

Springfield, Ill. May 28. 1860
Hon. Sam. Maycraft
Dear Sir:

Your recent letter, without date, is received. Also the copy of your speech on the contemplated Daniel Boone monument, which I have not yet had time to read. In the main you are right about my history. My father was Thomas Lincoln, and Mrs Sally Johnston, was his second wife - You are mistaken about my mother - her maiden name was Nancy Banks - I was not born at Elizabethtown, but my mother's first child, a daughter, two years older than myself, and now long since deceased, was - I was born Feb. 12. 1809, near where Boggsville now is, then in Hardens County.

I do not think I ever saw you, though I very well know who you are - so well that I recognized your hand-writing, on opening your letter, before I saw the signature. My recollection is that Ben. Helms was first clerk, that you succeeded him, that Jack Thomas and William Harleigh graduated in the same office, and that your hand-writing were all very similar - Am I right?

My father has been dead near ten years; but my step-mother (Mrs Johnson) is still living -

I am really very glad of your letter, and shall be pleased to receive another at any time -

Yours very truly
A. Lincoln

