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Warren, Ohio
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Miss Ida M. Tarbell
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Dear Miss Tarbell:

I have had it in mind over and over again, since receiving your Christmas card with its gracious message, to write to you, and now I am really doing it — but with a kind of the new year gone by.

I have been working diligently, however, and as a result I have recorded some conclusions which I have the conceit to think may interest you. I have endeavored to give reasons for these conclusions, which, as you will know, has entailed no small amount of work, time, and patience on my part. I found the reference work, without which the value of research work is nil, especially tedious. Would you care for a copy of these papers — some forty pages — for your files? I don't like that phrase "for your files"; may I change it to the more active infinitive — "to study"? They are worthy, Miss Tarbell, of study for they deal with a problem by no means solved

and one so fraught with interest, because of that elusive solution, that one can scarcely leave it alone.

I had never really appreciated the weakness of Dr. Barton's solution until I tabulated the dates pertaining to Joseph Hankes of Richmond Co., Va., and to Joseph Hankes of Hampshire. If there names designated one man then he did a lot of scurrying back and forth on horseback between the two counties — all of which is highly improbable.

It would seem the Amelia County Hankeses have the best of the bargain; and while I do not endorse unreservedly Mr. Warren's Lucy Shipley Hankes solution, I do think James Hankes of the Barebone district in Amelia County, from 1763 to 1769, and later of Bedford (Campbell after 1782) County had a lot to do with Nancy Hankes's existence — either as father or grandfather. It seems now that this James and the Joseph of the 1750 Grant — probably the Hampshire man — were brothers — sons of Joseph of the 1735 Grant. Of course the Joseph of the 1735 Grant would be too old to be the man in Nelson Co., Ky., who made his will in 1793. I have never been able to bring myself to believe that Lucy Hankes was a daughter of Joseph Hankes of Nelson Co., Ky.

Did you know that our dear friend, Mrs. White, and her husband sailed for England yesterday?

Sincerely, Myra Hankes Rudolph

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