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Mr. Allen H. Francis,
Renfrew, Ont. Canada.

Good Morning, Allen

I have had it in mind to answer your letter of May 14th many times, which I appreciated very much. It would appear that you belong to the same generation as myself- although you have five years the best of me- and must depend upon what we can learn from the family traditions either in correspondence of earlier days, or from the older members of the family. However, I hope that you will aid me in securing whatever inform(ation) is avaiable.

I should like to have all of the old letters that might be stored away in trunks that passed between our early antecedants, and particularly would like to see the 'History' of the Francis family that Aunt Rachel Francis wrote me was prepared by Stuart Francis, and at that time (1909) was in the possession of Mrs. Stuart Francis who would not part with it. Can you not find out what became of that branch of the family?

Being a dairyman and farmer I know that most of your time is taken up, but it would be relaxation to have a hobby of this kind-- all work, etc., as says the nursery rime, make a dull boy!

Graham Kearney's wife and daughter drove through here on the 5th of July on their way to their new home at Vancouver, B. C.. Graham's wife is very gracious and the daughter quite charming- we only had a three hour visit, as they wanted to be on their way, but it felt like a renewed acquaintance with my Canadian cousins.

E. A. Francis to Allen Francis 7-30-1934

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Of all the Francis families that used to live around Renfrew, Kilmarnock, Smiths Falls, Brockton, and Augusta, it would seem that some of their descendants must be 'round-about' and available for some information. Can you not give me a list of some of them with present addresses so that I might write them, in the event you do not have the time and inclination to do so?

Another thing that I am interested in is the collection of postage stamps. In your attic or in your neighbors may be quite a number of stamps from 1850 on. I would like to have them, if you care to send them to me.

Give my regards to your brother Peter, and to your family, which is not mentioned in your letter, and if you will give me the address of Mrs. William Francis I shall write her for available information.

Cordially,

E. A. Francis

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