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LOUISVILLE, KY. Feb. 1-1923

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
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New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell:-

I have your letter of Jan.30th., regarding the article you are now writing. There are a few corrections to be made.

About two years ago I had occasion to write an article on the history of Long Run Church. In my search for material I can across the minutes of the Long Run Association, for 1903, the ^{centennial} year in which the Association was organized at Long Run Church. In this minute, I found a statement to the effect, that the land upon which the church stood at one time belonged to the grandfather of Abraham Lincoln. It did not state whether it was the paternal or maternal grandfather. I had also heard several of the older people mention the Linkhorns. From these two sources of information I decided that the land belonged to the paternal grandfather. However, I made no inquiry or search of any sort until I heard that Dr. W.E. Barton, Oak Park, Ill. was make inquiries concerning the grave of Abraham Lincoln, the grandfather of the president, which he supposed was located in Jefferson County. The local newspapers seem to ridicule the idea and so I went to Mr. Thruston with what information I had. He and I coupled with the other members of the Filson Club began a thorough search of the records of the Jefferson County Court House and the legends of the community around Long Run--you know the result.

You are correct in the statement that I had heard of "old man Linkhorn" being buried in the church yard. However, it was not until last Spring when we started our search that I run across this legend. Mr. S.M. Talbott had several years before asked Mr. Tom Crask where his grandfather was buried. Mr. Crask, replied, "Don't you know that they built the church over my grandfather and grandmother's graves, and they are under there keeping company with old man Linkhorn." It was a rather rough joke handed out to Mr. Talbott, he being a southern sympathizer, and Mr. Crask a yankee soldier. I don't know that this is true, but there is a record in the church stating that there are five graves under the rear of the church, and according to the older residents of the neighborhood, the two Crask's graves and the Lincoln grave are three of them, the other two they have never been able to learn anything about. However, I have also run across an old man at Todd's Point, who claims to know about where "old man Linkhorn" is buried in the church yard; he contends that it is not under the church.

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Now, concerning the land. Abraham Linkhorn owned four-hundred acres. In the settlement of his estate, his son Mordocai received this four-hundred acre tract. Mordocai sold this property to Benjamin Bridges. Benjamin Bridges deeded the part upon which the church now stands to his son Harrison Bridges. It is in this deed that the one acre is accepted for Long Run Church. The church is situated in the north central section of the Linkhorn survey nearest the Eastern boundary, and almost on the Northern boundary of the Harrison Bridges survey.

I think you are correct in making the statement" that the probabilities are that the location of Hughes Station has been at last settled", but you must remember that the Hughes Station had been located two or three years before Linkhorn was killed. It is not unreasonable to believe that during this time some of the inhabitants of the Station died or were killed. Linkhorn, naturally would be buried where these people were buried. Don't you think that I might be correct in this surmise? However, I think it is safe to say he was one of the first to be buried in the old graveyard--perhaps, even the first.

I hope this will prove to be the information you want; if not, I shall be glad to furnish it if I can.

With all good wishes,

Yours most sincerely,

Thos. G. Fisher