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Isaac Ellis Pedlow, Renfrew, Ont., included the following information with the original letter when he loaned it to Edgar A Francis, Marshalltown, Iowa, October 18, 1938.

1. This letter came from a trunk belonging to Mrs. Muldoon.
2. The letter was addressed to James Frances, Brockville, Upper Canada and dated 28th November 1824.
3. James Pedlow was Isaac E Pedlow's grandfather.
4. Pedlow, Pedlo and Pedley are all the same family from Lissacurran, Ireland.

*Crumlin, Ireland  
28th Nov. 1824*

*My dear friend this leaves me and my famiy all well at present thank God for it and we are happy to hear of your welfare you would do no better that I wish you. Rachel died on the 28th June 1823 and none of the doctors could tell her disorder. She lasted by 17 days. On the 17th day she died. Our family is no larger only we have got a daughter since which we call Rachel. I am just at the same business you left me at. You will send me word if you thought that country would fit me or not. I could bring £50 with me after fitting myself and family out. There are so many different accts from America that it is not easy knowing how to act but I rely you will answer immediately when you get it. Our markets are as follows Wheat 15s to 15s2d per cwt Oatmeal 13s6d to 14s Pork 45s to 47s6d Butter 10d to 11d per lb Beef 3d to 4d Potatoes 8d to 9d per bushel. There was an abundant crop of everything with us this year and the harvest remarkably early.*

*I never got the letter I understood you sent me. It must have been miscarried somehow or other. Jas. Stewart and his family are well. He has purchased one acre and a half with a house on it joining his own. Henry Pedly and his family are well. Wm Cagle and his family are well. Ellen requests to know how her uncle Peter is and family and if that they doing well and how far they are distant. We would wish to know how you make money of your crop. If you are near a*

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*market town and what you get by the cwt for your wheat and corn and if you can grow potatoes with you and what is your principal diet. Give me all the information you can of the manners and customs of the people with you. I was talking to James Pedley on 27th Nov. trade is as you left it - no better. Thos Pedley is married above a year ago to Miss Matthews and has a young daughter. He has got a loom of his own and is weaving in the Fatherinlaws. As yet we heard that you and the family had all the ague and we are happy to hear you are all got better. James Pedlow desires me to let you know that he has a letter from Elisha since he received yours. He is in Pawtucket in the state of Roadisland. He and his son is weaving. His 2 soninlaws and all the family are there. The(y) are doing well. Jonathon is not removed. James Pedlow intends to go out in spring. Have a place in view that £50 or £60 would purchase for him. Owen Herr's child is well and all the family. Joseph Greer's friends are all well. Margt. is always at school. I have nothing more of importance (concerning your brother I got the information from Jas Pedley) Ellen Joins me in sending her love to you and the family, so I now conclude with my sincere wishes for your welfare.*

*Edward Finton*

*Good books and good thouts are our best companions, This is a specimen of my writing and I am in accounts as far as through interest.*

*Margaret Finton*

**P.S. Give my love to all my cousins.**

The following are comments made by Edgar A Francis in 1938.

1. The P.S. above would indicate some relationship between Finton's wife and James Francis... Edward mentions Ellen joining in the ending greetings. Perhaps Ellen was a Francis

[or a Stuart]

2. Jas. Stewart is possibly the brother to Rachel and Margaret.
3. James Pedlow is a brother-in-law to James Francis - they married sisters. Pedlow, Margaret and Francis, Rachel Stuart, or Stewart
4. Elisha is the older brother of James Francis.
5. Margaret Finton is probably a daughter.

The following are comments made by Larry E Francis, Salem, Oregon, in 1998.

1. Based on Edgar's comment above, I presume the original letter had the writing of three hands; Edward Finton, who wrote the basic letter; Margaret Finton, who wrote the "Good books ....." and Ellen Finton, added the "P.S.....".
2. Another thought on Edgar's first comment above, maybe Ellen was another sister to Jas., Margaret and Rachel Stuart/Stewart.
3. Regarding the money symbols, I assume 's' is shilling and 'd' must be pence.