

564 Woodbine Ave.  
Warren, Ohio  
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Miss Ida M. Tarbell  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell,

I am enclosing copies of letters recently written to me which I feel sure will interest you.

You will find Dr. Wayland's notes full of good things - the most important of which is confirmation of our tradition that John and Joseph Hanks, sons of John and Sarah Hanks of Whitemarsh Township, Phila. Co., Pa., migrated from Pennsylvania to Virginia. Joseph was living in Hampshire County, Virginia, in 1782; John's widow, Margaret, with four dependants, was living in Rockingham County in 1784; and Margaret's son John (he was the third John Hanks although Dr. Wayland calls him John, Jr., the whom we have heretofore called Bachelor, was married, and lived in

Shenandoah County from 1784 to 1792. In the Shenandoah County census of 1785 this John is listed as the head of a family of seven; I do not think he had children of his own but, rather, that his mother and her dependent children had come from Rockingham and thus swelled the number to seven. John was undoubtedly a childless widower when he went, in later years, to live with his youngest brother, William, Faust, in Monroe County, - now W. Va., - and to his nieces and nephews there he was "unmarried" - whence the tradition that he was a bachelor.

I have a certified copy of the deed to the sixty acres of land in Shenandoah County which John III bought from Michael Reed, April 26, 1784. I hope to have copies of the other two deeds which are mentioned and I will send you copies of the three for your files.

Of course I realize, Miss Farwell, that you are far more interested in Joseph and his eleven who lived in Shenandoah County in 1782 than in those

whom I have been discussing,  
but I wanted to straighten  
out a few things in John's line  
before taking up the subject  
of Joseph; then, too, it seems to  
me that the more nearly flawless  
our evidence is pertaining to  
those around him the stronger  
will be our case for Joseph of  
Hampshire County. I wish he  
the most interesting fellow! I  
wish I could arouse the pres-  
ent county clerk of that county,  
but so far my efforts have  
been unavailing. It seems to  
me that any deeds that might  
be found there would determine  
both the date of the Hanks' mi-  
gration southward and that  
of Joseph's move westward into  
Kentucky. I am satisfied that  
this man was the "luck Joe" of  
whom William told his children,  
and he who, with his wife,  
Nancy, and their children, went  
to Kentucky in the 80's. Surely,  
we grow "warmer" and "warmer"  
in spite of Dr. Barton's being "so  
sure of himself." Dear Doctor  
Wayland!

Very Sincerely,  
Myra Hanks-Rudolph.