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Answer

Deford, Ohio, Nov. 16, 1895

W. M. McClure, Ltd.

Dear Sir:

There are two points in connection with Lincoln's life that I thought I would call your attention to, thinking that maybe you could investigate regarding them and find out some additional points thereby.

First, when I lived in Western Illinois, they had tradition that Lincoln helped to survey, or lay out the town of New Boston in Mercer Co., Ill. I am not sure whether I heard this by mouth only, but think I also saw a statement to that effect perhaps in a County History of Mercer Co.

This might be of interest if Lincoln spent part of his time like Washington and others of our great men. The Postmaster at New Boston could advise you whether this is correct.

Second, I met this summer a young man, Mr. Leonard Woods of Biggsville, Henderson Co., Ill., whose mother is living and is a cousin or second cousin of Lincoln's. She was a Hanks and is living in Iowa. I do not know her address, but

