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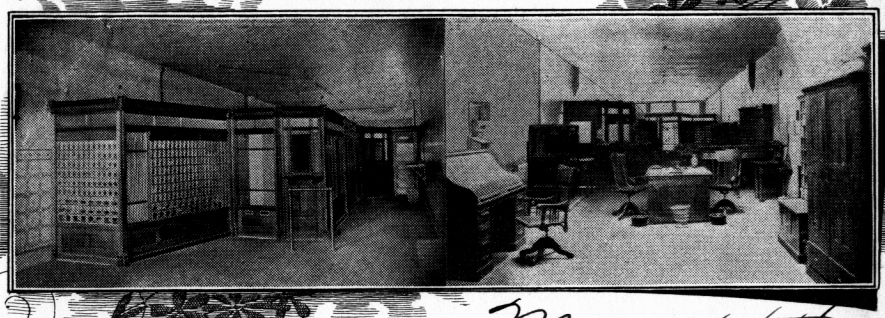

May 14th 1899

Miss, Ida Tarbell
Washington D.C.

Miss Tarbell

In reply to yours of the 25th Ultimo addressed to my mother Mrs Harriet A Chapman will say that. Mr. John Hall has no copy of the family records you refer to. Mr. Hall says that. the sheet containing the old Lincoln family record was torn from the Bible in his possession and given to my Grandfather Dennis F Hanks, who gave it to Ex Governor and U. S. Senator John M. Palmer. If Gunther of Chicago has any record it must be this, as it is the only record we know of in existance.

My father-now deceased-assisted Mr. Herndon in his first life of

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Mr Lincoln. and the original notes
written by my father for this history
gives the date of birth of Nancy Hanks
Feby 5th 1784. this was taken from the
sheet above referred to in the old family
bible, owned by Mr. John Hall. We have
these notes or original manuscript
still in our possession. I dont think
there can be any question as to the accuracy
of Feby 5th 1784 being the date of Nancy
Hanks birth. If I can assist you
any further in this or other matter
will be pleased to do so

I answer this at the request of my
mother who is well, quite hearty
and sends kindest personal regards to yourself

Very truly yours
R N Chapman
Postmaster

My Mother will be in Washington
on the 23rd Inst, & will like very
much to meet you. She will
stop with my Brother John A Chapman
1919-31st Street N.W. She will
remain a couple of weeks.

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