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S. MORTON VOSE II
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Dear Mrs. Baber,

April 8, 2003

Thank you for your very interesting letter. I shall reply briefly at once, long hand. Though you will see at once why I prefer to have my letters typed. At age 84, I can no longer type, nor hold a pen properly. I normally mail my scribbles to my secretary in Dedham, who types and mails them back. In the future I will treat our correspondence that way. (Really can spell, but have difficulty seeing what I write).

Sincere, I must explain that your letter arrives just as I am confronted with two other projects simultaneously, so please excuse what may seem like some delay. Cogsett is very close to my heart. I am the last of our family to recall summers at Cogsett from childhood on. (I am the last of five siblings, and the eldest!)

Also, I have not written a history of the Vose family. That was done beautifully by the late (very late) Miss Ellen G. Vose of Staughton - "Robert Vose and His Descendants" published in 1932. That Robert Vose was

Please excuse, Mrs. I do not know whether to address you as Miss or Mrs.

P.S. My late father Robert wrote a history of the Norse 91 allens, the family being owned by Noses since 1841

a... Gentleman of Dorchester: by 1654.

Of course we would be happy to see you here, but I have only just asked another interested person to postpone a visit... for a week or two... so that I might catch up a bit.

I really think the best way I can send to help you is by sending you a copy of my essay on Cogges which should be ready - with my secretary's visit here, shortly. It is written for the family but should be a stud.

Like you, I spent time at Jumentown Town Hall (some time ago). At present I have mislaid the date of my father's sale of the farm to Mr. Worth of unhelpful memory, who asked permission of the trustees to let the fire department burn down the house as a practice project, so that he might build a "good" modern building! I can get that date by phone,

Mr. Collins was much interested in the history of Cogges when her family owned it.

Later, at one point, it was sold (I think by Dr. C. C. C. C.) for \$5,000! I have back again. If I had \$5,000 then I would have bought it - but probably could not have paid the taxes!

I am sure you know Mrs. Mary Mann of East Shore Road, the Jumentown historian. She has been interested in Cogges.

I know you can't read this; but we will soon be getting on a type-written track

Sincerely, Seth Norton Norse II