

June 5th, 1930.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th Street,
New York City.

Dear Madam:-

I have been advised by Dr. Holland, Chief of the Fine Arts Division of the Library of Congress, to address you relative to two pictures of Lincoln recently coming to my possession, with the suggestion from Dr. Holland that you might at least enlighten me as to the nature of that which I possess.

The first one, apparently a proof picture of Abraham Lincoln on the Battlefield of Antietam before an open tent in company with Allan Pinkerton and Gen. McClernand; Lincoln being a full figure, bearded and with high hat. The whole picture being about 19 x 16". This proof, or whatever it may be, is at least fifty years of age and was originally found in a small shanty on the property whereon the Battle of the Wilderness was fought; the shanty having been owned by the father of a client of mine. It has been in the possession of the family ever since.

The second item is a still more ancient one and appears to be a daguerreotype in some sort of a composition frame. I have not loosened the frame so as to discover the exact type of picture. Both picture and frame are certainly very old. This likewise has been in the possession of a client of mine and his family since the 60's. The picture itself is about 2 1/4 x 3 1/4"; it is perfectly preserved and an excellent likeness of Lincoln during his "clean shaven" period. It appears to be the head and shoulders of Lincoln, or a daguerreotype taken in 1854. He is wearing a coat with velvet collar, large tie and very rumpled hair. It is certainly the identical pose, so far as the head and shoulders are concerned, of that daguerreotype from which the Barmore etching of Lincoln No. 10 is made.

I think that it can be established that this item, whatever it be, came directly from Lincoln himself and has been in but two hands since the 60's.

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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,

Can you give me any probable information concerning either item? I would greatly appreciate your courtesy.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "W. L. Brunyate", written in a cursive style.