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Dear Miss Tarbell

I thank you for your informative letter of April 20th 1932. I greatly appreciate it relating as it does the eulogy of Lincoln in its authenticity and in what history it is printed. Some time ago I was asked to write and deliver a speech to an audience in our Public Library which I did and asked those who were present if they had ever heard of this eulogy and no one had. In the preparation I researched different publications about Lincoln and found enough facts which women together formed an address suitable for the occasion as it seemed to me and I think was acceptable to my audience.

I congratulate you on your patience, aptitude and success in your research for facts in which you can and do draw conclusions.

Without facts theories are mere speculations, not safe to rely on. My family have lived in Erie County about 139 years, the first white male child born 1801 in Harbor Creek Erie Co. was my own uncle, William Clark.

I still own the old farm or what is left of it. My scrap books contain some valuable local data and I shall keep on collecting yet a little while though you might consider me a retired person.

If you are living at the Venango Inn I might write down for a few minutes interview.

It was very kind and gracious of you to send me an answer to my Lincoln inquiry and I again thank you. In closing may I add this letter is from one who is in my years your sincere.

Sincerely yours
Henry A. Clark.