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Mr. W. S. Downs
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Dear Mr. Downs:

I have the genealogy of Mrs. Jenny B. Gowdy Simons practically ready for publication, and I should like to have you advise me in regard to the number of copies to be printed. It is my opinion that the number of persons who would be interested in this publication is very limited. I neither wish to make the mistake of printing too many copies nor of printing too few. I will appreciate it very much if you will give me your judgment in regard to this matter.

I wanted to get another copy of the Eddy family genealogy to present to my friend, General Manton S. Eddy, U.S.A.; but found that the edition of 600 copies had been exhausted.

I shall appreciate very much any advice that you may wish to give me. I have thought that an edition limited to 100 copies might prove entirely adequate and maybe a lesser number would be sufficient, but I have gone to considerable expense and a lot of work to compile the material for publication and I should hate to make the mistake of not printing the right amount.

I shall deeply appreciate the expression of your best judgment in the matter.

Very truly yours,

W. C. Simons

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