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The reader may wish to know that Johannes’s third child, my Aunt Jane, wrote as follows in relation to the history of his first marriage, or “marriage”:

I did not know anything about a previous marriage until the day after my father died when my mother told me the story. … My mother used to say that the length of the non-consummated marriage was a tribute to my father’s wonderful patience and dignity. I think my mother also said that the first wife’s parents concealed her medical/personality problems and should never have let her marry.

— Email to author, August 10, 2011