

Extrant from a letter from Edmund Cogswell of Nova Scotia, dated 1886.
To my father.

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"Old Francis Perkins and his wife Elizabeth (nee Peck) came down to Nova Scotia about 1761 and settled in Horton King's County along with settlers from the State of Connecticut and the New England States. They settled on lands now in possession of Roy, Elderkin, Turner and others a little below Kentville. Old Francis Perkins and his wife Elizabeth had three sons (no daughters) Ely, William and Cyrus. The lands now in possession of the Elderkin heirs was sold and the proceeds taken to educate William and Cyrus. William became a Doctor of Medicine and settled in Jamaica. Cyrus became a Church of England Clergyman. He was, I think, settled in Annapolis, N.S. for some time but went to England and died there. His only son and only remaining child (the daughter died unmarried) is still living in Annapolis, Royal County of Annapolis, N.S. 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 for a time with your grandfather. The remaining and eldest son of old Francis Perkins was Ely, my grandfather so called after the old family name of Francis Perkins' mother who was a Miss Ely. Ely Perkins had many children, many of whom, however, died in infancy. He married Sarah DeWolfe. She was a very handsome woman. She died at my father's on Xmas day 1865. She was still handsome though in her 93rd year. The children of Ely were James, who was drowned while still a young man near Truro, N.S. leaving a wife and one child. I do not know much about them except that they live somewhere near 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 U.S.A 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, and

and she is old and feeble though vigorous for her age. My mother had five children, one dead, one sister married here and two sons in Washington U.S.A. and lastly myself, living at Kentville, of the old Bachelor persuasion."

Edmund Cogswell.

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(son of old Francis Perkins)

William Perkins, who was my great-great grandfather, was a military doctor and surgeon. He was stationed with troops at Falmouth, Jamaica, Col. Hancorn being in command of the regiment. He married Julia Hancorn, the Colonel's daughter and they had eight children. I do not know the order in which they came, but they were William, Cyrus, Francis, Phillip, Henry, one girl who died in England, and three others who remained in Canada and became Mrs. St. Remi, Mrs. Warren Burton, and Mrs. Hart.

Cyrus Francis was my great grandfather. He married 1st. Jane O'Sullivan of Co. Cork, Ireland. 2nd. Mrs. Maxwell Scotland (nee Lloyd) a widow. There were three children by 1st. marriage. None by 2nd. The three children were Robert Simmons Francis, Jane and Mary. Jane married Charles Smith and her grandchildren and great-grandchildren are somewhere in Canada. Mary died unmarried. Robert was my grandfather. He married Sarah Fullagar, daughter of an English Clergyman. They had a girl who died in infancy and a son, Robert ^{Cyrus} Francis, who married Constance Benaim, and they were my parents. I was an only child and the last of the family out here

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