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COPY OF A LETTER

Feb. 23, 1969

Dear Mrs. Ferrard:

I have a memorandum from you forwarded to me by my cousin, Jeanette Barnett Hollis. She evidently had it for some time and I'm ashamed to admit I've had it since last August.

I really can give very little information about Thetas at Cincinnati Wesleyan. Am sure the inspiration for the founding of the chapter must have come from Hannah Fitch (Shaw). She was engaged to Archibald Shaw who was my grandmother's uncle. They were contemporaries, even though he was an uncle.

My grandmother, Alice Shaw (Barnett), was a student at the "Female Seminary" (CW) at that time. I remember my grandmother saying that they had to hold their meetings in secret because the school authorities objected. Am sure Hannah Fitch officiated in some capacity at their initiation, which I think took place on the 3rd floor of their dormitory by candle light. That is where they held their meetings in strictest secrecy. Seems to me there were only about three members at first, but am hazy on that point.

Am sorry I cannot tell you more. I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Archibald Shaw that I think you will enjoy reading.

Yours in Theta,
(signed)
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