

for Hanks



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Miss Eda M. Tarbell
120 East 19th Street
New York, New York

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Your inquiry with reference to the value of the
enclosure mentioning the Hanks family, is before me and
I find the story of this particular Hanks family is quite
well known.

Myra Hanks Rudolph of Warren, Ohio, who has done
more work on this branch of the family than any one else,
has come to the conclusion that they are not related to
the Hankses from which Nancy Hanks descended.

Mrs. Rudolph had her story printed some years
ago in a Virginia or West Virginia paper and I think, if
you write to her, possibly she might be able to supply
extra copies of this work.

This family usually spelt their name Hank instead
of Hanks and is the identical family about which your
correspondent has written.

Of course, that part of the story in which it is
claimed Nancy Hanks had a brother Thomas Hanks is nothing
more or less than folklore but the history of John and
Margaret with their family who lived in Pennsylvania, has
been very definitely traced by Mrs. Rudolph.

If we can assist you further in this query, we
will be very happy to do so.

Very truly yours

Louis A. Warren
Director

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