

This letter was first transcribed by Edgar A Francis in the fall of 1938 from the original letter loaned to him by Isaac E Pedlow. The parenthesis and items within were apparently added by Edgar. The letter was written by Henry Pedlow (father of Isaac Ellis Pedlow, Renfrew, Ont) to his brother-in-law George Ellis, North Gower, Carleton Co. Upper Canada.

Lisacurran (Ireland)

March 3d, 1862

My brotherinlaw I take up my pen to write these few lines to you hoping the(y) will find you in good health as the(y) leave us at presant thank God for all his mercies to us Mary has been poorely this while throwing off and bad stumick I think she is better this few days She was at the shore in harvest last and I thought it was of little servise to her I would have wrote to you long a go I heard forom you regular Was glad to hear of you being always enjoying good health Thank God for all his mercies to us tho far asunder I am glad you aregetting on well in your school (note- he was a school teacher for about 30 years) and your salary raised The w(e) aving trade is not so good as it was Expect in a short time it will be better The cambrick is w(e)aving for half the wages I think if the America War (Civil War) was over wee would have a better trade Let Uncle James Francis (Note - Great grandfather to E.A.Francis- see note below) know that I wrote to you about him to(o) and wishes to hear a letter from him or one of his daughters I wrote a letter to him and got no anser You will be so kind as to write a few lines to them for me and let them know how uneasy I am to hear from them all both cousins and Uncle James Francis Thomas Stevens want(s) to hear from him He is the Life of the Place he sold in Lissacurran I have near 20 acres of lan(d) and 9 looms Wee can do pretty well but cant save any money hear Taxes and rent takes nearly all wee grow on our lands One for the little share of trade it would not bee so well hear Doo you think it would bee

*well of me going out and taking a lot of cloth with me Could I do well with it
Could I get good sails for fine Damask in your Contary or tell me in your next
letter all about it or would you think well of me going out to your Country I
had my eldest daughter Married about a month ago She lived in Belfast in a
shop The mans name was Douglas and my daughter the(y) call her Ann She
is married to a sea Captin the name of John Bowden and is gone to Calcutta
It will be one year to the(y) come back The other daughter the(y) call her Ellen
Pedlow she lives at home She learned the dress making Wee have 4 children
alive Cathren Jane David Henry And Isaac (Note- Isaac Ellis Pedlow, Renfrew)
is about 14 months old and is running about The(y) are as fine children as you
wish to see Your brother Richard Ellis has bought his fatherinlaw place and
wee were down in Balendery plowing with him I think he is getting on pretty
well He keeps a grocery My father is alive and canty as usual Hasbeen
this some years past Thy mother (Note- said to be a McKinley, a relation to Pres.
McKinley) is well and sends her love to you William James John and
Mary all sends their love to you With the warmest love I send you these few
lines Henry Pedlow to George Ellis*

**(Note- James Francis married Rachel Stuart, or Stewart
James Pedlow married Margaret Stuart, or Stewart)**