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**Providence, Rhode Island**

December 31, 1938

Mr. E. A. Francis  
Marshalltown, Iowa

Dear Mr. Francis:-

Yesterday I went out to Pawtucket to search the records there. I searched the vital records and the wills but did not do the council or town meeting records. (handwritten note "or land records"). I have also been searching the Pawtucket Church records.

I am enclosing a copy of my notes. Perhaps you will make more out of the notes than I have as perhaps some of the names may be familiar to you.

I am wondering if the Elisha, whose will I am sending you a note from, could have been the father of the Elisha married in 1828. From his death you will see that he was born about 1775 and would have been a bit too old to have been (handwritten note "or would he?") our Elisha. I do think though that he may have been the father. You see he was the son of Jonathan and I think you thought that the missing Elisha had a son Jonathan. Perhaps named for his grand-father or father??

I have not yet tried tracing the hoopskirt factory story but it may help us out later.

The Elisha and Margaret in my notes had a daughter Mary Ann. You will see I have her marriage.

In looking over my notes again, it seems to me that there is a chance that I have the right Elisha; in 1828 he would have been 53 which is rather old for a first marriage; his wife would have been 35, according to her age at the time of her death (see notes); she would have had to have (handwritten note "had") ten children in not much more than ten years; (if what you say Elisha wrote to his brother was right) But it was all possible. It could have been a second marriage. I cannot see how they could have had grandchildren in 1838 if they were not married until 1828 unless

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Elisha had been married before. As this Elisha was the son of Jonathan that might account for the Jonathan you mentioned. Do you think the James who married a Graham is the brother to whom Elisha wrote? I would think so.

If the above is not true I think he must have had a son Elisha, as I said in the first part of my letter. What do you think?

The Pawtucket records are very near my home, just a short bus ride. I will go again if you think best. The Land records are indexed but I doubt if the council and town meeting records are.

Elisha's will was rather interesting. I have only copied a part of it although it was short. It shows he had children but unfortunately does not mention their names.

I hope to have not kept you waiting too long but I have been very busy with Christmas and half sick with a bad cold.

Sincerely,

**Anna L. Scott**

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### Francis Notes

Francis, Elisha  
Probate at North Providence  
Will made July 9, 1855  
Executrix wife Margaret

Pawtucket records  
Book A12, p. 167

Will  
mentions wife Margaret

Witnesses  
John H. Weeden  
Thomas S. Cameron  
John (Sarery)

-----"and the reason why I do not give any of the same to my children is that the property was acquired by my self & wife without their assistance that is that which I now have or expect to have at my decease"-----

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Feb. 23, 1857

Francis, Elisha age 82 North Providence b. Ireland son of Jonathan and Jane (handwritten note "Pedlow") married N. Prov. Deaths v.1, p 35

(Records at Pawtucket)

(handwritten note in margin 1857 less 82 is 1775)

Aug. 17, 1880

Francis, Margaret age 87 b. Ireland

N. Prov. Deaths v.2, p 206

(Records at Pawtucket)

(handwritten note in margin 1880 less 87 is 1793)

Francis, Mary Ann age 27 born and of North Providence of Elisha and Margaret, and John McKelva age 40 2nd marriage b. Ireland of Pawtucket of John and Elizabeth M. Dec. 2, 1855

(Arnold's Vital Records v.9, p 322) (handwritten in margin 1828)

Francis, James of New York and Dianna Graham of Providence m. Oct. 24, 1831, Westminster Cong. Church.

(Arnold's Vital Records v.10, p127)

I found an Elizabeth, widow, from Newton, Mass. Had five daughters and one son Thomas H. Francis. Her will was made 1823?

I also found a few other Francis names but they were early and did not seem to have any connection.

(handwritten notes from top of document)

1st wife - Jane m. James Graham  
- Lucy m. James English  
    Dau(ghter) m. David Small  
        2 sons and 1 dau  
- Jonathan no children  
- Sallie spinster

2nd wife - Mary Ann m. John McKelva  
- Elizabeth = - Davis

**Note: It is presumed that the handwritten notes were made by E. A. Francis.**