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Mr. Fred A. Bill,
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St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Bill:

The McClure Syndicate has forwarded to me your letter of March 31. I am much interested in what you have to say about a Mr. Hanks, a member of your Pioneer Society, who claims that his father was a brother of Nancy Hanks.

Could you get for me the history of his life, which you say he wrote? Has it ever been published? I would be glad to send the money to purchase a copy, if so. I will be glad also if you will put me in correspondence with the descendants of this man who, you think, may have further information.

I am very much interested in gathering all the material I can to pass on to some one who, I hope, will some day prepare a reliable genealogy of the Hanks family.

Very truly yours,