

January 13, 1923

Mrs. J. L. Nall,
Carthage, Mo.

My dear Madam:

A number of years ago your husband made a statement in regard to the Lincoln family with which, of course, you are familiar.

Mr. Nall did not, as I remember, say anything in that statement about Thomas Lincoln's wife, Nancy Hanks, except that he had never heard himself the story that she was of illegitimate birth. Can you tell me if Mr. Nall later made any attempt to trace the story of the Hanks family? It seemed to me possible that once his attention was called to the traditions that were afloat that he might have taken some pains to get at the truth of the matter. If this is so and you have among his papers anything that would be of value to one interested in the Hanks genealogy, I shall be grateful if you will let me know.

Very truly yours,