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To Whom It May Concern:

It is my pleasure to recommend Judith Herbert for genealogical research. Her work for me has been excellent and most enjoyable. The end product is all that I could hope to have.

There are several areas of her work on which I would like to comment. The first is the thoroughness of her research. It is obvious from the depth and variety of source material that she has ranged far and wide in her selection of possible information.

This leads to the next quality of her work that I found most beneficial. In every stage of the research into succeeding generations, she has communicated all her findings to me in depth so that I have felt as if I were traveling those paths with her.

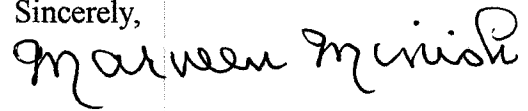
Her writing style for the final family history not only gives the necessary facts, but makes people and events come alive. She has included details that add to the picture of lives and times of my ancestors. Her interpretations, appendices and footnotes widen the picture even more. For example, in the 1793 inventory list for Samuel Gates, she has added paragraphs about the inventory items, showing them in the places they would be used, giving a picture of the Gates' family life. Having clothing items in the inventory, she has painted a picture of the man himself: . . . "one can imagine the man in his fine linen shirt, double-breasted vest, corduroy breeches, blue stockings, great coat, mittens and felt hat, as he headed to Sunday services or to conduct the business of the town." What life that gives to my picture of my ancestor!

This personal connection to my ancestor is further enhanced by Judith's ingenuity and sense of humor. Noting in the inventory that Samuel Gates had a library of four books - a Testament, the Bible, William Penn's *No Cross No Crown*, and Isaac Watts' *Psalms and Hymns*, she researched to discover whether printings of the Penn and Watts books were still available. Finding that they were, she suggested to my husband that he order them as a Christmas gift to me. He did, and added his own bit of humor on the gift tag hint that "the clue to this gift comes from a wise woman in the East." (Judith's home is in Maine). It is hard to adequately describe the feeling of family connection to know that with my own Testament and Bible, the Watts and Penn books give me a direct link back to my past and the ideas and beliefs that enlightened and directed my ancestors.

Judith has my permission to share this Gates family history with any historical or genealogical society that would benefit from its information. If direct communication with me is desired I can

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Sincerely,



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