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Mr. Richard J. Hinton,

Box 21, Bay Ridge, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Hinton:

I have received your letter of March 1st and have read it with interest. I have sent you copies of our last two Bulletins. My Bulletin references to Lincoln's and Washington's ancestors were printed apropos of the birthdays of these two great men falling almost together in February. What I said of them was partly derived from a chapter in my History of the Manufacture of Iron in All Ages, in which for the first time I identified the Lincoln and Washington families with the manufacture of iron in colonial times. I inclose a copy of this chapter taken from a mutilated copy of my History. I did not know much about Nancy Hanks as you will see.

When your daughter returns I hope that you and she will carefully compile all accessible and authentic data in your possession concerning the Hanks family and make a careful typewritten copy and show it to the editor of the Century Magazine. I think that he will be glad to print it and pay you for it.

Our work in this office is chiefly statistical, taking the place of a Government bureau. I regret that I can hold out no promise to you that we will be able, ^{to} throw any work in your way. With best wishes, I remain,

Very truly Yours,

James M. Swank