

Tarbell - Sept. 13, 1927

Mr. W. H. Townsend
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My dear Mr. Townsend:

I have recently been going over with care the valuable contribution to Lincoln's life which you made when you published in 1923 your "Abraham Lincoln - Defiant."

It occurred to me in re-reading the book that you must have valuable information concerning Mrs. Lincoln - her childhood in Lexington and possibly later letters that may have been written in connection with the trial. A letter just received from Mr. George Dondere of Royal Oak, Mich., tells me I am not wrong in my supposition.

I have on hand an article on Mrs. Lincoln and I have been planning to go soon to Lexington to get the lay of the land there in her youth. Probably I shall make my visit early in October. Would you be willing, my dear Mr. Townsend, to talk with me when I am there? I should very much appreciate it.

Hoping that it will be possible for you to see me, believe me,

Very sincerely yours

See his letter Sept. 16, 1927