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Springfield Ill. Nov. 5-33

Ida M. Tarbell.

Bethel Conn.

My Dear Miss Tarbell

I was disappointed on
on being informed that you would be un-
able to be present at the dedication of New Salem
as I had hoped that I might on that occasion
meet you personally. My father Jim Eddy Roll,
whom you interviewed regarding his early asso-
ciations with Lincoln (in 1896 I think it was,
that you called on him;) always spoke so kindly
and, may I say proudly, of having ~~the~~ the
honor and privilege of a personal acquaintance
with you. Would it be asking too much to request
an autographed copy of your publication on the life
of Lincoln and your portrait? Which of course,
I expect to remit for. I have written a narrative
of Oargano Town for the Ills. Historical Society
which am mailing you today also Ill. State Journal
regarding the exercises at New Salem.
We are trying to work up an interest in placing
a marker of some kind on the site of the almost
forgotten and entirely extinct old town. If you

could by your influence or suggestion
 it might help in creating an interest in the
 matter. My father passed away Mch. 31-1900
 born June 9-1814^{in Morris Co. N.Y.} I have been requested by the
 Ill. State Hist. Society to write a sketch of my
 father's life, but when I settle down to the
 task I become drowsy and am unable to
 concentrate on the matter, have made a start
 on it and collected considerable matter on the
 subject. Should I be able to complete it will
 mail you a copy. I was born in Springfield Ill.
 June 25-1854 I have a brother in Minneapolis Minn.
 Born Mch. 4-1852 we are the last of my father's fam-
 ily. my mother was born in N.Y. City, May 9-1812
 Died Mch. 19-1880 Maiden name Harriet Van Dyke
 Pardon me for encroaching on your time and
 attention to such an extent.
 Should be greatly pleased to hear from you when
 convenient.

Most Respectfully

John Linden Roll

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