

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Thank you so much for your kind note. I hope you will be able to check the Lincoln letter to Joshua Giddings, in its present home. We have never seen the Honeywell family again, but Mr. H. was a Bostonian, and they probably returned to that place.

My Husband has just clipped for me, a Chicago newspaper item, saying that

you have given your
Lincolniana to Allegheny
College; and I wonder if
you still like to get
Lincoln items. We have
many collectors here in
Illinois. An Elmhurst
woman whom I knew,
had the beginning of a very
fine collection. It made
her a very interesting woman.
I used to send her every
thing that I found. She
died, a year ago, and
her young daughter does

not care for her collection
so I do not know what
will become of it.

My father's family were
Kentucky Pioneers. My
Grand father and Grandmother,
Edward J. Owen and
Rebecca (White) Owen ~~†~~ traveled
the Wilderness Road from
Alexandria Vir., in 1823,
to Henry County Kentucky.
My father's Eldest brother,
Grandison Perry Owen, born
in Virginia, ¹⁸¹⁸ married
Mary Ann Thomas, who

was descended from still
Earlier Pioneers, - the ones
who built the fort at
Harrodsburg, and lived
in it until it was safe to
build homes. Mary

Ann Thomas was a
direct descendant of
Mary Shipley; and Nancy
Hanks was one of her near
relatives. They were not
at all poor or humble.

The last of this family
has recently died, -
my first cousin.

Martha Virginia (Owen)
Crabb, in her 90th
year, at Eminence,
Kentucky. Her grandsons
have promised to send
me photostatic copies
of the genealogical records
found among her papers.
There should be considerable
light on the Lincoln side
of the ancestry. If you
are still interested I
shall be happy to pass
along to you anything
they may send me. This

Cousin who has just
died, joined the D.A.R.
through her Lincoln
relationship, though
my father's whole family
took the Confederate
side in the Civil War.

I have always felt
that Lincoln's poverty
and lowly birth have
been greatly exaggerated.
In fact, I know. When we
were children, we always
thought of that branch
as Kentucky aristocrats. We

were very Proud to belong

Yours Sincerely,

Della Owen Baum

March 2. 1138

Settle Down

R. D. #1

Elmhurst, Illinois

In my sister's home
there is a Daguerreotype of
my father. People who
see it on her mantel
always say "What a
wonderful Lincoln!" He
was also a fine grammarian.

Dorcas Hinton (Owen) Todd, who died 1841, was a cousin of Della's. She was a very good writer and a very good grammarian. She was a very good writer and a very good grammarian.

I have often wondered
about Grandison Perry,
for whom my uncle was
named. In your research
have you ever come
across this name?

Our relationship is full of
Todds. It is evident
there were earlier
Lincoln-Todd marriages, -
long before that of
Abraham and Mary.
I have re-read your book
many times. I sent my

best-loved Lincoln
photograph to my
young niece, Mrs.
Daniel Webster, in N.Y.C.
We always called it the
happy Lincoln. He is
well dressed, well groomed,
and less care-worn than
in many of the pictures.

Adeline will take care
of it when I am gone.
Adeline is a beautiful young
woman. Her young husband is
a graduate of the University of Virginia.