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Mr. and Mrs. Arthur VanCleve,
Carson Road,
Route 3,
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. VanCleve,

We are most grateful to both of you for the kind and cordial reception accorded our niece and her husband at your home a few days. They reported a delightful time ~~at your home~~ during their brief visit with you. We sincerely trust the visit was not inconvenient.

We regret very much that we could not have been there and talked about the noble old gentleman, Mr. Asa. The strained economy of a country newspaper seldom permits a trip that far away from home. However, a cordial welcome awaits the both of you at this end. I am sure Miss Anna would be greatly pleased to see you. She continues to hold up well, but the mounting years are gradually taking their toll.

Our niece mentioned the Civil War Roster in Judge Biggs's autobiography. We would be more than glad to defray any expense incurred in having it copied, along with any other material such as letters, speeches, etcetera.

We greatly prize the material you graciously sent. The newspaper clipping will be returned to you shortly, our niece explaining that we may keep the other material. If we are not right in this, kindly advise.

We are going forward with plans for a new library building and we are searching for every piece of historical material, no matter how small or remote as long as it pertains to our town and county. We have several diaries and other material, some of which refers to the Judge and his family. Incidentally, the new library is to be built on a lot adjoining Miss Anna's present home, corner of Smithwick and Grace streets.

Should you, at any time, run across anything you think would be of interest to Williamston or Martin County, we would be more than pleased to pay for having it copied.

Thanks again for receiving our niece and her husband, and please know that we are most appreciative of the material sent us.

Most sincerely,

M. Manning

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