

October 20, 1930

Mr. G. W. Wells  
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Cleveland, Ohio

My dear Sir:

I have your letter of October 13th, saying that you have an oil painting of Abraham Lincoln given by him to your grandfather, Mr. Sims, of Springfield, Illinois and that you wish to dispose of it.

Have you ever tried to dispose of it in Cleveland? That is the place for you to begin. It is probable that some dealer in the town would be willing to exhibit it in his window around Lincoln's birthday with a little typewritten history of the picture attached. You might find a buyer then.

Have you called upon the Directors of the Library? Or, if there is in Cleveland as I think there is, an Art Gallery - have you seen the authorities there?

Mr. Oliver Barrett of Chicago is a large collector and might be interested in your picture - I do not know. His address is -

I will bear your letter in mind and if I have an opportunity to speak to anyone interested in such a picture I will tell them about it. Of course, the picture must be seen before anyone will buy it. It might be a good plan for you to have photographs made and to send them to Art Galleries, Historical Societies, etc. They are the most probable buyers. Have you ever tried this?

Hoping that you will have success in placing the picture where it will be appreciated, believe me

Very truly yours