

June 23, 1925

Mr. Louis A. Warren,
Zionsville, Ind.

My dear Mr. Warren:

I just had a letter from Caroline Hanks Hitchcock, enclosing your letter of June 12; and I want to tell you how pleased I am with what you wrote her. I was anxious to know what you thought about her material, and also how you felt about Barton's treatment of her.

Of course I don't mind in the least what he says about me, and on the whole he was fairly considerate; but I did resent what he said about Mrs. Hitchcock. It was all so gratuitous and so offensive.

I don't know that I agree with you in advising her to publish her genealogy at present. I think she ought to do more work on it, and have written her so. I have advised her to talk with Waldo Lincoln, who is one of the ablest genealogists in the country, as of course you know. He will be able to put his finger on the weak spots in her work, which I do not feel competent to do, even if I had the time, which I have not.

I have an idea that if he would talk with her, and then after your history is out, if you and shee could collaborate, you would make a sound piece of work. I feel free to suggest this because of what you have said yourself in your letter to Mrs. Hitchcock. Both of you can depend upon me for any help that I have the time to give.

I am interested in your suggestion that Barton is considering a genealogy. I hope he is for then that will smoke out the documents which he affirms he has. He would have done very much better to have published them in this history than to have lifted almost bodily out of other works so many pages in regard to events which he had not himself thoroughly studied. His treatment of the Gettysburg Speech is the most conspicuous example, that is not his but Lambert's work.

I hope you soon will have your history out. You may be sure I will read it with great interest.

I am enclosing a review of Barton's book that I did for The Christian Science Monitor.

Sincerely yours,