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Dear Cousin Frances:-

After considerable research I have at last discovered most of the data you are looking for, and I am enclosing the originals for your perusal. These are as follows:

Four pages from an old memo book I carried with me when in Ireland in 1894, and in which I noted the Frances and Pedlow family particulars, just as given me by my informant old Pat McGinnis. These clear up my error regarding Mrs James Frances' first name. I thought it was Margaret, but I now find it was Rachel. Her sister Nancy was married to my grandfather Pedlow. So she was my Grandmother.

A letter from James Finton, Crumlin, Ireland, addressed to James Frances, Brockville, Upper Canada, and dated 26th. November, 1824...Just 114 years ago.

A letter from James Pedlow, Drumgoar, Ireland, addressed to James Frances, Kilmarnock, Upper Canada, and dated 13th of the 4th Mo. (April) 1834. Just 104 years ago.

These two letters were given me by Mrs Muldoon, when Mrs Pedlow and I visited her at her request in 1894 after my return from Ireland. The third letter received from her at that time I gave to my sister who was on a visit here at the time. This one she took back with her to Ireland and I have not been able to find any trace of it since. She died in the meantime. This was the letter written by my father to James Frances. In it he made reference to his two children, one of which was the sister who received the letter from me.

I am enclosing also a combination letter written, half of it by my father, and the balance by my mother, whose maiden name was Mary Ellis. This letter is from Lissacurran, and is dated March 3rd. 1862. Just one year and two months after I was

born. This letter was written to my Uncle George Ellis, and addressed to him at North Gower, Carleton Co. Upper Canada. He taught school around this section for some thirty years, in the early pioneer days. It was, I believe a tough job, but he stayed with it and made good. I have blue pencil marked a paragraph on the first page of this letter which I think will be of particular interest to you. In it my father has made some reference to the American Civil War and its affect on the business situation in Ireland. Reference is also made to a letter he had written to James Frances. It is just possible it is the one I received from Mrs Muldoon and which I gave to my sister Mrs Bowden.

I am forwarding this by registered mail, in order to make sure of delivery. My idea in sending the originals, rather than copies, is to let you see them yourself. Naturally I would like you to take care of them while in your possession. And please be good enough to return them as soon as possible. I value the documents very much, because they contain much data that has a personal value for my self particularly. You can, of course make copies of the entire outfit if you wish, or just such parts as are of interest and value to yourself. The blue pencil notations were made by me and are designed as explanatory and for your help.

Reference is made in one of the letters about Elisha Frances who lived at one time at Pawtucket.

Yours faithfully,

Isaac E Pedlow

P.S. James Carswell about whom you made some reference was burried Sunday 16th. He died, I think on Friday, after a long and nasty illnes. Cancer is a horrible desease. I am afraid his sister Maggie will not know very much about the Francis family. However, it may be worth trying out. *J.E.P.*

Info Note: In most previous correspondence, Isaac uses the "cis" spelling of Francis, it is curious that in this letter he uses "ces".

Info Note: The document referred to as the four pages from the "Old Memo Book" have been transcribed by Edgar A Francis and the result is included here. The other letters have been separated from this one and will be found individually as: Edward Finton to James Francis - Nov.28, 1824 & James Pedlow to James Francis - Apr.13,

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1834 & Henry Pedlow to George Ellis - Mar. 3, 1862

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The Pedlow family tree

James Pedlow - Mary Finton. My great-grandparents.

Their family:- Henry, James, Mary, Bella, Edward, Thom,
Joe, John, Ruth, Sally, Ann, Jane, Susan.

Henry Pedlow - Nancy Stuart. My grandparents.

Their family:- Jane, Margaret, Thomas, Henry, David,
Sinton, Benjamin, William, John.

Henry Pedlow - Margaret Belshaw, my father's first wife.

Their family:- two daughters, Ellen, Ann.

Henry Pedlow - Mary Ellis, my father and mother.

Their family:- Catherine, Jane, David, Henry, Isaac Ellis.

The name Pedlow has at times been spelled even by the same person and writers, Pedley, Pedlo and Pedlow. You may have noticed these variations, even in the same letter from Edward Finton. PEDLOW is the correct way to spell it.

The Francis family tree

Jonathan Francis. Father of James Francis, Kilmarnock, Canada.

James Francis - Rachel Stuart (sister of Nancy Stuart Pedlow).

Their family:- Maggie, Jane, Samuel, Jonathan, James, Elisha, Mary,...These children were all born, according to my informant, in Ireland.

Grandparents on my mother's side were:-

Isaac Ellis - Catherine McKinley Ellis. And the latter was a relative of President McKinley, who was at one time a President of the United States, and who was assassinated while in office.