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Dear Mrs. Rankin:

As you see, I am out of the Hospital, not very steady on my feet, but a little steadier in my mind than I was when I telegraphed you.

If you still are carrying on with the plan for a marking place at my Birthplace you will want the information asked for in your letter of April 23rd.

I wired you that Hatch Hollow and not Wattsburg was my Birthplace I can send you a little diagram of the spot if you wish it. I think, however, you will get sufficient information from a book I am asking my publisher to send you today, my Autobiography. You will see there what I have to say about the place in which I was born.

Wattsburg or a farm close to the Town (I couldn't locate it if I was there) was the birthplace of my Brother, William Walter Tarbell. He was born there on July 1, 1860. I remember as a child that Mother often pointed out the place when we went into Wattsburg, but I was heedless and cannot now recall the spot.

I am afraid the pictures in this Autobiography are misleading. They are too young. So I am sending you for your Association the last one I had taken before I began to go to the Hospital for my [illegible].

I want you to know, dear Mrs. Rankin, that I am both proud and humble at the suggestion of this marker. I really am not worth it, but still it makes me happy to think that there are some of you who think I am. Anything I can do to help I will gladly do, and it is a great regret to me that it is quite impossible for me to make the trip there in June. It looks now as if it would be some time before I will be able to leave this quiet spot.

With Best Wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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