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I desire to obtain copies of books and magazine articles of which you are the authoress concerning Abraham Lincoln wherein is mentioned names of the Francis family (my grandparents) of Springfield, Illinois. There were the brothers, Allen and Simeon, founders of the Springfield (Illinois) State Journal; my grandmother, Cecilia Francis, and my mother, aunts and uncles.

When a youngster often I heard my mother speak of the Lincolns--of Abraham Lincoln holding her upon his knee and saying: "Little girls are sweet, but the older they become the sweeter they be." Mother also told of my Uncle Edwin having wrestled with the Lincoln boys.

Miss Tarbell, will you please inform me titles of your books and articles wherein is mentioned the Francis' --where same may be procured, together with prices thereof.

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