

38 Elm Street, Midland, Pa, June 25-1941

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,

R. F. D. 1.

Bethel, Connecticut.

Dear Miss Tarbell,

My wife and I wish to thank you most heartily for your kindness to us while visiting your home on June 9th last.

That was the "high watermark" of a most enjoyable vacation trip, through dignified and cultured New England. It was most gracious of you to receive us and I hope that our call in no way proved detrimental to your health. I have been a little worried that I may have made too much use of your willingness to be kind. —

We went north after leaving you and were particularly impressed by the many beautiful homes with their spotless white, dark green and artistic doorways which lined the road from Danbury to Hartford. At old Deerfield, Mass. we had to stay a day. That little town is so steep

full of tradition, old buildings and many centuries old trees that we found it altogether to our liking. - From there we turned east, visited Worcester, Concord, Lexington, Salem and for the second time decided we had found our favorite, Marblehead. There too we had to stay a while. Gloucester was of course interesting, but High Street, Newbury port took us again off our feet. How delightfully artistic and dignified these old mansions were! - Boston could only keep us one full day. Next Sunday morning we arrived at Old Ship Church, Hingham, just as the old church bell of 1822 called the old timers to worship.

An old, dignified, retired minister in his robe made an unforgettable picture, where he stood in the old, restored pulpit of 1755, preaching a sermon such as must often have been heard in the dark days previous to '75. The sectm of the church was very anxious to tell all about old days and it was very interesting indeed.

To find Mordecai I mill and home was not very difficult and with good luck we were invited by the gracious lady, who now owns the old homestead, to see the interior and particularly the original fireplace. -

In the graveyard at North Scituate we observed "Murderer's" grave and then continued to follow the coast all the way out to Provincetown at the end of Cape Cod and at Mattapoisett on Buzzard's Bay we picked up a fine old Boston rocker as a souvenir of the delightful old Bay state.

Of course we visited The Lincoln Collection at Brown. Two very attractive rooms filled with a most valuable collection. Too bad I did not have time to absorb ^{more} of all the valuable information there available.

Passing through inland Connecticut again we next stopped at Upsala College, East Orange.

I wished to see Mr. Valentine Bjorkman's collection, but it is not unpacked as yet. -

From Princeton we turned to Freehold, but could only find Debora Lincoln's marker, which is now very easy to locate. -

A little circling around in Berks' county, Pennsylvania, brought us to Daniel Boone's homestead, Mordecai II's "Amity house" and the old meeting house at Exeter. -

Thus our trip was altogether delightful and very memorable and will to us be a source of pleasant memories.

With fond hopes that your health will steadily improve and with all best wishes from us,
Sincerely yours, Hal Seaberg.