

favorite family legend of how the Vennells
happened to come to America. I wrote it
in some detail and I'm sure it is still
around. Since you say you go on with
whatever research you start, I'll send
it to you when it comes to light. I'm
still considerably disorganized by the
tediousness of recovering from a bad fall.

I'm glad J. L.'s reaction to Stay was not
unfavorable. There was a veritable fury
of resentment when Rome Hanks first came
out. Thelma caught almost as much of
it as Stay did for a time. There were
echoes of it in Western North Carolina
also. Cordially,

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