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Dear Mable:

It was from Vera Kerleberg that I got your address over a year ago. My interest in family history extends back to the late '30s but any work at it lies dormant for months, sometimes years, between spurts. Your grandfather, known to us as Uncle Rob, worked for my father, Charles Byington on our Wisconsin farm when I was a child. He understood that he was a cousin of my grandfather.

In the last few years I've gotten in touch with Byington relatives in the east who have sent vast amounts of information. From these manuscripts I've made graphs which contain over 2,000 names of descendants of John Byington who settled at Branford, Conn. So far, I've been unable to fit my greatgrandfather into this lineage, however your part of the family is listed. I've copied briefly from my chart showing your connection, as this may be of interest to you.

The enclosed letter written to your mother in 1936 by Fred Barnes came into my possession so long ago that I don't remember who gave it to me. It would be interesting to know if he ever got to meet your mother. I've kept this around because I'm one of those persons who hate to destroy anything of value to anyone. If you find it of interest you may keep it.

None of the manuscripts list an Orrin b. 1807 as son of Daniel. If he were son of Daniel + Hannah Alcott then his name should appear between Randall and Wells. I have puzzled over this for years, written several places for records but learned nothing.

He knew Maude when she lived with her grandparents at Arkansaw. I remember your mother visiting our farm, where my brother Ralph still lives. Do you have brothers

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and sisters? Do you know any descendants of your  
mothers brothers, other than Cliffords family?

Should you ever come to our area please do write and  
let us know. We would be so glad to have you visit us  
for a few days.

With best wishes to you and yours.

Sincerely,

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