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My dear Miss Tarbell:

It has been suggested to me that an incident in the life of my father, the late Major Thomas Jefferson Hutchinson, of Frankfort, Kentucky, might be of interest to you.

The first time that Lincoln ran for the Presidency, my father was the only man in Franklin County to cast a vote for him. The voting place was the old market house that stood on the corner of Ann Street and Broadway. My father's friends tried to prevent his voting and blocked his way. He got into the booth by climbing on the roof of the market place and letting himself down on the inside. Various people have told me that his life was threatened, but the only result of the voting was a sort of social ostracism for several years. Mrs. Eliza Bailey and Miss Mary Mason Scott, of Frankfort, are among those who know this story to be true.

In Lincoln's second election, my father's vote was one of eleven cast in Franklin County.

Very sincerely yours,

Ida Hutchinson Ellerman

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