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*Mr. Edgar A. Francis
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Dear Edgar

I suppose you will be beginning to think I had forgotten to answer your letter. It was long before I heard from my brother Johnnie. I guess when he got your letter he thought he should answer mine saying he did not know of any old papers left in the safe at Pakenham. I delayed in writing as I wanted to make sure I had just been up to Pakenham and found same to be true. To bad as I imagine there was some when I left the farm. Johnnie's wife has no love for the Francis' and papers apparently of no value may have been destroyed. I am sorry to have to disappoint you as for myself I can't give you much information re my father's ancestors. Margaret Muldoon who lived with Aunt Rachel I will enclose my sister Maggie's address she will be able to give you full particulars. She will also be able to tell you about Rachel Hanna another cousin who deserves mention who went with the first gold rush to the Klondike as nurse was superintendent of Hospital there endured many hardships getting in as there was only the trail. She visited with Maggie at Toronto died last year.

Stuart Francis a very fine fellow as I remember him lived at Brockville was quite a horseman where his widow went I do not know. I guess the Allan Francis lumberman you mention must have been my brother his estate was quite valuable. 44 years ago last July while on a trip to the coast I went to see Uncle James who in his younger days had been a blacksmith he would be Stuart's father he was

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then living in Salem, Oregon. He was very glad to see me and said he had heard one of Jonathan's boys was out to the coast. I have just found that Sammy York who lived quite a while with Aunt Rachel is teaching in Ansley College here. He is a clergyman, his mother would be your father's cousin I expect to have a visit with him shortly. Maggie's address is Mrs. Joseph Anderson, 35 Lascelles Ave., Toronto, Ont. Well my letter is long but not I am sorry to say much information perhaps when I interview Mr. York he may know of something to tell. Winter is setting in here. Ice on the ponds snow in some parts I will be glad when spring is here. Trusting this finds you well Mrs. Francis joins me with good wishes.

*From your Cousin
Geo. F. Francis*