

June 20, 1931

Dear Mrs. Blair:

As I wrote you that I would I submitted your Lincoln signature on the Nelson document to Mr. Paul Angel of the Abraham Lincoln Association in Springfield, Illinois. He has had more experience in handling Lincoln signatures than anybody else of whom I know. And this is what he writes:

"I don't like to spoil a perfectly good document, but the fact is that neither the body nor the signature of the letter, copy of which I return is Lincoln's. I don't believe, however, that it is a forgery. I know of several other letters of this same approximate date, which Lincoln wrote and which are identical in wording with this. My guess would be that they were sent out by the dozen and that friends probably wrote some of them and signed Lincoln's name. The writing and signature in this particular document look more like that of Herndon than any one else."

I am sorry but you can take this as nearly final as anything in the world of autographs can be final.

With many regrets for my delay

Affectionately yours

Mrs. Janet Blair
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