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My dear Miss Tarbell,

Your letter of Feb. 27th received. I would have answered sooner but I have been "tied" in records for the past week. The game grows more and more interesting and there is much material to be had for the seeking.

Yes; I saw Burton's article - "Abraham Lincoln a Jew." The joke lies in the fact that it shows just what a poor genealogist its author is, and it acts as a spur to a few interested workers who are anxious to know if there is really anything back of this, or yet, hollow claims. There were some forty Jew immigrants to the colonies during the eighteenth century, seventeen of whom came before 1740. This surely furnishes a field for genealogical research before any extravagant claims are made.

There is no doubt that Joseph

Hanks of Richmond married an Ann
Lee and they had at least one
daughter, Betty, born in 1771; but
there is no discovered proof that
Ann (Lee) Hanks was a descendant
of Richard Lee or that she had nine
children — one of them a Lucy. Neither
is there any discovered proof that
Joseph of Richmond was the Joseph
of Kentucky whose will interests us.

Dr. Barton is, no doubt, America's
foremost authority on the life of
Abraham Lincoln, but as a genealogist
he is a romancer.

Dr. Louis A. Warren, while in Ohio
lecturing on Lincoln last month, came
to Warren to see me. He is a very
pleasant person to meet and most
sincere in his Lincoln interests. He
suggests that I look more thoroughly
into the subject of the Pennsylvania
Hank(s) family — following carefully
the lines of William, Samuels, and
Joseph, sons of John and Sarah (Evans)
Hanks — before relinquishing my
claim to Joseph of Hampshire and
his family of ten besides himself.

Sincerely,

Myra Hanks Rudolph

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