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Mr. W. C. Simons,  
The World Company,  
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Simons:

Your letter of June 6th has been received, anticipating one that we were about to write, and we are happy to be able to report that the work is about half completed.

In the biographical material submitted, there is as you know, some repetition of detail. For example, there were found to be two accounts of your early life in Kansas, the shorter one apparently a condensation of the longer. As it was not quite clear to us what material was desired retained, and what omitted, we have combined the two in the form of an appendix to the main work which is primarily genealogical. In this way they may be further edited, if necessary, and used as desired. We are following the same procedure with the accounts of the great storm of 1885-1886 written by yourself and your sister, Mrs. Hoinville, and there are one or two other items which we are putting in the same appendix form, so that you may insert them where you deem best.

As to the genealogical material, we have done extensive verification of the photostatic chart submitted to us. Only in a very few instances was any variance found between it and the acknowledged published authorities on the families involved.

We have found, however, that your great-grandmother, Esther (Boomer) Mason was the daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Collins) Boomer, rather than of Matthew and Sarah (Wodell) Boomer. Matthew and Benjamin were brothers. This descent is proved by "The Mayflower Index" in two volumes, published by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. It eliminates