

from-
Miss R. Brewster.
Amherst, Ont.

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Dear Mrs. Winslow-Spragge,

I would like very much to give you the information about your father's back ground that you have asked me for, but I am not sure of the facts. Evidently the book you quote from is the same one that I have -

"Memories of Old St. Andrews"
by
B. N. Wales M. D.

I will write what I think the answers might be to your

questions

Question I

Was John Harrington of St. Andrews the father of William?

My grandmother, Charlotte Harrington, was born about 1820. Later, she was married to Nathaniel Burwash and called her eldest son - John Harrington, so John Harrington, ^{the first} must have been her father.

I am sure grandmother had a brother called William because, as a

small child I remember going over to her house one Summer morning — and a very old gentleman was sitting in the garden. Aunt Ida came towards me and said — "Come Nora and shake hands with Uncle William"

A Rough Sketch of the Relations
 If John Harrington was Grandmother's father (and I think he was) the family would be —

John Harrington — his wife
 | who broke her hip
 | which never healed.)

John's Sons
 William — Eric — Arnon —
 daughters.

Sarah - very dark and handsome
unmarried and the good
angel of the family (Aunt I -
said)

Maria - married to Daniel
McLachlin (had a stormy
life)

Harriet married to Dr. Van-
Cortlandt who was
exceedingly clever, but went
the pace.

Charlotte married to Nathaniel
Brewash who died of
consumption about 1861
or 1862 and left her
with six young children
the youngest Baby Julia
died too.

William Harrington must have
been your Grandfather

Armon Harrington - brother of
Eric and William lived in
Annapolis - but I never saw
him -

When my sister Alice and
I were little girls, we were
often taken by our father to
see Uncle Eric Harrington.
He lived in an old fashioned
house surrounded by a lovely
garden of rose and pink
peonies and tall yellow
sun flowers. I can see him
standing in the hall with
a smile on his face, leaning
on a cane. To me (about
four years old) he seemed
like a tall, bent tree.

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We always had chocolate cake
and milk before we left
so we enjoyed our visits
very much.

Your second question
about "The Manor House"

I cannot answer for I don't
know which family of
Harringtons bought the
property.

I am sending you some
old letters that Aunt Ida
gave me. They are written
by your Aunt Charlotte (the
artist) to your father
"Bernie". She was travelling
in Germany at the time (about

1871.) I would like you to
have the letters. They are very
interesting but hard to read—
the writing is so fine.

Aunt Ida used to tell
us quite a lot about your
family— your very clever
musical father— and Cousin
Laura too. She and Bab
often came at Christmas time
to visit Grandmother. We
know Muriel Sexton of
Lachine and are very fond of
her, and also Kathleen Morris
of Montreal.

I am afraid the
information I have given
you is rather lame.

My sister Betsie (Alice died) and I would so like to meet you - but we have no car, so perhaps you will come and see us when you are in Almonte in the Summer. We have made our house into two apartments and live at 43 Ottawa Street.

I wish you all success with your book. It means study and research doesn't it! Aunt Ida wrote quite a lot. It is ten years since she died. She was so interesting and bright - and meant so much to us, and we had so many happy times together.

I am sending you this sheet from the Diocesan News. about the 100th Anniversary of Christ Church St Andrews East. This photograph was taken 40 years ago. I think the Harringtons are Presbyterians aren't they? I know Grandmother was. The Burwash branch are Church of England.

As we are third or fourth cousins do call me Nora. Betrie and I hope you will have a very happy Christmas - and that some time we will all meet.

Very sincerely -
Nora B.

I am sorry I have taken
so long to answer your letter,
but I am Secretary of our
W. A. and at the end of the
year (November) there are
quite a few reports to make
out and letters to write.