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Mr. Henry W. Scarborough,
1200 Lincoln Building,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Mr. Scarborough:

I have been away from New York for a few days and on my return find your letter of January 5, which interests me very much.

All that I know of the Lincoln's in Pennsylvania is to be found in Learned's "Abraham Lincoln, An American Migration" published by William J. Campbell of Philadelphia. He goes through all of the references, I believe, which are to be found in the records of the Gwynedd and Exeter meetings. He does not, however, give any references to the Hanks family, and I should be very glad to get these. How should I go to work to have the copies made?

I should like particularly to know if there were evidences of marriage between the Lincoln and Hanks families in Pennsylvania.

As to President Lincoln being of pure Quaker descent, I doubt it. The Lincoln line was Puritan. His great-great-grandfather married a Saltar of New Jersey, a Baptist family. In Pennsylvania, however, the association of the Lincolns with Quakers was intimate and both Mordecai's and Abraham Lincoln's family married Quakers. It is possible that Lincoln's grandfather, John Lincoln - Virginia John, as he is called, married a Quaker; but this I do not know.

You say that the records of the Baptist meeting house on Smith and Linville Creeks of the Shenandoah Valley are in the hands of Mr. Estep who lives near Brock's Gap, Virginia, and that you are willing to send me his address if I wish it. I should be greatly obliged to you if you would do so. It seems to me very possible that those records might give valuable information. If you will, at your convenience, send this to me I shall immediately follow up the matter.

If in my researches I come across anything about the Scarboroughs or other families that you mention, I shall be glad

to advise you. As I have kept my attention firmly centered on the Lincolns, I do not know what I may have passed that would be of interest to you.

Thanking you heartily for your letter, believe me,
my dear Mr. Scarborough,

Very truly yours,