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Gentlemen:

While working last fall on a story connected with the assassination of President Lincoln, I interviewed John Garver (I am fairly sure I have the name spelled O.K., but it might be Garner or Garber) and his son Charles. Both live between La Plata and Waldorf; I think near White Plains and back a long lane. John Garver is eighty-two years old and his son sixty. I remember that John Garver and his wife had their sixtieth or sixty-first marriage anniversary last August 11th and it was written up in the La Plata paper.

I am sending you statements made from the information the Garvers gave me and would appreciate it if you would take a notary out to their place and get them sworn to. Costs connected with this should be billed to The Dearborn Publishing Company. If I have any misstatements in these papers, you may correct them. I wrote them from notes.

I also wish you would learn if possible where Franklin A. Roby is buried and get whatever proof you can of his death and the date. You can get what information I have by reading the Garver statements.

I think P. R. Wills in the Hotel at Bel Alton told me that he thought Roby was buried in Newton cemetery, several miles to the west of there.

Can you learn whether there was ever a family by the name of Ruddy lived in your neighborhood and around Bel Alton (Cox's Station)?

If necessary to take Garver's to La Plata to take their affidavits, pay them for their time and bill us.

I certainly will appreciate your taking care of this  
for us as promptly as convenient to yourselves.

Very truly yours

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