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To: H. Edgar Hill

I trust your recall our E-mail and other exchanges in the spring of 1999.

I have been busy since then with two books. My book on the international dimensions of the Civil War, "One War at a Time," was published in December 1999. Author interviews are on two websites: Abraham Lincoln Online -- <http://showcase.netins.net/web/creative/lincoln/books/mahin.htm> -- and Civil War Book News -- <http://www.cw-book-news.com/q-a/mahin-qa.html> . A paperback edition is now available. Here are my favorite reviews: "A needed and authoritative study of Civil War diplomacy" (Richmond Times Dispatch). "Mahin has met a major need with this well-written and well-conceived study" (CHOICE, American Library Association). "Refutes the opinion of most historians and biographers that Lincoln played only a minor role in U.S. foreign relations" (Civil War Book Review). Since 1999 I have written another book, "Blessed Place of Freedom," which will be published in August. It reviews the reactions of Europeans who were in America as immigrants, volunteers, or observers during the Civil War.

After 5 years of focus on the Civil War, I am ready to focus on today's world. But I am also making another stab at the previously frustrating effort to find out what my ancestor Hugh Lamaster did during the Civil War. My file shows that I asked you in April 1999 if you had any information on the descendants of Hugh's grandson, also a Hugh (#384 in your excellent book on the Lamasters). My Aunt Grace Mahin visited this Hugh in Nebraska in the 1930s and recorded that he had several letters from Lincoln to the first Hugh. I have a copy of one of them, but would like to trace the grandson Hugh's descendants (perhaps in Maine) to see if any of those letters have survived. Any information or suggestions you can give me would be greatly appreciated.

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