

* He also has Leavelle.

Getting time to breathe is difficult these days, but Joy Hurt needed something and she has done so much for us (James Peeples Youmans line) that I had to stop and try to find it. I ran across one of Mr. Barnhill's tart notes for which he was famous asking a question I did not answer--shame on me but the way he asked was provoking. It concerned the Harley connection and the first wife of Benjamin Joseph Heape who mar. 1st Elizabeth Wood and 2nd Sarah Davis, the d/o of the "first Samuel." * I have not been scattering the invitations to ask for an "invitation proper" because I wanted to get the Bruneau-LeGrand lines first--they are proved and we have the information in Martha Burns' own handwriting. That should mean you can save \$30 on each one after the first clears, I hope. I want Bob Heape, Jr., here to go in on the Davis or the Heape line since I don't believe either has been used, but Bob is a proud cuss and won't ask for help. He has the information but I doubt if he realizes what he has.*

The niece of Mr. Barnhill, and an heir along with her brother, suggests I ask the executor to let me see the papers. His last letter indicated they were about ready to publish. I wish I had the time and energy. Ruth Elsom

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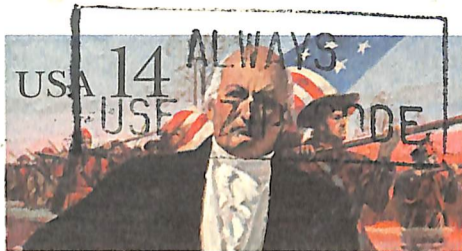
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