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Mrs. Myra Hank Rudolph
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My dear Mrs. Rudolph:

You will forgive me for not having thanked you before for sending me the copy of this most interesting letter to Mr. Gaynes. It was received here just as I was going away on a much needed vacation, and I put everything aside, even the reading of your letter.

The letter to Mr. Gaynes is admirable, and I am thankful to have it to add to my growing mass of Hanks items. I think you are on the right track. The Berrys, the Thompsons, the Mitchells and Shipleys must be accounted for in the puzzle before it is finally solved.

I hope you are going to be the one to do the final genealogy. Mr. Barton, I understand, thinks he is going to do it. Mrs. Caroline Hanks Hitchcock has taken up the matter again and is working with the Rev. Mr. Warren of Kentucky who has valuable material, I believe. But I have a suspicion that all three of these people have set out to prove certain things, and that is dangerous in any investigation. What we need is work like your own which is intent simply on finding out how it was. I wish I were free to give some real assistance.

Sincerely yours