831 Woodward Ave.,
Warren, Ohio.
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Miss M. Farbell
120 East Nineteenth St.
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Miss Farbell:

I have had in mind ever
and over again, since receiving your
Christmas card with its splendid message,
to write to you, and now I am really
doin... I had with a third of the main
year done anything.

I have been working diligently, however,
and as a result, I made records and conclusions which I have the courage to
think may interest you. I have endeavored
to give reasons for these conclusions, which,
as you will know, has entailed no small
amount of work, time, and patience on
my part. I found the reference works without which
the value of research work is nil, especially
ludicrous. Would you care for a copy of these
papers — some forty pages — for your files? I
don't like the idea of "for your files"; may I
change it to the more active infinitive — "to study"?
They are worthy, Miss Farbell, of study for
they deal with a problem by no means
unimportant.
and too fraught with interest, because of their elusive solution, that one can
steadily leave it alone.

I had never really appreciated the weak-
ness of Dr. Barton’s solution until I lab-
rated the data pertaining to Joseph Hanke
of Richmond Co., Va., and to Joseph Hanke of
Hampshire. If their names designated one
man then he did a lot of scrambling back
and forth on traced-back between the two
counties—all of which is highly imper-
ceptible.

It would seem the Amelia County Hanke
share the blood of the bargain; and while
I do not endorse unreservedly Mr. Warren’s
Lucy Dickey Hanke solution, I do think
James Hanke of the Barebone district
in Amelia County from 1763 to 1769, and later
of Bedford County (after 1782) County had
a lot to do with Nancy Hanke’s existence—
whether as father or grandfather. It seems
now that this James and the Joseph of
the 1750 Grant—probably the Hampshire man
were brothers—sons of Joseph of the 1735 Grant.

Of course the Joseph of the 1735 Grant would be
too old to be the man identified as Hanke of
Richmond Co., Ky., who made his will in 1793. I have never been able to
bring myself to believe that every Hanke was
a daughter of Joseph Hanke of Hillsboro Co., Ky.

Did you know that our dear friend Mrs.
White, and her husband sailed for England yester-
day?

Sincerely, Myer Hanke Rudolph.