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Miss Leila A. Russell,
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My dear Miss Russell:

Last July you wrote asking for a little information on my life, something more than could be found in a library. I was out of town at the time, and I think my secretary wrote you that she would call my attention to the letter when I returned. Now, I am here.

I am afraid I can help you very little. Some of these days I really mean to set down what I remember about myself, but I don't know when the time will come. However, not long ago I write a letter to an Italian lady who wanted some material for a sketch, which may be of some interest to you. I am enclosing a copy of this letter, with the understanding that you return it.

You will see that it should be more explicit for you, but I think you can piece it out. The pioneer community of which I speak was in North-western Pennsylvania. My father and mother went there on the discovery of oil, although they were just about ready to start West, expecting to settle in South-western Iowa, where they had a farm waiting for them. They were both school teachers and it was by teaching that they hoped to pay for clearing the land they had acquired. The college to which I went was Allegheny College in North-western Pennsylvania.

You have a list of my books in "Who's Who". Then, finally, if there is any specific thing I can answer, I should be glad.

Very truly yours,