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Dear Sir:

In response to your questions of the 9 inst:—

1. There are persons living who knew Lincoln when a boy in Ind. One together is as reported living when I was gathering material which is now in your hands.

2. Some of Sally Lincoln Grisby's relatives are living in Cincinnati, other in Spencer Co.. There are somethings about her that are just as well not published,—still I think I can give additional matter & avoid the scandal.

3. I can drain the country for Thomas Lincoln's peculiarities for Gentry is still living.

4. That "Heem's Life of Washington" is not in Ind. At least I could not find it.

5. There is no picture of Mrs. Crawford but I may possibly be able to purchase negative of the original. I will search for it, & also try to find a photograph of the Lincoln home as it stood, when photographed in 1860 campaign. Mrs. Crawford's daughters are living somewhere in Ind.

6. Yes, as to the Flat Boat & Lincoln's visits

in 1844, when he made three speeches in favor of Henry Clay for Pres. A school house, before which he spoke, is still standing in Knox Co. & men are living who, as boys, heard him speak.

There are, I believe, thirty-four lives of Lincoln & not one devote proper space to his boyhood in Ind.

I was called by business into Spencer Co. & while there felt that a newspaper article would be good; the inspiration grew & I revisited the place, taking Shores, a photographer who ranks well in southern Ind., the result you have. I doubt if better pictures can be obtained. If you will pay expenses I will endeavor to take Hatton of Evansville.

Answer positively & promptly.

At what rates, word, or page, do you pay & what will be the amount you are willing to pay for this entire article? I must know before I take this extra trip as it will cost me not much less than fifty dollars to visit the people as they live in little-out-of-the-way places & far apart in Ky., Ill., & Ind. The expense has, no doubt, deterred the many brothers of the pen who have visited Spencer Co., for not money alone but time & patience are required. I have only Aug. to devote to southern Ind. Therefore ask for a prompt reply.

Sincerely yours, A. Hoosier.