Thomas, The New Mother.

Chapter six ----- Their Kentucky Contemporaries
The Parents of their Son's Associates. The Indiana Pioneers
The Political Rivals, The Herndon, The Rutledges, The Grahams, Jeff Davis of Kentucky.

PART THREE --- ABRAHAM LINCOLN - HIS CHILDHOOD ENVIRONMENT

Chapter one ----- The Religious Influences
The Pioneer Preachers, Rev. Jos Barnett, Rev Benjamin Lynn
Rev John Gerrard, Rev. Alexander McDougal, Rev Benj. Ogden,
Rev. David Elkin, Rev Jesse Head. The Pioneer Churches -
Severns Valley, Nolin, South Fork, Little Mount, Denominations at Work, Rules and Regulations.

Chapter two ----- The Educational Advantages
The Pioneer Teacher, Early School Buildings, Courses of Study, Discipline, Zachariah Rincy, Caleb Hazel, Asel W. Dorsey.

Chapter three --- The Social Life
Pioneer Pastimes, Horse Racing, Intemperance, Dancing.

Chapter four ----- The Economic Conditions
The Medium of Exchange, Inspectors of Merchandise, Land Notes, Products of the Soil.

Chapter five ----- The Political Activities
Early Political Aspirants, Pioneer Elections, Kentucky and Lincoln's Candidacy, Slavery and its Influence.

PART FOUR ----- ABRAHAM LINCOLN & HIS ANCESTORS' HOMES

Chapter one ----- The Long Run Home.

The First Kentucky Settlement, Hughes Station, Shot by Indians, The First Lincoln Grave.

Chapter two ----- The Beech Fork Home.

The Widow and Her Children, The Elder Brother, The Youngest Son Leaves Home, The Other Children Marry.

Chapter three ----- The Mill Creek Home

Thomas Lincoln's First Purchase, The Migration from Washington County, The Missing 38 Acres, The Sale.

Chapter four ----- Valley Creek (Elizabethtown) Home

The Bride, The Town, The Traditional Locations, The Elizabethtown Memorial.

Chapter five ----- The South Fork (Birthplace) Home

The Change of Occupation, The Choice of a Location, The Purchase, The Boundary, The Improvements, The Corner Oak The New Town, The Rival Communities, Another Move.

Chapter six ----- The Knob Creek Home

The Great Road, The Fertile Fields, The First Payment, The Visitation of Prosperity, The Title to the Land, The Lawsuit The Discouraged Proprietor, The Removal.

Chapter seven ----- The Traditional Homes

Second Washington County Residence, The Brownfield Site,

Chapter eight ----- The Departure from Kentucky.

The Date of The Migration, The Trip of Inspection, Moving the Family, Crossing the Ohio. On Indiana Soil.

PART FIVE ----- APPENDICES

Appendix one ----- Documents in the Archives of County Courts.

Bourbon, Breckenridge, Bullitt, Fayette, Franklin, Green, Hardin, Harrison, Hart, Henderson, Jefferson, Larue, Lincoln, Marion, Mead, Mercer, Nelson, and Washington.

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Appendix two ----- Documents in Archives of Institutions

Record of Severns Valley Church, Order Book of Elizabethtown, School Trustees Book

Appendix three ----- Documents in Archives of Individuals

Old Copy Book of Transylvania Seminary. Samuel Hayscraft Letters, The Great Papers.

Appendix four ----- Inscriptions on Tomb Stones in Kentucky Cemeteries

Red Hill, Little Mount, Helm Estate, Mill Creek

Appendix five ----- Affidavits by old Citizens.

Squire H. Bush, Charles Friend, Feilda Elkin, John Kerrick.

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Part One -- Abraham Lincoln - His Genesis.

Chapters 2,3,4,5,& 6 would be used as the basis of this discussion.

- 2) I have twelve well established traditional sites of the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln. (Well born I think)
- 3) If all the traditional guests were present at the nativity there would have been no room for him in the inn.
- 4) With all respect to Mr. Barton's discussion on "The Paternity of Abraham Lincoln" he lacked some much need documentary evidence. I think I have this, also two more nominees for the paternity.
- 5) That Thomas Lincoln was living with Nancy Hanks in Elizabethtown in May 1808 can be established. This should settle the paternity question.

Part Two -- Abraham Lincoln - His Parents

Chapters 1,2,3,& 4 in this discussion.

Documents to show that he was successful in Kentucky both as a farmer and a carpenter.

- 2) He was not a hunter, nor a wanderer, but a horseman, had five at one time.
- 3) You published yourself the only record known with reference to his public service. Note the additional list of offices.
- 4) One writer in referring to Abraham Lincoln's childhood home has called it "a squalid camp in a howling wilderness". It was not.

Part three -- Abraham Lincoln - His Childhood Environment.

Chapters 1,2,3,4,& 5 would all be used in this study.

- 1) This discussion would not only present documents to create an actual environment for Abraham Lincoln, which would contain extracts from a church record book of 1800 an a school trustees of 1800, but would also give some character sketches of the teachers and preachers who influenced Abraham Lincoln.
- 3) Norse Racing and Dancing which were going full blast near Lincoln's home are discussed with court documents as a basis for the arguments.
- 5) The status of slavery in the Lincoln communities would be discussed.

Part Four -- Abraham Lincoln - His Ancestors' Homes

Notations from this entire part would be used to give the exact location of each home, tracing of land, titles, soil fertility, present tenants, and maps if desired showing location in respect to each other.

My publication "The Louisville Lincoln Loop" would be suggestive here.

Note. These discussions could be ready for the printer by the second week in January, perhaps earlier, L.A.W.