

*for Tarbell
Howe summary*

November 7, 1935

Dear Mrs. Rankin:

I hope you will pardon the long delay in replying to your letter of September 28th. It has not been from any lack of interest but because I have been unusually busy, as well as away from my desk.

Now as to your inquiry about family relationship. I am afraid I can be of very little help to you. My grandfather, William Tarbell, settled in Crawford County, Pennsylvania, having moved there from Chemung County, New York State. The family came, as my understanding is, from the New Hampshire branch of Tarbells. Grandfather's first wife was a Howe and I know that branches of that family were settled near him in Northwestern Pennsylvania and that some of them moved into Ohio. All I know about the Howes has come to me in correspondence. I have no record in our family papers of a Mark Tarbell or of a Lyman Tarbell but I really know so little about that generation it does not follow that Lyman Tarbell may not have been a cousin of my grandfather William Tarbell.

I am sorry I can give you no more information. If at any time I should come across anything that seems to me would be useful in your search I shall be glad to pass it on.

Regretting my delay in replying to you, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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