

Madison, N.J.  
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Mr. R. V. Harris  
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Dear Mr. Harris:

Your very welcome letter arrived the other day. The transcript relating to Hamilton was very interesting and checks with his verbal report. The investigation of Oak seems fated to go on for ever with new mysteries arising every time one is solved. I think Hamilton has made progress under the circumstances and certainly if he had not been willing to do what he has done we would not have gotten anywhere at all. I have quite detailed notes of his progress and findings each year and I shall try to condense them some time and send you the full story. He fully intends to continue next year if War conditions permit but I have not talked to him since we have been in it. Some day we may know all the answers.

I called Mr. Grimm today and learned that he is trying to contact his friend Timbers and you will no doubt hear from him very soon. I had not met Mr. Timbers though I had heard of him. Grimm is not aware of his present address but is locating him through mutual friends.

I had thought that all accounts with Murphy had been paid but apparently one was overlooked. Please express my regrets to him. I am cutting some lumber on the island this Winter and will have funds at the Chester Bank in the Spring. It will be a bit more convenient to use them in payment of those two items and I will wait until about April unless that is impossible in the case of the taxes. If payment is more urgent will you so advise and I will try to arrange it from here. When you get time will you forward me the complete accounting of the bills paid by your office, as you suggested doing in your last letter.

After a very trying two years things are looking much better personally. The suit of the government against the family was in three parts. One against myself, one my mother's estate and one my sister. We have cleaned up mine and mother's and my sister's is still under argument but due to be settled soon, and then we will all have a clean bill of health and can start over again. About all I have saved from the wreckage is a small place to live and Oak island. I was in government employ from July to October, stationed in Alabama, but found conditions impossible and returned here. Had quite some difficulty locating employment of any kind because of the upset caused by our entry into the War and even yet the confusion here is almost indescribable. However, I am now back with my old love, accounting, and have a very pleasant if not too remunerative job in Paterson with a C.P.A. firm doing Municipal Audit.

We are all in splendid health and quite busy with the problems of a growing family and War restrictions. I was glad to hear of the boys and to know that you are all well too. I have not written Blair as yet, preferring to wait until I had something definite to tell him, if that time ever comes. If it is in any way possible I shall certainly visit you next Summer but that seems a long way off and very indefinite as yet. We are all in it together now and it surely cannot last forever. Let me hear from you when you can.

Sincerely

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