

Hodgenville, Kentucky  
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Miss Ida M. Tarbell  
120 E. 19th Street  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

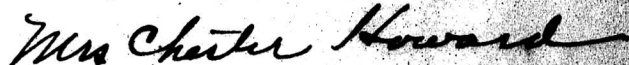
Eight years ago I purchased the Lincoln farm on Knob Creek, and with the help of Mr. John Barry and Mr. Robert Thompson, I had a replica of the Knob Creek home constructed with logs taken from the Austin Gallaher cabin. Thousands of people have stopped to see the place, and I have heard many say that the Knob Creek home appealed to them more than the birthplace.

It has always been my desire to see this place a national park, and to give the Knob Creek home some deserved publicity. I know of nothing more important than calling attention to the fact that five of the seven years Lincoln spent in Kentucky were at the Knob Creek farm. I am writing to ask you if you would write a pamphlet or small book giving all the history of this place, or if you could not would you suggest someone who would?

I am sure that you remember Mr. John J. Barry of New Haven, Kentucky. I have heard him speak of you many times. He died three years ago.

I would be very grateful to hear from you. I am enclosing a map and some cards which I think you would like.

Very truly yours,



Mrs. Chester Howard

