

Ans'd  
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Mr. Thomas H. Raddall

4-7-45.

Dear Sir,-

My friend, Maj. Bunnell, loaned ~~me~~ <sup>me</sup> the copies of the Adventure Magazine so I could read your story, "Roger Sudden." This was a very interesting story. I also procured your book "His Majesty's Yankees" from our local library and have read it. I am very much interested in history and most of my reading consists of regular history or novels, such as yours, based on actual historical events.

I am descended from N. S. parents, who grew up and were married in Yarmouth County. They moved to New England and I was born in Providence in 1886. We later moved to Tenn. for my father's health and I grew up + went to school there. After finishing college (Mechanical Engineering) I have lived mostly in the Middle West, in the oil business. My hobby is history, especially the period 1800 to 1850, covering the Fur Trade, Santa Fe + Oregon Trails, Pioneer Settlement, etc. I have quite a library covering these subjects, and especially early Kansas History and John Brown. I am a member of the Kans. Hist. Soc. and was elected to the Board for a 3

year Term last Oct. I am also a member  
of the Amer. Pioneer Trails Ass'n.

My ancestors moved from Mass to N.S.  
about 1767. I understand there was a  
large movement of people led by a Rev. Mr. Mason

moved to N.S. during this period. Stephen  
Banks (1706-1769) married Sarah Mattson.

His son, Capt. Robert (1733-1778) was killed  
at Fort Banks in the Wyoming valley

massacre. My mother was a Flint.  
Her father was a sea Capt and carried

supplies to the Corner in 1854. Timothy  
Flint - the western author + writer is

from the same Flint family, only his  
branch stayed in Mass. The Capt.

Kinney of Vermont, who had some  
property in the Nat's Ser. Mass. a few

years ago is also a relative, my mother's  
mother being a Kinney. My father's

mother was a Wilson. I came to  
2 "Mayflower" passengers and are on  
the "Fortune", the next ship after the

"Mayflower".  
I have a large map of N.S. and I  
had in Vermont Co. a lake marked

"Lake Umbagog". I am remembering of  
this in context of a map print.

I am expecting to visit in a  
company between in a few years

for the Puritans  
Ser. 1.



and I am already at work on two historical projects, a Bibliography of Western Books and a Chronological Chart covering area, Miss River to Rocky Mtns and period 1800 to 1850. Don't know whether these will ever be published or not, but there is nothing in the Library covering the ground I have in mind and I think I can see a place for them, if properly worked out.

I also collect old maps and have a small collection. This brings up a suggestion I have in mind for your stories - maps - showing scene of story - to my mind this is very essential and adds greatly to the interest and value of the story. I believe if I could live my life over I would work in the field of History instead of Engineering.

I certainly enjoyed your two stories, of course I was especially interested because of my N.S. background.

Wishing you continued success,

I am, yours truly

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