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July 28, 1922.

National Lincoln Monument,
H.W.Fay, Custodian,
Springfield, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 18th received and the contents noted. If this film depicting Lincoln's life goes through, I hope that it will be made as real as possible. For instance, if a child is chosen to represent Grace Bedell at Westfield, she will be a girl of eleven years---dark hair and eyes--not a little child to be held in Mr. Lincoln's arms as I have seen pictured.

I think I have mentioned that I have no picture that was made in childhood, but numerous others at different periods--none earlier than twenty years excepting some ambrotypes or metal types of some order which probably could not be used. The photos were taken at the ages of 20, 29, 50, and the one that you have which was taken at about 73 years, my present age. I have no duplicates of these and as they are rather prized by my children and grandchildren, so that I should insist on their return is they could be used, any of them, I mean, of course.

I am going on my usual summer outing next week but any mail will be forwarded. Thanks for the photo of Mr. Lincoln enclosed in your last. I consider it a fine likeness of him as far as my memory serves. I am asking my grandson to type this letter, I seem to be seeing double, one word over another--sort of 'Ossa upon Pelion piled'-- you see, hence the use of the type.

Respectfully,

Grace Bedell Billings

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