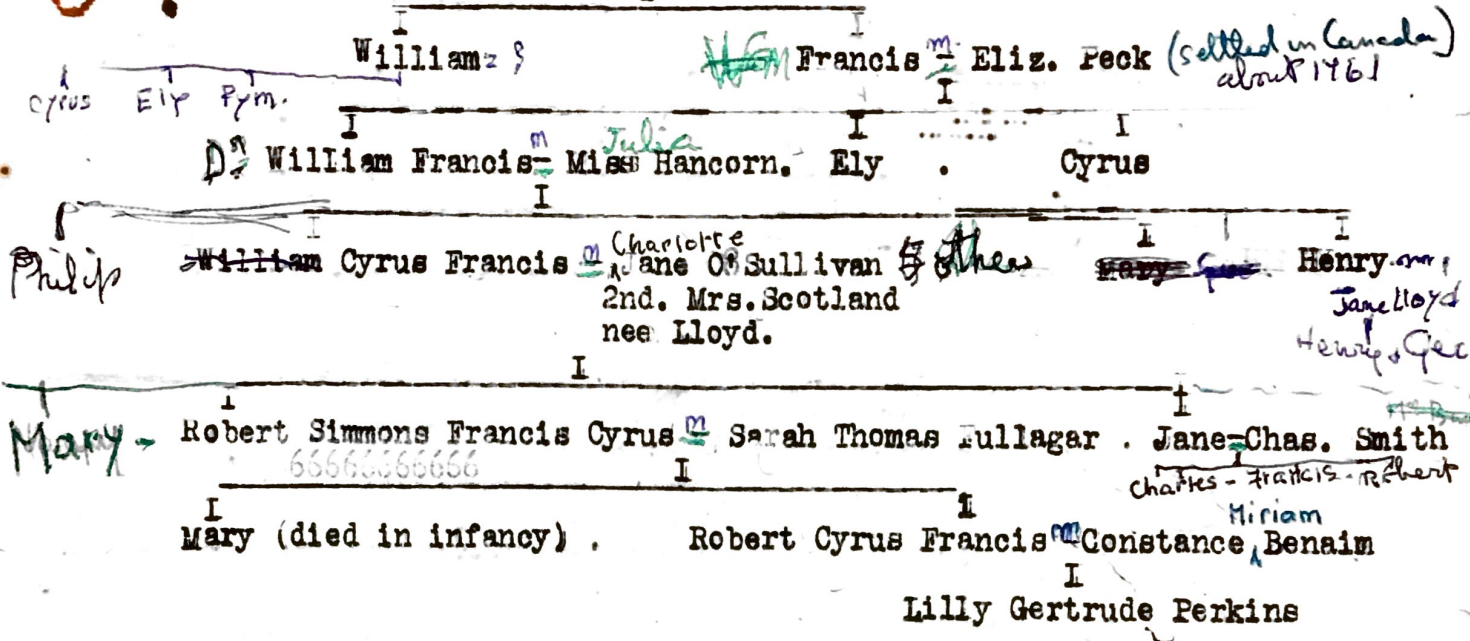


Perkins Family. . . . . Probably came from <sup>England</sup> Norfolk to Connecticut. or ~~did he~~  
 -Perkins <sup>m</sup> Miss Ely ~~settled in Norfolk Conn?~~



It is said that 3 brothers first came to the U. S. & A & settled in Maine - Mass. - & Conn. - Is this how it went?

?  
 Maine William Boston Mass Francis (Conn)  
 Both settled in N. Scotia

Note - It seems that the 3 brothers who came to the U.S.A. were of an earlier generation than above -

The Perkins family (our branch) was supposed to have come from Norfolk - There is a record (1405) of a William Perkins bearing similar arms to the other branches of the family in the country -

This record refers to Child's Manor, East Barham - "... and it was released in the 7<sup>th</sup> year of Henry VI (1405) to William Leyre, bastard son of Thomas who conferred to Humphrey, Duke of Gloucester & Alionora + William Perkins Esqre, this lordship, October 6<sup>th</sup> in the 11<sup>th</sup> year of the said William by his ~~hand~~ deed dated Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> in the same year released all his right herein to the said Duke & the said William between eight billets or mine"

NOTE - William Perkins, Lord Robert was bailiff to

Family History.

There is a fascination about one's family history, even when one's forebears happen to be very ordinary folk. One likes to know something of their work and interests, and the few anecdotes and so on that are passed down the line, become of absorbing interest. Alas, they are only too few. Sometimes old records seem conflicting, and certain points are obscure but, for my own amusement, (since I am the last of the line) I will try to compile an account of the family, drawn from old records and things told me by the older folk.

Tradition says that the family ~~originated in~~, or rather our branch of it originated in Norfolk, and I shall return later to what is known of them there. Some member or members of the family emigrated to the U.S.A and settled in Connecticut? It may have been the one who married a Miss Ely, but the first definite information that we have is that their son Francis, with his family, left Connecticut? and settled in Nova Scotia,

Canada about 1761. So it is with Francis that we will start this record.

*They had also another son William, settled in Boston, Mass. (?) He also settled in Canada later*  
FRANCIS PERKINS. Living in 1761.  
*settled in N.S.*

I used to hear the old people say, in my childhood, that Francis had left the U.S.A. because he refused to be anything but a British subject. But the American Revolution did not commence until 1775, although there had been much unrest for years previously, so whether that really was his

reason, we do not know. It is nice to think that it was. The Conquest of Canada by England had taken place only the year before, in 1760. It is possible that English settlers were being encouraged, and seeing the trend of affairs in the States, he decided to make the move. I think he was already married ~~and had his three sons~~ when he moved, but am not certain

It is said that 3 brothers went to the U.S.A. & settled in Conn; Maine & Mass.

see note on member page

where his sons were born.

~~of this~~. However we do know that he settled on certain lands in  
Horton, King's County, Nova Scotia, <sup>about 1761</sup> along with other settlers from Connecticut and the New England States, and it may be that lands were then being given to settlers. These lands were "a little below Kentville".

Francis and his wife Elizabeth (nee Peck) had three sons, no daughters  
The sons were Ely, William Francis, and Cyrus ~~Francis Peck~~ <sup>(after his mother) grandm other</sup>.

As time went on Francis sold the lands to provide for the education of the two younger boys. He had evidently managed to educate the eldest boy otherwise. They were educated in England. Ely became a big land owner in Canada, William went to the Royal College of Physicians in London and became a Doctor and Cyrus became a Church of England clergyman.

The lands sold were, in 1886, in the possession of Roy, Elderkin, Turner and others.

Note: - Nova Scotia had been ceded by the French to Great Britain in 1713 - (Previously called Acadia)

The sons of Francis Perkins of Nova Scotia.

① ELY.

Ely was the eldest of the three sons. He was named after his maternal grandmother, who I think, with her husband, must have been the pioneers who emigrated from Norfolk, since there were many Elys in Norfolk at that time, and probably still are.

Ely became a large land-owner in Canada and was reputedly very wealthy. He married Sarah de Wolfe who was a very handsome woman, and who still was handsome when she died on Christmas day 1865 in her 93rd year. \*

Ely and Sarah had a large family, many of whom died in infancy.

Their children were ...

James, who was drowned near Truro, Nova Scotia, whilst still a young man.

He left a wife and child, who continued living at or near Truro.

William. Had a large family. One son, James, was Mayor of Petrolia. William died in Upper Canada.

Mary. Married James Gesley, and died leaving a big family, some of whom settled in the States and some in Canada.

Elizabeth. Married twice. She and all her children had died before 1886.

Cyrus. Died in the Fall of 1886, near Fredrickton in the Province of New Brunswick.

Lucilla. Married - Cogswell and had 5 children. She was still alive in 1886, and though old, was still vigorous. In that year, one child was already dead, one girl married in Nova Scotia, 2 boys in Washington, and one unmarried son, Edmund, in Kentville, King's County, Nova Scotia.

This is all we know of Ely and his family.

1<sup>st</sup> Generation  
in Jamaica

The Sons of Francis Perkins of Nova Scotia.

(2) William Francis. Physician and Surgeon.

William was sent from Nova Scotia to England for his education, and studied at the Royal College of Physicians in London. He became attached to the army. At an early period of his career he was sent out to West Africa, to the Gold Coast, and was stationed with the Garrison at "Cape Coast Castle" (This from an old letter in which the words quoted are indistinct, and "Castle" might not be the correct word.) Here he introduced vaccination, and became, it seems, quite an authority on tropical diseases, especially Yaws. It is said he used sea water in his treatment of this.

Later he came with his regiment to Jamaica, and was stationed at Falmouth, which was then a military post. He was the first of the family to live in Jamaica. In those days Martha Brae had been the chief town of the ~~island~~ Parish and the seat of Parish Government. Even the harbour was known as Martha Brae Harbour, It must have been at just about this time that the town proper began to move to where Falmouth now is, but Martha Brae continued for some time as the residential area. The road through the swamps to Falmouth had not yet been built, and so the shortest route was down the river by boat, and I have heard that was how Dr. Perkins travelled from his home at Martha Brae to the Barracks at Falmouth, the Garrison having been transferred there in 1804.

I am not sure <sup>to</sup> what Regiment he belonged, <sup>perhaps the 55<sup>th</sup></sup> but the Colonel of the Regiment was Col. Hancorn, and he married the Colonel's daughter <sup>Julia</sup> Col. Hancorn also had a son who was accidentally killed when on some military errand at Rock, about  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile from Falmouth, when his horse slid

on a flat rock and threw him.

Dr. William's wife had some near relations named Dixon. I think her mother was probably a Dixon, and the two brothers who come into the story were her uncles, of whom more later. *(other sister may have married a Dixon)*

William Francis and his wife had ~~4~~ sons and ~~4~~ daughters. ~~George~~, William. Cyrus Francis. Phillip. Henry., and ~~4~~ girls who became Mrs. Hart, Mrs. de St. Remi, and Mrs. Burton. *+ one unmarried who died in England - One of them was, I think, named Nehitahel.*

To return to the Dixons... There was Manley Dixon who was Lt. Col. of the 90th. Regiment of Canada, and Charles Cranston Dixon who was Governor of Fort Pitt, having obtained that important position through the influence of Lord Raglan who was a friend of the family. Col. Chas. was a loyalist who had been granted a large farm near Toronto, and was said to be a very wealthy man. It is said that one of them was out here for a while with the army. However that may be, there is a record of a Lt. William Dixon of the Royal Register Artillery at Falmouth in ~~1791~~ 1791 and a Capt Dixon of the Detachment of the 55th. Reg. was stationed at Martha Brae in 1802. They may have been the same person. The Regiment was moved to Falmouth in 1804.

Col. Chas. Dixon of Fort Pitt was childless, but was obviously fond of children. All Dr. William's brood were sent to him whilst having their schooling in Canada. They must have lived at the farm near Toronto, and they were not spoiled, for each boy had his chores to do before setting off to school. He eventually adopted the girl who became Mrs. Warren Burton. *gave her a big wedding when she married -*

In 1806 Sir Eyre Coote came to Jamaica as Governor, and Dr. William was appointed his personal Physician. I have no record of the length of William's life in Jamaica, but during his stay here with the regiment

he was sent back to the Gold Coast to reorganize medical conditions there. <sup>+ deal with an outbreak of Yaws, on the treatment of which he specialized. See water</sup> A special gun boat was sent to take him there and back, and he was away for six months. There is a story told of this period. He is said to have been very faddy about the position of his bed, and his wife, remaining at their Marthe Brae house in his absence, decided to have the huge four-poster moved to suit herself. When, however, she got news that the gun-boat had been sighted on its return journey, she was anxious to have things fixed to please her husband, and with only the help of a servant, tried to replace the heavy bed. She strained her ~~hand~~ back badly and never completely recovered.

Old Dr. William eventually died in Falmouth and was buried in the Churchyard there with full military honours, his coffin draped in a large Union Jack. His wife and other members of the family were also buried there, but in 1843 the Church was extended over the graves which cannot now be seen.

D? William must have been in Jamaica during  
Gov: Nugent's time. (?)

Nugent 1801 - 1806 Sir Eyre Coote 1806 - 1808

9/ was said to have been ~~hand~~ of his great merit.

The Sons of Francis Perkins of Nova Scotia.

(3) Cyrus Francis Bowen Perkins  
GGG

Cyrus became a Church of England clergyman, and settled for some time in Annapolis, Nova Scotia, but he went back to England later and died there. He was the 1st Anglican minister in the county -

→ Drowned while yachting in Tor Bay - Probably a Bowen

I do not know whom he married but he had a son, William Bowen Perkins, and a daughter who died unmarried.

William Bowen had a son, Cyrus, and a daughter, and was still alive in 1886, and living in Annapolis, Royal County of Annapolis, N.S.

William Bowen was in Jamaica for a while with his uncle, Dr. William Perkins.

There was also a Francis Bowen P. out here at one time, probably a brother - Wm. Bowen also visited the island. I think he was a clergyman -

Their mother's maiden name was probably Bowen.

~~Wm. Bowen (Billy) had 3 children. Bessie Odell, Cyrus~~

~~William~~ had a son Cyrus, who had 4 children -

Bessie Odell, Cyrus + William - Charlotte -

William was alive in 1964 + running a hotel which he owned in Annapolis Royal - N.S.

There is a monument or plaque in the Anglican church there to the memory of Cyrus ~~the 1st pastor~~.

He was Chaplain to the Forces (George III) - Contributed to Waterloo Fund + was one of the 3 trustees of the Grammar School founded in 1811.

The Church was destroyed by fire in the 1820's -  
church built in the 1820's -



The Children of Dr. William F. Perkins of Falmouth. 8

I do not know the correct order in which his children came.

I think there was one named William, but have no information, about him and am not really sure about him.

(1) William? ~~George~~ -  
\_\_\_\_\_ No Information.

(2) Henry. Married Jane Lloyd. Had two sons, George and Henry. Settled in  
GG \_\_\_\_\_ Jamaica at Mount Hermon, St. Ann. Sons were educated in Canada.

(3) Phillip. A sailor and adventurer. No one knew where he was until he turned up. He was as rough as his brother Cyrus Francis was aesthetic. It was either he or another sailor cousin who was at one time in command of ~~the~~ gun-boat ~~Feather~~ and of ~~another~~ ~~boat~~ whose name I now forget. (~~the name of the boat~~)

He eventually settled in Clarendon, but never married.

(4) Cyrus Francis. Married. 1st. Jane <sup>Charlotte</sup> Sullivan of Co. Cork, Ireland.

B. ~~1840~~  
alive after  
1845

2nd. Mrs Maxwell Scotland (Nee Lloyd) Widow.  
sister of Henry's wife.

Three children by first marriage. None by second.

Robert Simmons Francis Henry, Jane, Mary.

More details of Cyrus Francis will be given on another page.

(5) Mrs. Hart. Her husband was a Canadian Lawyer.

a relative of his mother's

(6) Mrs. Warren Burton. Adopted in childhood by Col. Dixon of Fort Pitt, and given a big wedding.

(7) Mrs. de St. Remi. Married the Comte de St. Remi, a refugee from the French Revolution. They had two children, a girl and a boy. Lizette and Fremlyn. More about this family will given on another page.

g. a girl - died young.

2<sup>nd</sup> Generation

Children of Dr. William Perkins of Falmouth.

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(4) Cyrus Francis. Born in Falmouth, Ja.

Mention has been made of Cyrus Francis on Page 8. As stated he married an Irish girl / but I am not sure whether he met her in Jamaica or Canada, since he travelled a good deal between the two places.

*Charlotte Jane O'Sullivan of Cork.*

*B. Falmouth, Ja. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1840*

They had three children Robert Simmens Frances Henry (enough names for royalty!) Jane named after her mother, and Mary. *They lived in Falmouth during his 1<sup>st</sup> marriage -*

Cyrus Francis seems to have been a versatile person. He was not a clergyman, but he did missionary work and preached on occasion. He seems to have had a good deal to do with plantership. *He was Act: for Greenwade Estate -* He owned New England near St. Ann's Bay and Devon Pen on the Junction Road, and kept ~~an eye~~ *managed* on Slipe Pen (now Cross Roads Area) for the owner, Col. Dixon, who was a relative and who had acquired it when in the army in Jamaica. He eventually sold it for him. He ~~had~~ owned a printery in St. Ann's Bay, an old stool from which is now in my possession. He wrote quite passable poetry, and I have the M.S.S. of a remarkably good novel of his times, which I hope to get published some day. He was interested in the welfare of the slaves and tried to show up the evils of slavery in his book, while retaining a great sense of fairness and humour. He must have lived intimately on a sugar estate to have known so much of the inside life and workings among the subordinate staff. *He probably worked on an estate in his youth.*

As I mentioned he seems to have travelled several times between Ja. and Canada. There is a record of his return in 1848. His wife had died some time previously, and in ~~1848~~ 1849 he wrote verses on a visit to her grave in Falmouth Churchyard after a long absence. In 1855 we find him in Brandford, Upper Canada, writing his novel, while trying to recuperate

his health. He was ~~also~~ in Canada in 1848

1858

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He was friendly with the Rev. ~~Horace~~ <sup>Herbert</sup> Scotland ~~six~~ <sup>and</sup> who was Chaplain ~~person~~ at Camp, and with his brother Maxwell Scotland whose widow he married later, but there were no children by the second marriage. Mrs. Scotland had been a Miss <sup>Mary?</sup> Lloyd and her sister Jane was married to his brother Henry. She was a very clever woman and had studied many subjects not usually taken up by women in those days. She even studied Navigation. She owned Mount Hermon in St. Ann. I think they lived at Devon Pen for a while, but ~~really~~ <sup>eventually</sup> settled at New England near St. Ann's Bay. She did not act quite fairly to ~~his~~ <sup>her step-</sup> son however. She persuaded her husband to sell Devon Pen and use the money to stock her property <sup>near Hermon</sup> with the promise that it should go to his son Robert. It went however to her sister Jane, <sup>who was married to his brother,</sup> and so to another branch of the Perkins family. Robert <sup>his son</sup> had predeceased him <sup>but it should have gone to his grandson</sup> **Robert II.**

Another friend of Cyrus Francis was Bridges the historian. It is said that Bridges gave him his M.S.S. to read before publishing. History does not give one the impression that Bridges was a very likable character, although he was a scholar.

The daguerreotype which I have of Cyrus Francis shows him as an elderly man with greying hair and whiskers. It is a thin, kindly, aesthetic face. I think he died at New England and was buried there. His second wife survived him.

He was alive for some years after his son's death in 1875

His son was born in 1840. He was, I think, the youngest of the family of 3.

~~Henry. his brother, m. Jane Lloyd, lived at Mt. Hermon. St. Ann. Had 2 sons. G. Henry & George who were educated in Canada - became pen-keepers but never seemed to attain much in life.~~

He was at one time Attorney for one or more Sugar Estates in Ireland (Probably Greenside) also

Children of Dr. William Perkins of Falmouth.

(7) Mrs. de St. Remi.

This one of Dr. William's daughters married a French nobleman, the Comte de St. Remi, who had escaped from France during the revolution. Of course he never used his title again. By all accounts he was a dreamy sort of person with a passion for botany, geology and kindred subjects. He and his wife, with their daughter Lizette and young son Fremlyn, spent some time in Jamaica, and it seems that Lizette remained out here. I do not know if she ever returned to Canada. *She kept a little school -*

Lizette was said to be very beautiful. She was tall but stooped slightly. She started a small school which she kept for some time.

Fremlyn, fresh from an American school, with perhaps a certain amount of colour prejudice, struck a slave and his father ordered the slave to return the blow. It was more than the proud spirit of the boy could stand. He shot himself. I am not sure whether this incident took place in Jamaica or New York, where they lived for a while.

Both Mr. and Mrs. St. Remi were very anti-slavery in their views, and she created quite a stir in New York, by stopping her carriage and picking up an old slave who was being knocked about.

Mrs de St. Remi wrote a History of Canada which was published in 1847. It was written for schools and was largely used <sup>in Canada</sup> for a long time.

(I have a copy)

3<sup>rd</sup> Generation The Children of Cyrus Francis Perkins. (My great grandfather's 2)

(1) Robert Simmons F.H. Perkins. (My grandfather)

Robert Simmons was born in Falmouth and just missed being an Aprilist baby. He was born on the 2nd. April 1840.

Perhaps he inherited a sense of humour from his Irish mother, but for the daguerreotype photo which I have of him shows a handsome, clean-shaven, very modern looking young man, with certainly a twinkle in his blue eyes. He painted very well in water colours.

He carried on his father's printery, but I do not think a living was to be made out of that. I do not think he <sup>had</sup> owned any property of his own, but he managed Soho <sup>in S. Ann</sup> and other places for their owners. <sup>New England</sup> his father's home should have been his but he died before his father did.

In 1861, when he was 21 he married Sally Fullagar, daughter of an English Methodist pastor, her full name being Sarah Thomas Fullagar. She was one year younger than he was.

The young couple lived at various places, but their first home was at a place called Greenvale near St. Ann's Bay, and there their first baby Mary Fullagar Perkins was born on ~~20th April 1862~~ 19th. April 1862. A little fair haired girl who lived only for ~~2~~ 2 1/2 years.

Their son had been born ~~earlier~~ in the year of <sup>Mary's</sup> her death, on March 14th. 1864. He was named Robert ~~Cyrus~~ Francis. He dropped the Cyrus

when he grew up. He was always called "Robin" to avoid confusion with Robert his Father, who died in his <sup>35<sup>th</sup> year</sup> early thirties in Jan. ~~1845~~ 1845

Sally lived at New England with Robin after her husband's death. Robin was then aged 11.

Her father-in-law old Cyrus Francis was ~~was~~ very good to her. but he was now married to his 2nd wife, and the two women did not hit it off so well. She left and went to live with her mother and aunts at Ogle near Claremont.

In her latter years she lived with Robin and his wife, and died in her 92<sup>nd</sup> year at Lumsden, St. Ann. On 1930.



Children of Cyrus Francis Perkins. *cut -*

(2) Jane . Married Charles Smith. Had 4 sons.

- 1. Charles who died in infancy.
- 2. Charles (the second) who became a Methodist clergyman. Married and had a family.
- 3. Charles Francis who became a dentist. Never married. *Always known as "Frank"*
- 4. Robert Perkins. Married and had a family.

*These families settled in Canada.*

*Jane called "Bob".  
She was said to be a very good portrait painter - Her husband's second wife did away with her pictures -*

(3) Mary. Never married. Lived near Goshen - Was alive in ~~1875~~ <sup>1875</sup>  
*(S: Mary)*

The Children of Robert Simmons Perkins.

(1) Mary Fullagar Perkins. ("Little Mary")

Born 19th. April 1862.

Died. Dec. 21st. 1864.

4<sup>th</sup> Generation

(2) Robert Cyrus Francis. (Robin)

Drax Dequest

Born. 14th. March 1864. D. 1940. Educated at Walton School which was later moved to Kingston and is now Jamaica College. His father had died while he was still a small boy, and his mother was far from well off, so he had to make his way early. When he left school he was employed by a friend to manage a property near Spanish Town, but was very ill with Malaria and had to give up the job. He got another with the Scotch Contractors working on laying the railway line to Perus. After that was finished he was employed as Assistant Supt. of Parochial Roads and Works, and when the Supt. retired a few years later, he was unanimously voted to fill the post. He became <sup>himself</sup> Civil Engineering and specialized in Water Engineering. He was considered one of their best men by the Public Works. After a number of years he resigned from the Parl. Board, and did free lance work, mostly for the Public Works, and carried out several important works for them and for private interests. He designed & carried out the <sup>St. Ann</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>Dutch</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>water works</sup>.

He was married on the 20th May 1890, at Duncans, Trelawny, to Constance Miriam Benaim. He was then 25 and she was 21. They rented Thicketts house in St. Ann, and there their only child was born in 1891. A girl who was named Lilly Gertrude, and who is the writer of these records.

After five years at Thicketts, Robin bought "Lumsden", about 5 miles from Claremont. The cottage was in bad repair so he patched it up and made it

habitable until some years later (in 1902 ) he was able to build a new house near the old one which was then pulled down. In 1936 we parted with the old home and moved to a cottage which we had built at Claremont. Robin Perkins died at the Hospital at St. Ann's Bay on the 30th. Nov. 1940 His wife died 25th. Feb. 1960 in her 92nd year.