

January 12, 1923

Mrs. Randolph Harrison,
Lynchburg, Va.

My dear Mrs. Harrison:

Some weeks ago, while I was in Illinois on a Lincoln pilgrimage, I received from you a letter in which you said that you and Mr. Harrison were expecting soon to visit the grave of Nancy Hanks; of which you had told me. You promised in that letter that if you found anything in regard to the Hanks family in that part of the world, you would let me know.

I am very much interested in getting some reliable information on this family and its migrations. I am inclined to think now that they came into Virginia about the time that the Lincolns did, 1768 or thereabouts, but did not stop in the Shenandoah Valley, moving south, as so many Pennsylvania people were doing them. I think the chances are that some of them settled in Western North Carolina and some in Western Virginia. Anything that you may have found would be of real service in untangling the Hanks story. I will be most glad if you will let me know if you found anything on the trip that you were making.

I hope you had a Happy Holiday. I had the pleasure of being with several members of my family - a very real pleasure when one lives away from them as much as I do.

If you should be in New York this winter, my dear Mrs. Harrison, will you not let me know, a little in advance if possible?

Sincerely yours,