

March 23, 1934

My dear Mrs. Mathews:

You have learned I know from Clara that I am on your track. I asked her for your address and she writes me that you are in Poland. It is a pleasure for me to think of you. I hope you and all the family are well. I should appreciate news of them.

My immediate reason for wanting to write you was that some time ago I received a letter from a Mr. Thomas Malone of Minneapolis, Minn., asking if I knew anything about a document in which W. S. Mathews born in Poland, later of Youngstown, was cited by Abraham Lincoln for bravery in action. As Mr. Malone understood it the document was written by Lincoln but never signed by him, but later signed by President Johnson. Mr. Malone thought that possibly I might have a copy of this paper - the fac-simile.

I wrote him that I had no such fac-simile but that I would be glad to write you if I could get your address, asking if you still had the paper and in case you did whether you would be willing for me to have a photostat made for my Lincoln files.

I would not want to interfere with any writing that Mr. Malone might want to do, but I should be most happy to be able to include among my fac-simile of Lincoln documents this copy with any story of it you might give me. I think we talked about it once, did we not years ago?

I hope I am not troubling you in asking if you would be willing that I arrange for the copying of the document. I suppose there must be a photographer in Poland who could do the work.

And may I give Mr. Malone your address?
He has written me very courteous letters.

Please give my love to all the family
and believe me as always

Affectionately yours

Mrs. W. S. Mathews
Poland, Ohio