Lunenburg Court House
Lunenburg Co. Va.
Saturday May 26 - 1927

My dear Mrs. Rudolph -
And my dear Miss Tarbell - The latter part of this investigation is making such demands upon my none-too-large reserve of strength that I am not trying to make any reports - nor shall I until I return to Brookline. I am no longer young - which I am apt to forget, and the possessor of a weakened heart with various contributing factors toward that condition. Our dear Dr. Cushing in Brookline was very dubious as to the wisdom of this trip, but I was so anxious to do this investigation that he gave in reluctantly. The

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methods of getting about in rural Virginia, and the places where one must sleep are primitive in the extreme, and have almost given us at times. However, I am rather determined and so I am sticking to the job, and hoping that I can find something of vital interest before I go. Thus far, I can report absolutely no finding of births deaths & marriages in which we are so interested. Amelia County yielded nothing for us - and can be eliminated. I copied carefully the situation of land bought there by one Certain James Hanks Wife a wife Nancy and also the sale of Each piece. No doubt some "curious" person seeing the name

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of Nancy Hauer jumped to the conclusion that she was the one! Also, there are several transactions in the Hawk family. It is plainly "Hawks" however. Brunswick was the parent county for Lunenburg Co. In Brunswick I gained one little hint which may prove of value in the hunt for early contacts between Robert Shipley and the family into which he married and thus lead to the births of his children. In this county after a very careful search of all available records, I can find nothing. I go next to Bedford County and then I have just a little clearing up before I start toward "The Next."

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Here and there I have gathered miscellaneous information which may help to make the story more interesting, and Eliminations, are of course a necessity in such work. To encounter only Eliminations is not very exhilerating however, and I am glad that we are not obliged to pay a professional genealogist, because such travel and work would be rather too high for ordinary pocket books. Fortunately for me, Mr. White is truly a "Better Half" and his helpfulness and patience have made the trip possible. Then, too, I have made good friends of some County Clerks and of various people at the State House and State Library in Richmond, and all of these may be of use when need comes to call for help by correspondence.

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Now I am at Burkeville where we drove from Lunenburg and where we take a train for Bedford. There, over Sunday, I may be able to locate "Russell Parish" where the Shipleys are said to have attended Church. Then, when the Court House opens on Monday I may find some clew to the Elusive problem. I am conserving strength by writing one letter.

Cordially Yours -

A. D. White -

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