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Kilmarnock
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Dear Edgar,

As you have made more inquires its time I should trye & answer some of them, I was much pleased with your reply & thought I should like to get acquainted with you. Mrs. Stuart Francis is not very far from here not an hours ride on the cars. Brockville is the town, "Ontario", if I was very smart I might go & see her again Yes our forefathers were Quakers in Ireland, I used to think there was none anywhere else, there is an old lady lives in this place says thats where the good people lived.

I think that I had best give you the address of Uncle Elisha's youngest daughter, she is a fine inteligent woman, what she knows about her father would be more satisfactory than anything I could tell. Her name is Mrs. E. A. Davis, "309 East Main St" Richmond Va.

I told her I should give you her address, she knows your father and was at your grandfathers funeral so It will be all right to get all the information you can from her. I really wish I could satisfy your curiosity. Uncle Van Camp has always lived in Canada raised his family here and now lives with a daughter at Merickville about seven miles from our house, there is one of his sons in Iowa, I think, a preacher, another one lives in Merickville a painter he painted our house so we are well acquainted with him.

I think my great grandfather was a lumberman or dealt in lumber.

I cannot tell much of his family he lived to be an old man, & so did my grandfather & my father lived to be ninety one, he never got childish or stupid, your father will recollect him, when he came to this country, he brought a box of linen for tablecloths & such things & the government paid him a bounty for bringing it, It was for sale. He had money to pay for his farm when he bought it, the neighbors all wanted to sell him something to get some money from him, as there was no money to be had here, till the canal was built & that was six or seven years after he came. It was all brush here they could not see their next neighbors house. My mother thought they had got to the end of the road but there were settlements miles beyond, then they all took fever ague, so they had great hardship & discouragements, but lived to say

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many times he was glad he brought his family to Canada, he was a Reformer in Politics, that is a Republican in the States, well I don't know that I can say anymore now I will be pleased to hear from you again,

ever Aunt Rachel Francis

Ed. Note: Edgar's copy of this letter has been lost. This edition has been prepared from a typed copy probably done by Donna Raye Francis about 1975.