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Moores Forks, - Clinton Co. N. Y.

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James Wright, M. D.

Dear Cousin: — You will excuse the rough appearance of the accompanying sheet, as I have made it out at a great disadvantage, away from home, and mostly in the evening; & see by the day-light, that the paper is rather poor. —

I have endeavored to give you an idea of the wide extent of our Family connexions, scattered in very many of the States & in Canada. What I have done has been chiefly of my own prompting; and tho aided somewhat, by others, in answer to letters, I can hardly get any answer from half the letters I write; and of others, few are definite enough in their information, to be of much use.

I have thought a Convention of Members from our different Kindred families, Wrights & others, would be of great value to our object, - to confer together, and mature some plan by which the needed information might be gathered, to meet at some time & place, most convenient, and as soon as possible; - where each should bring all the definite information he could, & then devise a plan of action, & choose an Editor, or Committee of Publication, who should issue Circulars, & employ a traveling Editor, if thought best, to visit those localities, where our ancestors have resided & gather facts &c, &c.

As I have said above, such letters as are useful are rarely obtained, unless called for by some authority, or combination of names, that will command attention & respect, from those addressed, as I have found at my cost. —

N. B. The wife has written, if you think it worth while, if you have time & leisure & feel an interest to hear from each other; - as the work is mostly in your hands, I would like a few words from you, if convenient. S. W.