The Manufactures Nat'l Bank

Philad^a. Feb 3 1866

Rev E Nason

Dear Sir

I duly received your esteemed favor & regret my efforts in aid of your Lincoln Genealogical Researches have not been attended with greater success

You will observe by the enclosed papers, that the Family hitherto said to be in Chester Co, was really in Berks & that Mr Muhlenberg had obtained the information it contains, although I believe the copy now furnished gives it more in detail

I will now write to a "Friend" who can have access to the Records of the meeting in Winchester Va. & hope something more to your purpose can be obtained there. — If the Presidents Grandfather owned the farm he occupied in Berks Co. & sold it after 1752 when that County was formed we may get the date on the Recorders office in Reading — of its Conveyance & perhaps of his removal to Va. —

I will Communicate with you whenever I have any matter of importance to give

& am Very truly

Yrs

John Jordan

JOHN JORDAN

JOHN JORDAN, JR., *President.* M. W. WOODWARD, *Cashier.*

The Manufacturers National Bank.

Philadelphia, March 3rd 1866

Rev'd & Dear Sir,

I have not kept copies of the dates of births & deaths of the Lincoln family of Berks Co. sent you & beg you will furnish them to me. They are needed for the identification of the parents. I have now the wills of Mordecai L. made Febr. 22. 1735 admitted to Probate June 7 1736. his wife Mary. Sole executrix — children appear to be under age — they are Mordecai, Thomas John, & provides for the posthumous one — (probably Abraham who was the one named to the friend H Boone — & for this I need the date of his birth sent to you) his daughters, Hannah Mary Ann & Sarah. The Trustees were George Boone & Jonathan Robeson — all of these were in Amity Township Philad^a Co — in 1752 became Berks Co. Mordecai spells his name Lincon

Next I have will of Abraham Lincon blacksmith of Springfield Twp. Chester in (1786 & now Delaware) about 10 miles west of this City made April 15th 1745 &

+ See Extract from Family Bible

admitted to probate April 29. 1745 a fortnight subsequently — does not mention his wife — & must have been widowed —

Bequests are to

Son John monty — his plantation — but if he dies before the age of 21 then to his

Son Abraham to whom he bequeaths £35. & one half of residuary estate

Son Jacob — the other moiety — on conditions

to Son Mordecai — a house in Phiead^a if he returns into this province within seven years after my decease — If not then to

Son Isaac to

daughters Rebecca & Sarah — one of the witnesses is John Morton believed to be father of the Signer &c — You will recollect that in Mr Soloman Lincolns paper — the late Prest. States" my Grandfather Abraham had as I think I have heard four brothers, Isaac Jacob Thomas & John — by substituting Mordecai for Thomas, the above would agree —

It would seem that the contingency under which Abraham would succeed to Jonis Share did not occur — In a conveyance in our Recorders office, is record of deed Abraham L. Cordwainer & Esther his wife 1744 he is probably the above A —

Can it be that the elder Mordecai & Abraham are Grandsons of Samuel of Hingham mentioned in the "Memoir" D.

Abrahams name does not appear in the list of Taxables in the present Co of Delaware in 1722 but occurs in 1735 — His tax was then 8s being the fourth as to amount in the twp. the highest being 12s & the whole number of taxables 25. — I have this from Judge Smith who has written a history of Del Co

I am about to have researches in the records of West Chester — & also among those of the Friends Meetings in Derby & Springfield where if Abraham were a member of that society, complete Registers exist —

I found the Bible of which I formerly wrote you, in possession of Wm Taggart of Norristown — who very kindly brought it to me on first leaf — It was an Oxford Barkett edition 1726 is "Mordecai Lincoln his Book & hand" His will is that of 1735 — & further entries are of the family principally of his wife Mary's second marriage — Enclosed is a Copy — I also enclose a Copy of memoranda — obtained from Ann Scarlett She is Grand-daughter of Ann daughter of Mordecai on first page of this —

Numerous descendants exist of the Springfield Abrahams, & I think in time we may obtain a tolerably accurate account of the Chain of descent of our late Excellent President, prior to the removal to Virginia

I have no reply as yet to my letter to Winchester Va — Instead of sending you "bits" of information piece meal as I commenced I will merely sketch what is in progress of collection & transmit the wills & other papers when we have exhausted all possible sources

Every one seems sincerely desirous of aiding me, & the memory of our illustrious subject is more reverently cherished in view of recent events in Washington City —

Dr George Smith (now an associate Judge) of Delaware Co. would be an acquisition to the society —

I am very truly & hastily
Yours
John Jordan

Rev E Nason

JOHN JORDAN

Abraham Lincoln (son of Mordecai & Mary Lincoln) Born
October 18th 1736 Died Jun 31st 1806 Aged 69 Y 3 M 3 D
Died April 4th 1807
Annie Boone (Daughter of James & Mary Boone) Born April 3rd 1737
1st Mary Lincoln Born September 15th 1761 Died Jan 19th 1827
2nd Martha Lincoln Born January 25th 1763 Jan 29th 1849
3rd Mordecai Lincoln Born January 11th 1765 September 12th 1822
4th James Lincoln Born May 5th 1767 Dec 11th 1860
5th Annia Lincoln Born April 19th 1769 February 3rd 1847
6th Rachel Lincoln Born March 24th 1771 July 19th 1775
7th Phebe Lincoln Born January 22nd 1773
8th Anne Lincoln Born October 19th 1774 Nov 9th 1824
9th Thomas Lincoln Born March 12th 1777 Dec 27th 1863
10th John Lincoln Born October 21st 1779 April 4th 1864

13 names

Phiead^a March 2 1866

Revd E. Nason

Dr Sir

Can you furnish me with a half dozen Copies of our Sol^d. Lincoln's pamphlet for distribution among our people from whom I am in receipt of intelligence of the family in this State. —

I have step by Step obtained many interesting facts although as yet nothing to connect the Lincolns of this State with those of New England. —

Answered. 4 "Lincolns" sent. E. N.

Thus far I have traced, a Mordecai Lincoln resident in Amity township where will I have dated 1735 & one of Abraham 1745 — resident in Springfield township Chester (now Delaware Co.) — both of which will be sent to you ere long —

The descendants are numerous in the latter County & much interest is manifested in various places on the subject —

If Edward Armstrong is not a member of the Society I would like to have him nominated from Philad. See is much the best genealogist we have here, & I will ask him to take charge of the arrangement of the materials I am collecting, & which from want of time I cannot well attend to —

It may be well for me to write to Mr Gol. the author is is his address "Hingham" — I desire to know if he can conjecture when one of the family came here —

Please hand the enclosed to Mr Towne.

Very truly
Yours
John Fadawa

Stonersville P. O. 1 mo 30th

W. Townsend Frd

I have made applica
tion to some of the younger branches
of the Lincoln family, found a Bible
with the Records which I enclose
which nevertheless appear to me to be of
little account; As to any further
information, I had given what I
could ascertain to H. H. Muhlenberg of
the City of Reading some time since

Respectfully
James Lee

Extracted from the Bible in possession of William Taggart of Norristown Penna — Quarto Oxford (Baskett) 1726

Mr T. married the daughter of Antony Lee of Berks Co. whose mother was Boone

On the first Blank Page

" Mordecai Lincoln his Book & hand

Mary the Widow of the said Mordecai Lincoln intermarried with Robert Rogers

Jacob son of George Nagel & Rebecca his wife (daughter of Mary Rogers by the aforesaid Rogers) was born at Reading in Berks Co Pa at 3 o'clock in the morning of Wednesday Decr 15th 1762

Benjamin Lincoln born October 29th 1757

John Lincoln ... March 28th 1758

Ann Lincoln Nov. 22. 1759

Antony Lee ... 5th day 10th month 1784

Rebecca Rogers was born 27th day of Sept. 1740

Lincoln Rogers at same birth 7th day deceased Nov. 25 1741

Lincoln Rogers 12th of the name born May 29th 1743 1st day of the week

Reading Pa
Decr 4. 1865

John Jordan Esq
Phila.

Dear Sir. Your letter of the 11th of Novr last came duly to hand, & I now acknowledge its receipt, lest you might think it miscarried, or perhaps that I was not disposed to give it any attention.

As you are aware the Lincolns have been residing in this County since the times of the Colony, & lived in Exeter township. Since the receipt of your letter I have had an interview with James Lee, now an aged man, of Quaker origin, who lived when a young man, eight years in the Lincoln family, who gives me the following particulars:

The Lincoln family were not quakers, but Abraham Lincoln, married Esther Boone, who was a quaker. Thos Lincoln (now deceased) told Mr Lee that his father, the Abr. L. just mentioned & the Presidents grandfather were first cousins. Thos Lincoln said the Presidents family lived in Union township, near Birdsboro, on the opposite side of the River Schuylkill from Exeter: but he

does not know the farm. Ben Abraham Lincoln died in Exeter tsp & left 4 sons. Mordecai James, John & Thomas, who are now all dead James lived near Morgantown in this County, the other 3 in Exeter. Mr Lee is the adminis=-trator of John Lincoln, who died the last. Ben Abraham Lincolns sons all lived in died in Berks: but the Presidents family moved to a Quaker Settlement, near Winchester Va.

In enquiring as to the date of Mr L. & Ann Boones marriage, & if it could be obtained from the Records of Exeter meeting House. I learned from Mr Lee, that on the occasion of the difficulties in the Friends Association, the record had been moved to the Maidencreek meeting.

Subsequently I saw Thomas Lightfoot residing near the Maidencreek meeting house, who promised to obtain therefrom the record of the marriage of Abraham Lincoln & Ann Boone & any thing else relative to the Lincoln family he might find.

I have been waiting to hear from him before writing you, but hearing nothing yet, thought it best to acknowledge your letter & send what information, I had acquired.

Yours truly

H. H. Muhlenberg

Lincoln Family. A.L.S. of H. H. Muhlenberg, two pages 4to Reading, Pa Dec. 4 1865 to John Jordan Esq

*** A long account of various ~~[illegible]~~ of the Lincolns ~~[illegible]~~ given him by "James Lee, now an aged man of Quaker origin who lived when a young man eight years in the Lincoln family. He says they were not Quakers, lived in Union Township near Birdsboro and gives ~~[illegible]~~ details about various members ⊙

Extract from letter of
W Townsend
West Chester
Feb 2 1866

My friend Richd B Bailey of Marshallton
Obtained the following Memorandum
from Ann Scarlet

Wm Taggart of Norristown has the Bible

Grandmother Lincoln had three brothers by
Abraham. Mordecai & Thomas x settled near
the Schuylkill — the two latter left before
my memory for other parts.

Abraham died there an old man
The President must have been great grandson
of Mordecai as Abraham's sons settled
on their fathers property some of whom
are to be found in Union Twp Berks Co
from whom something might be learned

The Boones came from England some
time the latter part of the seventeenth Cent
The parents, six sons & one daughter
all of whom married here

George & Benjamin came before their
parents — My Grandfather William
Boone son of George married

x Disappear to be born after will made Feb 22. 1736. & to have been the representative from Berks Co — JSJr

x John named in the will is not mentioned by her —

Sarah Lincoln in 1748. a sister to the three Lincolns herein mentioned at Exeter Meeting house & by having reference to the records ~~information~~ may be obtained as to the Boone family — not so with the Lincoln family — my Grandmother being the only one who had a right in the Society of Friends

Anne Scarlet
aged 76 yrs

Ann Lincoln relict of Abraham Lincoln and Daughter of
James Boone and Mary his wife was born Feb. 3rd 1737
and deceased April 4th 1807
James Boone father of Ann Lincoln was born May 7th 1709
Mary Boone mother of Ann Lincoln was born Sept. 9th 1714
George Boone Grandfather of Ann Lincoln
was born at Bradninch, in Devonshire,
in England, in the year 1666
and deceased at Exeter . . . . . May 27th 1744
Mary Boone Grandmother of Ann Lincoln
was born at Bradninch, England in the year 1668
and deceased at Exeter . . . . . Dec. 2nd 1740
Abraham Lincoln and Ann Boone were married
during the year 1760: exact date unknown.

Dec: 29. 1865
Search in the Maidencreek Meeting Records by
Thos Lightfoot Esq
HHM