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My dear Mr. Parker:

Thank you for your letter with your kind expressions about my past work. No, my family were not Western New York pioneers as you suspect from my letter on Chautauqua to The Times. They were from Northwestern Pennsylvania, later the oil regions. Both my father's and mother's family came overland from Chemung County, Central New York. My father's family had come there from New Hampshire; my mother's from Massachusettes.

I wish I did have the information such as you are interested in about the early history of the Chautauqua country. As a matter of fact I have nothing of the kind. I have, to be sure, considerable material on the early history of the petroleum industry in Northwestern Pennsylvania, down the Allegheny River, etc., but all these books are packed away in the country. I keep only a study in New York where I have my materials for current work. I am sorry I cannot help you, it would be a satisfaction. If there is any particular thing you have in mind it might be that I could give a suggestion which of course I should be glad to do.

Thanking you again for your letter, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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