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Dear Mr. Bjorkman:

Thank you for the photographs and your promise to let me share in what you may turn up. I am particularly interested in what that Record Book in Freehold says about the Lincolns.

The blacksmith forge on Cream Ridge is the one which has been sited to me by various correspondents. Also I have a letter from a Mrs. H. H. Mount of New Egypt, New Jersey, who says tradition locates the Lincoln iron works between Freehold and Long Branch. I do not know the geography well enough to know whether this is the Cream Ridge forge or not but you will.

Also, Mrs. Mount says that the Trenton Times of a year or two ago had an article on the Lincoln forge and another correspondent tells me that The Newark News for February 7, 1931 printed an article entitled "Historic Landmarks Around Clarksburg." My secretary has written for copies of these articles as neither paper is on file here in New York.

I have an idea that if you could get access to the records of the late Mr. Hutchinson of Allentown you might be able to find a good deal of documentary material that would be useful in fixing dates in Monmouth County. I remember on my one visit to his office I saw numbers of volumes in which boundaries were carefully fixed. Mr. Hutchinson died a number of years ago but I think he had descendents. At all events it would not be difficult when you are in that vicinity to find out what was done with his records. They might be very valuable for a historical collection.

If anything comes to me in the way of information which seems worthwhile I shall be very glad to pass it on to you and I shall of course be grateful for anything you may turn over to me.

Very sincerely yours

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