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February 8th 1896.

Ida M. Tarbell,
Madame.

Your favor of the 6th inst. in reply to my letter of the 3rd inst. to Mr. L. S. McBlane about the Pennsylvania Lincolns is at hand.

James B. Lincoln, M. D. (whose father Samuel Lincoln is a relative of President Lincoln) informed me that he was acquainted with a lady employed in the office of the McBlane Magazine and you may be the person.

You say: "I shall be very glad to correspond with you, or better still to go to Lancaster and see you. It will be probably be some months yet before I can attend to the matter."

I myself can see no good reason why you should delay this matter. It takes time and requires a great deal of research to hunt up reliable information about Lincolns family in Penna. of the last century. I wrote to Mr. McBlane who I am and what I am, and what I proposed. I am not going to hunt up any more information about the Penna. Lincolns until I hear something more from you that is definite. I have had a thorough business training and have neither the time, reputation, or money to waste making experiments i. e. securing matter that you may not want.

If you care to come to Lancaster I will give you any information I can. If you

Write again please prefix Miss or Mrs. to your name. When a lady writes a business letter she should always give her title otherwise her correspondent is at a loss to know how to address her. This will explain why I address you simply as "Ida M. Tarbell."

Yours respectfully
David J. Nevin

Excuse this sheet of paper.