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Miss Ida M. Tarbell

Dear Madam

Permit me to thank you heartily for your kindness in replying to a previous letter concerning the character of Nancy Hanks. Very recently I received from North Carolina quite certainly from the same grandmother who gave me the foolish story which was the cause of my writing you a clipping from a Sunday paper which may interest you and which I feel sure coming from the region which produced grandmother is intended to cater to the same general idea the coveting it up in words. When it seems a suitable time I shall probably write my perfectly sincere friend helping her to get right in this matter of biography. I have no right to trespass further upon your interest but would appreciate a much hearing from you if strictly agreeable and convenient to you.

With great respect Your's Very Truly

John F. Sheppard