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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
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My dear Miss Tarbell:--

Your favor of the 7th.

Captain Stephen B. Hanks, who died in 1917 at the age of 96, or there-a-bouts, in and previous to 1908, wrote a history of his life in the Mississippi covering from 1842 to sometime on the 1890's. He also gave some detail as to his ancestors.

This history was originally published, serially, in the Burlington, Iowa, Saturday Evening Post covering from March 1921 to July 1922. It is possible that this paper might be able to furnish a full file, but we doubt it.

The Wabasha County Herald, Wabasha, Minnesota, is now running a reprint of this history, same having been commenced in its issue of Dec/21/1922. It is quite likely that this paper can furnish back numbers. It is a weekly paper, subscription price \$2.00 per year, I believe. The articles will not be published in book form and we know of no other way to get them than through one of these papers, and consider the Herald as the best opening. If that paper cannot furnish all the back numbers we will be glad to loan from our file what is missing for perusal.

In these articles you will not find very much as to the Captain's ancestors but there is some and quite a bit as to his own branch of the family. The main interest in his story is that it is the experiences of one man throughout the rise and fall of traffic on the Mississippi river told in a plain and readable way that has been well commented on by many.

Feeling that you will probably make an effort to get the story I will not elaborate on any of the features at this time but will give you any desired information later. There was another Hanks--Samuel S.--also an old riverman who died recently at Davenport, Iowa. He has several children, one of whom is S. L. Hanks, 1512 Grand Ave., Davenport, Iowa. A son of Capt. Stephen B. Hanks, is M. W. Hanks, Stillwater, Minn.

Come again if we can be of service.

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