

*Nancy Hanks
Envelope*

May 16, 1927.

Mr. F. L. Olsted,
Olsted Brothers,
Brookline, Mass.

My dear Mr. Olsted:

Thank you heartily for sending me copy of your recent letter to Judge Iglehart and the extract of that to Col. Lieber. I am heartily in sympathy with your ideas for the Nancy Hanks Lincoln memorial. Nothing could be more fitting, more moving, than the restoration on the Lincoln farm of a native forest. I can see it in time covered with the noble native trees, a sanctuary for birds and small animals.

Above all that there be no monuments. A few years ago I visited the farm, went to the little park where Nancy Hanks lies. I was disturbed by the pretentious headstone that some misguided person had put up overshadowing the simple earlier stone that was first put there.

You have a beautiful conception, dear Mr. Olsted, and I hope, with all my heart, that you will be able to realize it. If there is anything at all that I can do to help, please command me.

Very sincerely,

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