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JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th Street,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Thank you for your very courteous and interesting letter of the 25th instant. As you say, the great want is for a satisfactory genealogy of the Hanks family. Let us hope that someone will devote the time and energy required to furnish us with an accurate history of this bustling family. So many people who have studied this matter have talked themselves into such a temper over their particular opinions that they are not in a position to render an unbiased judgment on new developments.

I hope that you will be able to personally examine the famous Lucy Hanks certificate. Mr. Warren says it shows one thing; and Dr. Barton says it does not show this at all.

With sincere appreciation of your kindness in writing me so fully, I remain

Yours very sincerely,



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