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Miss Ida Tarbell,
120 E. Nineteenth Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Thanks for your answer to my letter, which contained the exact information I wanted. The fifty mile radius of the circle around the Lincoln Farm took in Vincennes, also Corydon, which was the state capital up to 1825, and quite a seat of culture for the wilderness as late as 1830; also Evansville and Princeton, but lacked probably several miles of taking in New Harmony, but it took in the entire English Settlement.

I am writing you again for verification of a statement which is made in your Life of Lincoln, as I remember--I have not the book before me and do not recall exactly the form of your statement of fact, but I refer to the circumstance of Lincoln visiting the house of John A. Breckenridge and having access to his library. I think one statement gives it that he sat on a stump, or sat in front of the house, and read a book without taking it away. My recollection is that you say something on that subject, and it becomes important for me to be able to justify a statement by me where I relied upon your book as authority.

If it is not asking too much to have you call my attention to the source of your authority, I would be under many obligations for an early answer on the point. I know as a matter of fact you interviewed a good many people, and you may have some memorandum on the subject, and if you have it is going to be valuable.

Thanking you in advance for an early answer, I am

Sincerely yours,

John E. Iglehart.

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