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My dear Miss Tarbell:

It gives me pleasure to reply to your note of inquiry as to what the family deviation of my name Robert. I was named for my maternal grandfather, Robert Todd of Lexington, Kentucky, and not for any connection with any Lincoln, bearing the name. I was born in 1843 and in 1848 my father had a little correspondence with David Lincoln, (shown in Volume 1 of Nicolay and Hay's addendum to their history,) in 1848, from which it clearly appears that his knowledge of his Lincoln ancestry then, certainly did not extend as far back as the immigration of the family in 1634. It

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happens, however, that a descendent of one of my father's uncles who lived in Illinois was given the name of Robert. He was a Captain in the Union Army in our Civil War.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert Lincoln

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