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Dear Miss Carroll:

The best picture available of Mary Owens is this in the First Volume of Herndon's Life of Lincoln opposite page 144. It is the source of all pictures that I have seen and is clear enough for an artist to work on I should think.

Ann Rutledge - The best description of Ann Rutledge that I know, and one thoroughly documented is the following taken from Beveridge's, Life of Lincoln. There is a collection of letters, gathered by W. H. Herndon in 1865 and 1866 to which Beveridge had access. He has a document then for every adjective used here. These I can give you if you want.

On second thought I am having the Beveridge description quoted on a separate sheet thinking it might be more convenient for you.

Mary Lincoln - I am sending you five prints, four of which you will see are from photographs. The fifth from some sort of a portrait, one of the few portraits not idealized but not at all attractive to my way of thinking. There is a fairly good portrait made by Frank Carpenter who lived in the White House in 1854. It was done after the War. You probably could get permission to re-produce it if you liked it. I rather think the No. 1 photograph send is the most attractive - authentic - one.

If I can be of any further use please command me.

Very sincerely

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