

Grandmother Ethel Louise Cooper Nee Bridgeman

These letters were found at the home of her brother William after his daughter Harriet died. They were shown to me by Violet the daughter of Lily sister to Harriet.

We think they were written by a nephew of Grans Grandfather.

Montreal Dec 20th 1874

Dear Uncle, Aunt and cousins,

By the wishes of Father & all others. I now haste to answer your kind and most welcome letter which we received by the kindness of Mrs Morhoney we were overjoyed to hear from you particular Father for he wept with Joy. To see that he still had a brother alive but we were sorry to hear that you happened with a misfortune by breaking your thigh but we hope by this time you have got quite around.

Father thought that all his relations were dead on account of never hearing from them nor any person who could give him any information in regards them. But we all live in hope that we may meet each other on Earth yet.

Well I will now tell you of our family circle. Father married wife Gill of Lyonkley Barton in United States Of America four years after he left England we have been eight of a family altogether Father mother three boys and three girls but there are only One Son and One daughter alive Called George and Mary Anne. It will be 44 years Next May since father landed in Montreal and he never shifted his position because he saw he could make a good living and now he lives in his Old years on what he accumulated in his young. He has not done any work this last twelve years so you see by this that he lives on the interest of his money. We have property in different parts of the city. Father wishes you to answer this letter as soon as you possibly can and state your circumstances for if he can help you in any way he will only be glad for as he his creeping on to four score years he does not expect that ever he shall have the pleasure to see any of your dear faces. He wishes if any of the young people would like to come out that he will send home money to bring you out we wish you would send out your Photographs and we will send ours in return. My sister has been married and had two children but she lost her husband and one child we are all living at home together she is now 33 yrs of age I myself am not married although I am 29 yrs old I keep a butchers shop in the city and do a very good Business I should like very much to go pay you a visit but I think it would be almost impossible but I hope we may see some of you out here. Mother wishes if you could possibly spare one of the girls to come out in the Spring she would be very glad I think I shall have to draw my letter to a close we will all join in wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year although not in England we never forget our Christmas Plum Puddings and Roast Beef so no more.

At present from your affectionate Nephew & Cousin

G Bridgeman

p.s. Father wish to know if you know anything about your brother Richard

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