October 29, 1922.

My dear Mrs. Harrison:

You will pardon a dictated letter - will you not? My right hand has been seriously crippled for some months now, and I use it for almost nothing except signing my name. You will pardon too, will you not, my delay in writing, when I tell you that I did not receive your letter until last week in Louisville, it having followed me from place to place, and that this is absolutely the first opportunity to "do" my correspondence, for many days.

I would have been so glad to have gone to Lynchburg when I was in Virginia, but my time was limited. I had agreed to meet friends in Louisville on the 16th, to motor over the Lincoln country in Kentucky. My sister who was with me in the Shenandoah Valley, left me at Staunton. If I had received your letter in time, I certainly should have sent her down to "Hat Creek" and had a photograph made of the Nancy Hanks stone of which you speak, and I should have asked her to go by Lynchburg and call upon you. It would have been a great pleasure to her, for she has heard me talk of you so often. Indeed, at Staunton, I spoke of calling you up by telephone, but the pleasure it would have given me, I had to deny myself, so crowded was my time.

Now about this Nancy Hanks buried in Campbell County. I have never heard of her. The mother of Abraham Lincoln is certainly buried here in Indiana. There is no doubting the validity of the testimony to that, but the clue you gave me is important. The Hanks family line has never been satisfactorily established. I propose to look into it. I am wondering if you know anybody near "Hat Creek" who could take a photograph of this grave for me. I shall write to the County Clerk soon, asking him for entries of transactions in that County, in the name of Hanks. I think you may have started a valuable research, dear Mrs. Harrison.

It was very kind of you to write me. I remember my visit with you with such genuine pleasure. Do you never come to New York?" If so, I wish you would let me know. I am theresometimes, and if I knew you were coming, I might possibly arrange to be in town. Do try me.

With many thanks for your letter, and best wishes to Mr. Harrison, and all your household, believe me

Cordially yours,

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