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FREIGHT CLASSIFICATION AND RATE ADJUSTMENTS.
PRACTICE BEFORE FEDERAL AND STATE COMMISSIONS AND CARRIER ASSOCIATIONS.

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Miss Ida M. Barbell,
120 East 19th Street,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Madam:

Being a life time admirer of your works - early history of oil etc., I often wondered how you had such an intiminate knowledge of the oil fields of Pennsylvania and the early characters. Now I see how it happened and I not only wish to congratulate you on the able attached, but also on probably being from one of the earliest Western New York pioneer families.

In the lower valley of the Genessee (Damsville to Rochester) the first settlers were mostly from Massachusetts who passed right through the then unsettled Mohawk Valley which was probably just as good. If we seek the reason we find that most of General Sullivan's expeditionaires - some 5,000 men and officers were from Massachusetts. The expedition ended in a massacre of Lieut. Boyd and Corporal Parker at Cuylerville (near Mt. Morris where I was born in 1876) in September 1779, and the fall of the Senecas as a result thereof.

These expeditionaires, who by the way had seen very much of what is now known as Trunk Line Territory in I.C.C. terms, liked the Valley of the Genessee better than anything else they had seen, for they emigrated there in great numbers as soon as the Revolution was over, and the overflow from the lower Genessee moved up the River into Allegany and other Counties like Chatauqua. I get this information first hand from my Grandfather who carried the mail on horseback from Canandaigua to Olean about 1830, and he got it from his grandparents who were members of the expedition and came there soon after the Revolution. On my Mothers side about the same thing was true, except that they settled more up the River towards Cuba and Franklinville.

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A great deal of supplementary information of the early history of that part of the State can be found in the works of Judge Doty of Geneseo, N.Y.

Now, since you probably have much valuable data on this early history, I would very much appreciate spending 15 or 20 minutes some day looking over your library and getting a list of such works as I might find in New York public library.

Thanking you, I am,

Respectfully,

Frank A. Parker

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