564 Woodbine Ave.
Warren, Ohio
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Miss Ida M. Tarbell
120 East Nineteenth Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

I am sending you some recently unearthed Hanks records. I should like to spend a long time with you in discussing these notes. I feel quite certain that John of Shenandoah County, Virginia, and later of Greene County, Pennsylvania, was the brother of William of Loudon County, Virginia, whom Mrs. Hofmann first introduced to us. You will remember that John and William had a brother Joseph who, Mrs. Hofmann claims, was the ancestor of Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

This John bought land in Shenandoah County in 1784, was listed as the head of a family of six besides himself in 1785, and sold his land-holdings in 1792. His wife Katherine signed the deed of sale with him in 1792; she died before 1801.

I was wrong in thinking him of our line.

Very Sincerely,
Wayne Hanks Rudolph