

W. H. A.

Fiske, Wis., Oct. 22, 1935.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I thank you very much for your kindly letter.

I trust that you will pardon another question, which is quite important to me.

You are familiar with the facsimile of the autograph of Lucy Hawks, facing page 62, vol. one, Barton's Life of Lincoln.

I have not seen the original manuscript of this letter. Doubtless you have.

Is there anything in the original manuscript of this letter to substantiate the claim that the word "widow" is there?

I have been told that there is a confusing blur of ink before the word "day" ^{in the fac simile} which blur of ink is not in the original manuscript.

I have been told that this disputed word is "day", and goes with the date written above. (This "day" before "Lucy Hawk" strongly resembles

the word "day" in the expression "this day",
two lines above.)

Kindly state your views on
this subject.

I shall be grateful.

Sincerely,

Albert H. Griffith.