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Mr. I. E. Pedlow  
Renfrew, Ont., Canada.

Good Morning  
Cousin Pedlow:

I am particularly glad to get your letter of the 13th instant because of the information it contained. My wife and I take note of the renewed youth exhibited in your college enrollment - as it is a splendid thing to do and I am sure that you are getting a great deal of enjoyment out of the experience, as well as a great deal of knowledge. I should enjoy doing it myself - I got started in business before I made up my mind what sort of a college education I wanted.

Your letter contains some facts that I am glad to get, and also establishes the relationship the Pedlow and Francis families, about which I have often wondered after getting possession of a letter written by a Thos. Pedlow, of Philadelphia, to his uncle James Francis, and I welcome you into the 'family circle' -- There is one thing that seemingly needs some straightening out and that is with regard to the name of James' wife: Your information should be authentic but by what can it be sustained that his wife's name was Ann Stuart, whereas all the other records I have give the name as Rachel Stuart. Have you any friend back in Lissacurran, Ireland, who might have access to the records, to ask for more information regarding the Francis family and its antecedents?

A letter this morning from Allen Francis supplies a list of the children of James Francis and Rachel Stuart, one of whom, Elisha Francis, is Allen's father. Miss Rachel Francis who lived at Kilmarnock, the youngest child of James Francis, refers to her mother Rachel. Do you suppose there might not have been a compound name such as Rachel Nancy, or Nancy Rachel. This I would like to see cleared since Uncle Arthur Francis, father's brother, insists her name was Rachel Stuart and, from information he has, traced her antecedents back to the Royal Family of Stuarts -- a fact, verified, that would be quite interesting. Have you any suggestions as to how this might be accomplished? You would have some of the same Royal blood in your viens!!

You mention visiting Mrs. Jane Muldoon in 1892, who died April 17th, 1899. It was her daughter, Margaret Muldoon, who, in a letter to father after the death of Miss Rachel Francis

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(deceased Nov. 15, 1909), sent him what purports to be a certificate of the birth of grandfather Samuel Francis and his wife Lydia Marinda Wood Francis, and also a penned list on double foolscap that shows its age of "Names of the children of James Francis and his wife Rachel" of which there are eleven, and Jane was the second child. At the end of the list is a record of three deaths of which the first is: "Died, in Kilmarnock, 6th November, 1848, Rachel Francis, wife of James Francis, aged 64 years".

On the third page in the handwriting of Margaret Muldoon, daughter of Jane Francis Muldoon, is a list of the deaths of her grandfather James, July 21, 1875, aged 91 and of her uncles and aunts.

So again the family does not agree, or rather does agree that James Francis' wife was Rachel, but that may have been but one of her names. Hope we can get this straightened out.

By the way, for man of 74 you write an excellent penmanship - you must be one of those persons they describe as having perennial youth.

You mention getting some letter from the trunkful that Jane Muldoon had. A trunkful of old letters always gets me excited because of the information they contain, the sentiment attached to them, and also because I am a stamp collector. Could you find out for me whatever became of Margaret Muldoon so that I could write her about the disposal of that trunk? If you have any old letters with stamps on them and would care to send them to me, I would appreciate them highly.

Alex Fraser is not a 'brisk' correspondent and a letter I wrote to Arthur Gravelle sometime ago is still unanswered, but I have hopes. I am writing Allen Francis who mentions talking with you about the family connection and Allen seems to fear to press the matter to far back will discover more Irish rebels you mentioned to him. I shall be glad to hear from you again and will, I know, enjoy an anticipated visit with you -- don't know just when this will be. Glad to hear from you -- news, gossip, or what have you -- and old stamps will tickle me pink.

Cousinly & cordially,

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