Winterset, Iowa, Feb. 12, 1896.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
New York.

Miss Tarbell:-

Your letter of the 4th inst. is received. Of course you may hold the article as long as you desire. And I assure you there are many people in this part of Iowa who well remember Lincoln's relations with the Armstrong family, and who have heard and read of that remarkable trial, in which Lincoln proved by an almanac that there was no moon shining at the time when a number of witnesses ~~swore~~ saw, (according to their evidence) Duff Armstrong strike another by the moonlight. This is quite a famous story here, and we are anxious to see it incorporated into this excellent Life of Lincoln.

I inclose a tintype of "Aunt Hannah" Armstrong. ~~This was taken~~. Her son Robert

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inform me that this picture was taken about six years before her death. She was a famous woman in this part of this state. She was distinguished for her quaint sayings, her plain manner of speaking the truth, and her honesty and integrity. She had loads of friends wherever she was known.

Mrs. Armstrong died in Winterset, Iowa, August 19, 1889, aged 79 years and 17 days.

Yours sincerely,
J. H. Clore.

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