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Letter from William C. Booth to Thomas Fenton Taylor

William C. Booth

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Brooklyn March 5-1905

Thomas F. Taylor

Dear Sir

In answer to your enquiry relating to Walt Whitman I would advise you that Walter Whitman Sr the father of Walt Whitman worked for my brother previous to the year 1850. He had a room in the old building on our office where he worked by himself making doors and other bench work. He was an excellent character. He owned 50 acres of wood land in the town of Islip L.I. which he offered to sell me for the sum of one hundred dollars as the charcoal burners were cutting the wood and burning it into charcoal. The land is now selling for from two to five thousand dollars per acre so far for Walt Whitman Sr I had a personal acquaintance with Walt Whitman the poet and the author

of the poem Leaves of Grass he was
more eccentric than his father but
a noble generous hearted man
we were quite intimate. If I knew
what line of information you wanted
to know of him if it was in my power
I would be glad to give you the
information you desire. In conversation
with you we might get ^{at} the information
you desire. If you call on me

I will tell you what I know of
Walt

Respectfully yours
W. L. Booth