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My dear Miss Tarbell:

I want to thank you for your very gracious words with reference to my book. The expressions of appreciation which have come to me in a measure have rewarded me for the years of toil, and sacrifice, made necessary by this effort.

It looks now as if the Indiana volumn which I have been preparing will have to wait until I can go more fully into the Lincoln and Hanks ancestry. It would please me very much if I could bring from the press a book on "Lincoln's Grandparents," and possibly this will be my immediate task, if my routine work with my church is not too laborious. I am sure that you agree with me that at present we know but one of Lincoln's four grandpatents.

You will find enclosed Dr. Barton's review of my book as published in the Christian Science Monitor. It can be more fully appreciated by first reading your own review of his book. After reading my book you will realize how dependent he was upon my efforts for his Kentucky history which was by far as you suggest the feature of his book.

I am also enclosing a carbon copy of my conclusions about the signature of Lucy Hanks, which I sent to Dr. Barton at the time my magazine article appeared. You may keep both the carbon copy and the review.

Of course I will be very grateful for any good word you may say about the book that will give it a wider circulation as the financial returns will largely determine the scope of future resesazches. I am very glad if you feel I have made some contribution to Lincolniana.

Thanking you for your words of encouragment, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Louis A. Warren