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April 19, 1927

Miss Ida M. Tarbell
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Dear Miss Tarbell:-

After receiving your note pertaining to John Hawks, of Derby, Burlington, and Philadelphia, which note Henry M. Scarborough had sent you, I decided to write to Mr. Scarborough myself; for, in addition to what he had sent you, I have in my possession some valuable material which he had sent to Dr. Wayland and which that worthy gentleman had, like yourself, generously sent to me. I found Mr. Scarborough to be a most valued - I mean valuable - correspondent and it was at his suggestion that I wrote to Mr. Alfred Rudulph Justice - the greatest authority, I afterward learned, on Friends history and genealogical data, in southeastern Pennsylvania. Just how Mr. Justice is, the enclosed notes will show.

After a careful study of these

notes you will see that the John Hankes who had trouble over the marriage relation was not the John who joined, between 1750 and 1770, the migration southward. John of Derby seems to have been the "cousin" mentioned in John of Whitemarsh's will, while the John to march to Virginia was the son of John of Whitemarsh. Mr. Justice tells me that the word "cousin", as used in the colonial records, had no other meaning than a relative, and that he has found one instance in which a man referred to his own brothers as his cousins. Mr. Justice thinks that John of Derby, Burlington, etc., was the nephew of John of Whitemarsh, but he is not sure about this point, so asks me to accept it as tentative, pending further search.

You will note that Mrs. Hartman's Luke and John of Whitemarsh were uncle and nephew. I am of the opinion that Peter (b. 1683) and John of Derby, who were sons of Luke and Jane Lyle were married in England in 1680 and who were in Chester Co., Pa., with the elder Luke Hankes as

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early as Nov. 8, 1682.

Mr. Justice is going to search Berks County records for dates pertaining to Joseph Hawks. I do not know his authority for the statement that Joseph m. Nancy — — —; had he been able to place a parenthetical note, quoting authority, just after Nancy's name I am quite sure I should be gasping yet!

Mrs. Marvin R. Ripley has proved to be an interesting and interested correspondent. Her only fault lies in quoting Barton and Hitchcock; but she is also getting at some original records, so I think will not be long until she finds that Barton and Hitchcock only think they know more than the rest of us.

Sincerely yours
Myra Hawk Rudolph

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