

May 16, 1932

Mr. John T. O'Connell
Essex Hotel Building
~~New~~ Salem, Mass.

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

Mr. Francis Goodell of the Taylor Society tells me that you have been good enough to say that you would talk with me about the Naumkeag achievement. I have been going over the rather full documents that I have gathered on the work there and I have become interested in your own career and have been trying to get hold of a little sketch but have failed. If anything has been written on your work will you be good enough to send it to me? I am particularly interested in answers to two or three following questions.

Did you learn your trade as a textile worker, for I am taking it that you began as one, at Naumkeag? Was your family of Salem and were they textile workers?

Would you be willing to write to me in quite informal fashion what you consider the most important gains to the operatives of the Naumkeag experiment?

I hold what you have done there very high for various reasons. I am writing an article which I want to be sound and at the same time popular enough for people who know little or nothing of industrial problems to read with understanding. To do this I must have some knowledge of the personnel and I would particularly would like to get a little sketch of yourself. I shall be grateful for any information you can give me.

Very sincerely yours