

"Copy of a letter loaned me by J.B. Francis, Indian Head, Sask. October 8, 1938. from Elisha Francis, Pawtucket, R.I. to his brother James at Kilmarnook, Upper Canada."

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Pawtucket, Dec 16, 1838

My Dear Brother:

I have been very uneasy about thee and thy family for the year past on account of the disturbance in Canada (1.) And so is all my children, and so is Christian and Jonathon and their children and they all request me to write to thee and I hope this will find both thee and Rachel and all of your children well and safe from the horrors and troubles of wars and Dear James I would advise thee with all my heart and all the affections of an only brother to take no part in war or bloodshed. There is no reform worth human life. Ask thyself and Rachel what would satisfy you for the life of one of your sons. Dear James strive to impress on the minds of thy sons the peace principles of the Friends and rather suffer anything that may come than to take part in the shedding of humane blood and I believe thee will find it the very best protection and strive to keep Joseph Greer as possible from taking part in wars. Tell him it is his old uncles advice to him and Dear James write to me as soon as this comes to thee and let us all know how you all are situated and what state the country is in when thee writes and what is the cause of the civil wars in Canada and every other information thee can. Since

I wrote thee poor Christian has lost by death her son William. Some years back he left his wife and children and went to Texas and joined the army and gained over four thousand ackers of land and lost his health and lost his life. He died in Taxes last February. He made a will and left the land to his wife and children - 4 girls. His widow and her brother are gone to Taxes to get the land. His exexcutor sent two copies of his will - one to his Father and one to her Father. My son Jonathon is in Connecticut one hundred miles from this place. I have seen him only once in nearly three years. He was well when I heard from him last. My grandson Samuel Graham left his Father's in April last without cause or dispute and they heard nothing of him for six months. When they got a Letter from him. He was when he wrote 2500 miles from them. He is gon(e) on A whaling voyage for four years in the Paceyh Cachen. Me and my family are all doing well and they all send their love to thee and Aunt Rachel and all their cosens. Christian's son Saml and family lives here and send their wishes to you all. Her Dauter Saly is in Philadelphia with her husband. Mary and her family left the west and are living in Pitsfield near her mother. Isabella is all the child she has at home. She has only four living out of ten children. I have six out of ten and thee has all ten out of ten children and I hope thee will never know what it is to see the Death of A Beloved Child. My brother I would be rejoiced to see Christian or thee here. Thee said in one thy letters thee thought of

coming to her and me and I sent the letter to her and she said in reply to me if thee would come that way she would come here with with thee and Dear James that would give me the greatest of pleasure to see us all three together before we are separated by Death which cannt fare distant as we are all fare advanced in years. Thee will be 55 in May next and I am ten years thy senior. I have felt more of brotherly kindness towards thee since the Disturbance in Canada than I ever did since we parted on the Belfast Quay. I suppose it is the fear of being in danger. Do not neglect to write soon. I have written James Pedlo twice and once I wrote and directed Henry and James Pedlo and got no answer yet. If the has had any word from home let me know it. Remember me in the kindest manner to Joseph and Jain Greer. I am still weaving and can do perty well yet. We live well and are saving some little money, but not getting rich, but we are independant. I wish the and all men p(e)ace on Earth. Thy brother Elisha Francis.

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Transcription notes from transcriber November 1989.

(1.) On the copy I received there is a side note referring to "the disturbance in Canada". "Effort of William ?? Mackenzie to establish the 'Provisional Government of Upper Canada' called 'R?? In Upper Canada'."

(2.) In the note at the top of the letter, I do not know who "me" is, but I think "J.B. Francis" is most probably Jonathon B. Francis who later lived in Victoria, B.C. and died there in October 1981. I believe the copy that came to me from my father, Cluff Francis, came from Jonathon.

Going back on my connection to Jonathan and Christian(a):

Larry Everret Francis 1941-

Cluff Everret Francis 1917-1997

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William Raphael Francis 1890-1935

William Henry Francis 1845-1914

James Francis 1818-1895

James Francis 1784-1875 Brother of Christiana

Jonathan Francis 1755-1821

Larry Everret Francis

Salem, Oregon

November 11, 1989

Note - The original of the previous transcription was been lost prior to April 1998. - Larry E. Francis

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