

Transcribed from a copy of a handwritten letter from Mary M Derrick to "Unknown Cousin", December 17, 1909. Mary's handwriting is sometimes difficult to read and some names of people and places could have been mis-read. Also there is no indication as to where the "extract" ends and the letter begins.

Merrickville Dec.17th, 1909

The following extract is taken from the History of Leed & Grenville and was written by John L.Wood himself.[The] Wood Family

Frederick Wood emigrated from Scotland a short time before the breaking out of the American Revolution and settled in the vicinity of New Albany. U.S. His family consisted of four sons & four daughters. Joseph one of his sons, received an excellent education & afterwards became a surveyor. During the Revolution Joseph was an Officer in the Army; when the struggle closed he removed to Augusta and settled there. During the War of 1812, all the male members of the

family fought under the British flag. When the war was over they all went West with exception of Alford, Solomon and Anthony. These settled in Augusta. Solomon married Anna Lakins, the sons were Amasa, Joseph, Solomon Jr, William, John L. & Charles; daughters, Sarah, Mary, Marinda & Vashtia. Amasa married Luretta Nettleton. Joseph m- Permelia Healy daughter of Rev Ezra Healy. Solomon m- Roxy Ann Kilborn; William m- Catherine Rose; John L. mar- Elizabeth Howard. Charles married- Sarah Burlingham. Sarah married Wm Vancamp. Mary m- Geo Goddard. Marinda m- Samuel Francis. Vashtia died

while young. Those have all gone home. Amasa & wife died in Iowa and have children still living there, one is a Mrs Tarbox (??), widow. I cannot give the dates of the deaths, only John L. Died at his home at Maitland Aug 24, 1893 - his wife about 4 yrs ago at the home of her daughter Mrs Keys at Wilstead Ont. [They have] The whole of Johns family are still living except one son who was killed about seven years ago one son lives in Port Hope Ont his name is Malcome, never been well since the shock of his brothers death. I think some of the other boys live in Tronto. The eldest girl Charolette lives with her bro in Port Hope. Josephs children I cannot say where they are only Mrs Snider widow, lives in Renfrew with her daughter Mrs Kearny. Of my own fathers family, they are

scattered. One brother in Chicago, one in Grand Island Neb, one at Benton Harbor Michigan, a sister at Port Houron Michigan, one at Petsulea, one at Merrickville, that is my address also, and where my father & mother died, that is Wm Vancamp & Sarah, his wife. My name is Mary Marinda Derrick and now I would like to know very much who I am writing too. I presume a cousin of my own. And any time you write me for more particulars I might be able to tell you more. If I were talking with you I could say things with more satisfaction. Let me hear from you.

I am your friend,

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Ed.note: The portions enclosed in “[...]” are portions of the text that were lined out. Also there is definite question regarding the actual first letter in the name “Tarbox”.