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Miss Ida Tarbell
New York City N.Y.
My dear Miss Tarbell,

As you have not answered my letter, I feel that you, being a woman of very high ideals, think this matter should rest. I would appreciate having your opinion on the matter. I am afraid that sometime, it may be in the not distant future, this thing is going to be badly told, & being a direct decendant of his father, I am keenly interested. I regret that ~~that~~ it is so, & yet I cannot but feel a little proud of the fact. No one could tell this more gracefully than yourself, Miss Tarbell. The man in question, was a man of means for those days, well-versed in law, very generous to the poor and very hospitable. He bears a strong resemblance to our subject as did my father. I possess pictures that would surprise you. My mother was a decendant of John D. Adams

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and it was she who told me the truth; and when she died at the age of eighty-five, she told me to make this known in order to end once and for all time the controversy on the subject. I have an old daguerreotype of the father that I think is the only one in existence.

I would appreciate your opinion Miss Tarbell, and will hold it in confidence, and will bother you no more.

Very sincerely
Mrs. Jos. Winkler

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