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Dear Miss Tarbell:

I have delayed answering yours of the 19th ult. in order that I might confer with "Aunt Polly" in regard to the Family Register. I find that it contains nothing but a record of the births, etc., of the children of Joseph Hanks, himself and his wife. The whole family seems to have been plain, unlettered people without a conception of the importance of a connected family history, content to let their ancestors sink into oblivion.

It is bitterly disappointing to me to realize that I can do nothing to clear up this cloud upon the family history, feeling as I do that a gross injustice has been done to one of the purest spirits that ever lived upon earth, one whom the great Lincoln called his "angel mother."

I shall always hold myself in readiness to co-operate with you in tracing this matter up; I have still a chance to reach the history of Mrs Lincoln through a member of the family who lived in Ohio during the war, should I be able to find him or any of his descendents.

By the way, I have done a little amateur story writing myself, chiefly frontier and mountain sketches. Having the vanity to want you to read one of them, I enclose a copy, which is perhaps, one of the best I have written.

With High* regards

Your servant,

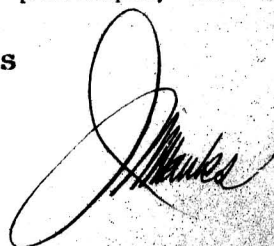


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