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Okla. Ill., April 7, 13.

Miss Ida Tarbell,

Dear madam: We hope this season to mark a historical spot three miles north of this city. It was the site of the first Okla County Court House, the camping place and burial spot of Kapa, Indian chief who next to Shabbona, Wabwassee and Black Hawk was the best known Indian chief in this locality, and thins the place where the army camped for two days at the time of the Blackhawk war. - We had supposed that there was no question but what, Gen Taylor, Jefferson Davis and Lincoln - the presidents later - camped over night at this grove, but I hear that

when you were writing
your history of Lincoln you
discovered evidence casting
doubt on the matter. I
was told that you have proof
~~that~~ Davis was not here
or that he met the army
at Galena or some place
and was not with them
at Dixon, Stillman Valley
ad. or Keokuk. We do not
wish to make a bronze
tablet stating that Davis
was at Coltonville and
later find that it was
not true. If you will
give me what evidence at
hand you have on this
point you will confer
a great favor not only
to me but a large
number of people interested.

Yours,

H. W. Fay

Enclosed find stamps -