

San Francisco,

October 15th.

Mr. Newbegin,

Dear Sir-

The enclosed poem was given to my grandfather, Levi L. Todd, Captain of the Lexington Light Infantry, by a fellow member- name unknown to me- as a memento of the Battle of the River Raisin.

That old diary I sold you must have belonged to Mary Todd Lincoln's father, instead of my grandfather. She was a cousin of my father, Robert N. Todd, and her father was Robert S. Todd. Kate Helm, who wrote a history of Mrs. Lincoln's life for McCall's Magazine is a daughter of cousin Emily Helm, who refused to take the oath of allegiance during the Civil War.

The Louisville Courier Journal or Kentucky Historical Society or Kate Helm of Covington might be interested in those old papers.

Present generation is not interested in olden times or people. Anyway, I need some money and will gladly accept your valuation, if any.

Sincerely

SARA TODD NELSON