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Dennysville, Me.,
~~Boston, Mass.~~, Sept. 9, 1923.

My Dear Miss Tarbell:—

I have three Excuses for my presumption in writing you, possibly four;— I met you once at the Sanitarium at Clifton Springs, N.Y. of which My Son, Dr. Malcolm S. Woodbury was Superintendent. He went from us two years and a half ago. My own Mother, and My husband's Mother were descendants of Abraham Pinchon's immigrant Ancestor Samuel Pinchon of Hingham, in the same Generation

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As Abraham Lincoln himself, in three different lines. This town, where my Summer home is was dotted by descendants of Samuel Lincoln, and of Thomas Lincoln the Cooper through General Benjamin Lincoln of Yorktown fame. My father was a genealogist, and I have the same instincts.

Third:— I have been a Student of Lincoln for a great many years, a lecturer for thirty years. I have over 100 volumes on Lincoln and Albert Bushnell Hart and other leaser lights day I have the most comprehensive set of Stereopticon Slides on the Life of Lincoln Extant; I have drawn from five of the six best Collections of pictures &c, in the Country.

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Fremont, I read every thing I see in regard to Lincoln
and everything which I see of Ida M. Tarbell's, whether
on Lincoln or not; Of course Tarbell's Life of Lincoln
is in my Collection.
After all this preamble may I ask a question?
In your recent Article in the American Magazine you
refer to Lincoln's son "Thaddeus or Tad," "Pardon me, I am
asking purely for information, was his name Thaddeus? My
library is not here, but I have always seen his name given
as Thomas. There were four sons; Robert Todd, Edward
Baker (named for Lincoln's close friend who put his name in
nomination in 1860.) Willie and? I shall be very
grateful for the information and my preamble must be
my excuse for troubling you. Admiringly yours,
(Mrs.) Ida Sumner Vose Woodbury.

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