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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
128 E. 19th. St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

I am enclosing a copy of the title bond made by Morgan Hughes to Adam & Richard Steele, for 500 acres of land which he owned in Shelby Co., Ky. This title bond is recorded as a deed in the Shelby County Court House.

I am also sending a list of the conveyances of title of the land upon which we located the Morgan Hughes Station from the present owners back to 1818. I know that this is absolutely correct as far back as April 17th., 1839 (the conveyance of Henry Crawford to Catsby Young) I cannot find from whom Thomas Threshly obtained his title, to the 62 acres of land he owned. I also find that Henry Crawford bought 60 acres of land from Isaac Balm. My time ran out here(11-50 P.M. Sunday night) and I was forced to quit before I had time to chase back the rest of Crawford's property, or to find out where Balm got title, but I am absolutely positive that complete investigation will show that this property is the same conveyed by Morgan Hughes.

I will not promise how soon I will be able to complete this investigation, for you must remember that I

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work when the "spirit moves me".

I want to call your attention to Jepthas Creek mentioned in these records. You notice it is mentioned in the Hughes conveyance, and it is also mentioned in every conveyance of property in that neighborhood until the Finleys bought counsiderable property lying on that creek; consequently only one deduction. The present Finley creek (the stream in front of Long Run Church) was formerly called Jepthas Creek. The record proved this positively.

The Filson Club has not yet taken up your suggestion to excavate any of those old graves in Long Run Church Yard and I did not get to make my plan need investigation on account of inclement weather.

I hope that this bit of information will be of some value to you and rest assured that I will advise you concerning everything that I find out.

Yours very truly,

Thos. C. Fisher