

August 21, 1931

My dear Mrs. Rudolph:

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I have been hoping for many weeks to find leisure to write you fully about the manuscript which you sent me in May, but I have never had time to give it anything like the study that it deserves.

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I have, however, been over it twice with care. I do not feel that I have any right to pronounce judgment further than this that I am confident that you are on the track of the truth about these Lincolns. You have done by far the most intelligent piece of work that has as yet been done; and with your sincerity and integrity, as well as infinite patience, I am hoping someday that you will have the honor of settling for good and all the complete documentary evidence of the Lincoln house scandal!

I would give a great deal if I could help you by practical suggestions but you have gone so much further ahead of me that all I can do is to sit on the sidelines and urge you on, feeling so sure as I do that out of such work as yours finally the satisfactory solution will come.

Of course there is no need of my saying to you that I feel that any Lincoln connection may cast light on your problem. It is for that reason that I have taken the liberty of suggesting your name to a Miss Hunt of Tuscola, Illinois, who is interested in the relations between the Lincoln and the Yarnall families. I have of course referred her to Waldo Lincoln's History of the Lincoln Family. I have also told her that it might be possible that you would have some information which would be useful to her. I did this, not for her particularly, but because I thought possibly that there might be some query in your mind about Yarnalls which she could satisfy, that is, if she goes on with her work.

If she writes you then use your own discretion about troubling with her - simply tell her that you have nothing, if that is the case.

There is one suggestion in your letter of which I so heartily agree and which I want to ask if you have been able to do anything about, that is, the desirability of a thorough search of the records in Campbell. It certainly should be gone over - those of the court - of the churches. There should be a search of tombstones. Have you been able to do ^{ed} anything about this? When I read your letter how I wish I had time and money to help. You do not know how much I want to see full success come to you, dear Mrs. Rudolph.

I have been wondering how you have endured this hot summer for I suspect that Warren has been as bad as New York, if not worse. It has really been quite wearing here.

I hope you will forgive my long silence. It is never lack of interest. It is always due to having too much work and too many family obligations on hand - ~~where~~ work and obligations I am thankful to have; but sometimes they produce under my defective management a congestion which keeps me from doing things that I want very much to do - like studying your records for one thing.

With all good wishes, believe me

Faithfully yours

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