

Copy of Letter

Kentville, Kings County

Nova Scotia

March 4th 1886

Dear Sir;

I had the pleasure of receiving a letter from you last night. I am afraid I put the poor Governor to a lot of trouble. I am very well & desirous to know, as the branches of the family here have now few remaining of the branch in Jamaica had failed also. If you care to know of the family it is this: - Old Francis Perkins and his wife Elizabeth (nee Peck) came down to Nova Scotia about 1761 and settled in Hurdin Kings County along with settlers from the state of Connecticut and the New England States. They settled on lands now in possession of Roy, Elderton Turner and others below Kentville a little. Old Francis P and his wife Elizabeth had three sons (no daughters) Ely, William and Cyrus. The lands now in possession of the Elderton heirs was sold and the proceeds taken to educate William and Cyrus Perkins. William Perkins became a Doctor of Medicine & settled in Jamaica and is I think your ^{great} grandfather. Cyrus became a Church of England Clergy man, he was I think settled in Annapolis N.S. for some time but went to England & died there. and I presume from this circumstance that you have the idea that the family went to England, but notwithstanding that he died in England, his only son and only remaining child (the daughter

deed unmarried) is still living at Annapolis, Royal County of Annapolis, Nova Scotia, he has a son Cyrus and I think a daughter, his name is William Bowen Perkins, he is an old man now and I think was once in Jamaica with your grand father for a time. The remaining and eldest son of Old Francis Perkins was Ely Perkins my grandfather so called after the old family name of Francis Perkins mother who was a Miss Ely, but I know nothing of her genealogy. Ely Perkins had many children, many of whom however died in infancy, he married Sarah De Wolfe, she was, a very handsome woman, she died at my fathers on Thursday 1868, she was handsome still though in her 93rd year. The children of Ely were James who was drowned while still a young man near Truro Nova Scotia leaving a wife & one child. I do not know much about them except that they live somewhere about Truro. Next William who died in Upper Canada some years ago leaving quite a family. His son James was Mayor of the town or city of Petrolia when I was there some years ago. Next Mary she married James Gesley and died leaving quite a family, some are dead, some living here, some in the United States and some in Upper Canada. Elizabeth who married twice & is dead and all her children. Cyrus who died this fall near Fredrickton in the province of New Brunswick and lastly my mother Lucilla the now only survivor & she is old and feeble though vigorous for her age but has been very sick this winter.

My Mother had five children, one dead, one sister married here
and two sons in Washington U.S.A. and lastly myself living
at Nentville of the old Bachelor persuasion. I wish you would
send me a little synopsis of a schedule of the family in Jamaica
a likeness of yourself and if you could send me a map and stati-
ment or samples about the country I would like it as we often
hear about the island but can get little particular infor-
mation of its appearance products inhabitants etc

Yours

(Signed) Edmund J. Cogswell

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