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Mr. Waldo Lincoln, Secretary,
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Worcester, Mass.

My dear Mr. Lincoln:

I hope I am not making too much of a nuisance of myself for these inquiries on Lincoln genealogy; but here is a point that I shall be very grateful if you will settle for me.

Do you regard Virginia John Lincoln as the oldest son of Mordecai and Hannah Salter Lincoln, as Lea makes him, or the third son as Learned makes him?

I take it that Learned bases his authority on Mordecai's will, but I am not satisfied with that. As I read that will he places the children of his second wife first - the two living sons and the expected child - leaving to them his Pennsylvania lands. He then takes up the earlier New Jersey set and leaves his New Jersey holdings to them.

When you have leisure, will you not drop me a line on this point?

I think, my dear Mr. Lincoln, that the only way for you to get rid of my letters of inquiry is to publish your Lincoln genealogy.

With the best wishes for the Holidays, believe me

Very sincerely yours,