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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
New York City,

Dear Madam:

Professor John W. Wayland of Harrisonburg, Va., has written to me that you were hunting up information relating to our late president, Abraham Lincoln. It is my belief that the Shenandoah Valley was largely settled by Quakers from Pennsylvania.

My own ancestor, Robert Scarborough, together with his sister, Mary Pickering Lupton, and her sons, William and () Pickering, and their nephews, named Brook and Mayworth, were early settlers of the valley. On 5-19-1744, Abraham Lincoln and thirty-two others witnessed the marriage certificate of Benjamin Dawson and Elizabeth Fossell at the Arch Street Meeting House, in Philadelphia.

The Gwynedd Monthly Meeting, located in Gwynedd Township, Montgomery County, Pa., at one time had as its members, those Quakers who resided in northern Bucks County, northern Montgomery County, and Berks County, Pa.

On 3-31-1737 the Gwynedd Meeting, which was sometimes known as the Oley or Maidens' Creek Meeting, and finally known as the Exeter Monthly Meeting, at Maidens' Creek about ten miles from Reading, Berks County, Pa. The records of

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these two meetings contain the names of many members of the Lincoln and Hank families. It is my recollection that Hank was the name of the President's mother. I believe that a careful investigation would show that the former President was of almost pure Quaker descent. The Exeter Meeting records show the birth of about 50 Boones, including the celebrated Daniel Boone of Kentucky fame, and several marriages between the Lincoln and Boone families. The said records also show a Linvel family, for whom Linvel's Creek, in the Shenandoah Valley, was probably named. The records also show a large Morgan family and several Daniel Morgans, one of whom was likely the celebrated general, Daniel, who was born near Durham, Bucks County.

There was early a Baptist Meeting House on Smith's Creek, and another one on Linvel Creek, served by one pastor. The records of these churches are in the hands of Mr. Estep, who resides on ^{Jurisd} ~~a mountain~~ creek, near Brock's Gap, Va. I have his address and would look it up and send it to you if you wish it.

If in your searches you should come across any information relating to the early Scarboroughs or their relatives, the Luptons, Pickerings, Brooks, and Hayworths, who settled in the Shenandoah Valley shortly after 1737, I should be pleased to be

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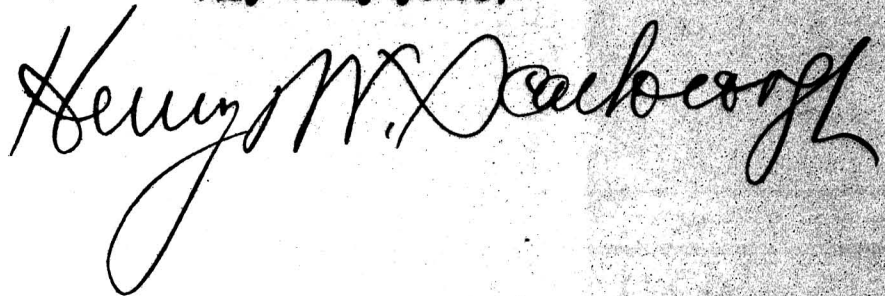
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advised.

Very truly yours,

HWS/MEH

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Henry W. Scarborough". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Henry W. Scarborough".