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Mrs. Caroline Hanks Hitchcock,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Hitchcock:

Thank you heartily for all the interesting material you have been sending me. They are all clues, leads, the kind of things that must be chased down, sifted, pieced together, if we are ever going to get a Hanks genealogy that we know is right. With so many people interested in different parts of the country, it seems as if it ought finally to come out. I am going to do my best to see that this is done.

I cannot do it - genealogy makes me crazy; but I may be able to gather up hints that will help somebody who finally will come on and do it.

I have a long letter from Miss Thompson, which I shall answer in a day or two. As I understand it, you don't want the letters returned. I shall copy them all, with copies of my answers. If there is anything that you do want returned, please let me know.

How good of you to speak of my war story. It was really not a novel, but a narrative setting down about the way I saw the war coming into a Middle West town. I am always glad when I find someone that has read it and whose experience corroborates mine.

If I should hear of anything new in the Hanks business, you can depend on me to let you know.

Sincerely yours,