My dear Mr. Barrett:

I am now ready to take up the question of the Virginia deed of Abraham Lincoln which you refer to in your letter of June 19th, in which you say his wife's name is given as Bethsheba. There is no doubt that his wife was Nancy Shipley. Can you give me the date of this Bethsheba deed, where it is recorded, (Rockingham or Amelia County,) or better still have you a copy of this deed which you could loan me. I hope to be able to go to Virginia in about a month in order to look up the different records there. Therefore, any information which you can give me now or any queries which you may have which I can look up, I shall be glad to do.

I have very few records of the Shipleys. The father was Ralph Shipley.

In your work on Abraham Lincoln's life, have you looked up who of the Berry's, Mitchells, Sparrows, and Hazels were at the Pigeon Creek settlement while Abraham Lincoln was there? Have you also ever looked up the early Hanks connections with the Lincoln ancestors in New Jersey and Pennsylvania and the emigrations of these two families to Virginia? Of course, being a Hanks, I believe it was more Hanks than Lincoln blood that made Lincoln Lincoln.

Elizabeth Sparrow was the aunt of Nancy, and Nancy's sister Elizabeth married Levi Hall, the parents of Squire and Ma-
tilde Hall. I do not know who the Nancy, wife of Levi Hall, Sr., is whom you refer to. Nancy's aunt Nancy on her mother's side married Abraham Lincoln and she had no aunt Nancy on her father's side. If I am wrong about this, will you correct me?

Have you also ever looked into the transfer of real estate of Joseph Hanks and Thomas Lincoln in Kentucky?

You have not yet criticised the manuscript which I sent you for correction.

Yours very truly,
Boston,

Oct. 11, 1902

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