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Dear Dr. Grayson:

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At last, the answer I promised you on February 27, comes to you. Quite often my correspondence piles up for weeks until I find the time and the leisure to write an adequate answer. Now the semester is over I can relax a little, and since we have the most unusual June-summer weather - cold, cool, rain, and that at a time when we usually wonder whether we will have 95° or more tomorrow! - it is quite pleasant to stay indoors and turn to pleasant activities. For instance going to my family tree papers and trying to give you such information as I may be able to add to what you know already.

Of course, as you will see, the sketch will show you a lot of "Darmstadter" branches, but it will also indicate that those "Darmstadter girls" around 1850-1870 decided to go (or were sent) to USA. The male branch left a little later, after 1933....
Your relationship? Well, your great-grandmother Hannah (Hanchen in German) and my grandfather Zacharias were sister and brother

great-grandmother = sister of Zacharias Darmstadter
of Hannah grandfather
Dr. Grayson of Karl Darmstadter

If it is not a close relationship, and though we are not close relatives, as the term goes, it is a pleasure for me to have this opportunity of establishing certain family ties of which I had only a vague idea. As you can see, there is another relationship in Wash.: Miss Miriam Berger. You may have heard her name.

I hope that my real answer to your letter of Feb 10, will please you, though the delay requires my apology. May I ask you to convey my best regards to the one who is, after all, a closer relative: your grandmother, and, last not least, to your own dear ones.

Expecting to hear from you again, I remain
cordially yours,

Karl Darmstadter

