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S. S. McClure

New York.

Dear Sir,

I have read with great pleasure the biography of Lincoln, in Your Magazine of Nov & Dec, and I feel that I must explain why I have such great adoration for this Noble Man, and perhaps Your Editor may so arrange what I may say, so as to place another Jem, in the (Already over crowded) Crown of this Greate and Good Man,

I never see, or hear the name of Abraham Lincoln, but my memory runs back to the year of 1864, when I a boy of 13 years was left Fatherless, and I sought and found relief through President Lincoln,

But I must explain, before I occupy too much of Your time, for fear this my go to the waste basket,

Well, in the year above mentioned in the Month of Nov- my Father who was in moderate Circumstances was accidently killed by a Steam Saw mill which he was running, leaving my Mother and myself without any one to look after

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us, my two older Brothers being in the U.S. army. My brother next older than I was in a Light Artiler Co, from this State, and Capt Ewing of Wheeling W.Va commanding. My Oldest brother belonged to the 4th U.S. Regular Artilery Capt. Follett Commanding and was at that time lying in front of Richmond Va My mother and my self was sore distressed and we could not decide for some time what we should do. finaly I suggested that I write to the President and ask him if He would not let my older brother came home, and so I did, stating the case like a boy of 13 Years would, this letter I cannot recall verbatim, but I stated it as if my mother was the wrighter and explained that she had two sons serving in the army, giveing their Company and location, and also explained how the Husband and Father was killed by a accident, And requested that the Son in the Regular army might be sent home to take care of the Mother, and so the letter was sealed and address to Abraham Lincln, President of the U. S. Washington D.C.

In a few day my Mother received a large official paper, which neither of us then understood

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(but it proved to be a copy of a discharge forwarded by Sec of War Stanton and read. By Special order of Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States, Lloyd Hickman of Battery D. 4th U.S. Artilery. is this day Honerably discharged from Servis.) and I took the paper and started to the County Seat to Consult with Some official to know what should be done, and on my way to the Town I met my brother on his way home,

Now Mr Editor in conclusion I beg to say that I would love to see this Apparently Small incident, (which shows the goodness of a Greate man) set in a formally manner, among the good things done by Presidend Lincoln.

Respectfully

C. L. Hickman

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