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THE STEPPING STONES,
AMBLESIDE.

Dear Mr.Hoyland,

Miss Rogers has sent me your letter of enquiry concerning our remote ancestors . I cannot answer it better than by sending you a copy of a booklet which I printed privately nearly two years ago . I am afraid I cannot tell you much more for I put nearly all my goods in the shop-window . I did however come across the name of Darfield pretty often in the course of my research ; it is not far from Peniston ; but I did not trace any members of the family there . Your surname like my own must be derived from a place name . There is more than one Hoyland within the triangle formed by Sheffield, Barnsley and Peniston where the family makes its first appearance .

There must have been a colony of Wordsworths at Edwinstowe in Sherwood Forest . Do you know anything of them ? They must have been established about, or even before, 1700 . It is not so far in distance from Peniston as one is apt to think .

If the little book interests you I hope you will accept it .

Yours sincerely,

Gordon G. Wordsworth