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Dear Mr Raddall

Thanks ymas March 21/69 yes I remember H S  
Jones very well in fact I have been up with him  
I think before when I wrote you I mentioned  
a man who lived at Apahogue or Apahogway  
N.B I just forgot how to spell it This would  
be Jones The place is on the railway between  
Pittsburden and Sussex or maybe after you leave  
Sussex on the way to ~~St John~~ Saint John There  
were two Brothers as I recall who kept a store  
right by the track "Jones Bros" H S Jones would  
be a son of one of these men I used to sell  
them Carloads of Mulgreek salt someone  
there should know maybe Jones is still living

The first time I ever was in a plane was over  
Philadelphia later Boston I hope perhaps someplace  
I was in Boston the day Lemberg flew the Atlantic  
We got the news outside a newspaper office bulletin  
pushed on the window I recall the news coming  
He passed over Mulgrave and people asking

When is that? I can well understand that you should have date or approximate dates this is very important and should not be too hard to pin down If you could get some of the boys together Hump should be able to help us I presume you have written him He is a grand Chap but a lot of the stuff is so routine to him he never mentions it I have been urging him for years to write it down for his children He does not write much but if you can get him started it will all flow out like a river He must have the old Log books As I remember mine however it was ruled off in Columns Date, flight, distance time etc and there was no place to register stuff like crashing into a tree and tearing fabric off a wing 2 ft square It happened all the time and we just patched it and put on the dope (yellow color) this when dry was tight as a drum a patch never came off little holes had wood pencils in a ring used to make us sore but we never worried too much about them till we got home.

I recall another man I took a flap with in Indiana and up to Woodstock NB long before I knew Hump but I can't remember his name

I see Brigadier Anderson and Fred Atkinson  
here at the Directors meeting every month they are  
both Deputy Members of Welfare & Education from  
NB they are too young to remember themselves but  
may know someone in Federation who would  
know Walter Forbes of Aer Canada should know  
also Jones if he is still living I wonder where  
Alon Saunders is and if living the was in Hfx  
There was a flying club in Hfx perhaps you  
could locate some of the old boys then as you  
are no doubt in Halifax often there was a steward  
Mac Donald from New Glasgow I think he moved to  
Halifax insurance business He knew Humph well  
as Humph boarded at his house before Humph  
came to live in my apartment in New Glasgow

Once you get a few interested it will all flourish  
& you fast and altho a few maybe dead some are  
living and there is still time I think Stewart  
MacDonald was secretary or something in our N.S.  
Club maybe he kept minutes of our meetings but  
I doubt it but he will remember a lot

I was thinking the other day about K.C. Irving I  
used to sell salt to his father's store J.D. Irving  
Buctouche NB Humph & I landed on the river

there one day from Charlottetown and I think  
K C was there on the ice I remember they were  
raking crystals that day through holes in the ice  
I think he drove up to Rechefacts that day Amen  
there had a plane St-sums & me his name was  
Eddy he had two sisters and we had afternoon  
tea at his house I think his father was the  
Eddy Lumber Co but I maybe wrong about the  
Name As I think back one thing leads to another  
and makes me recall little things of no  
consequence I agree about the dates they are  
most important I have always noticed this in  
your books Comparing them with Will Birds who  
I know very well as I used to ride on the team  
with him when I was just a child He worked for  
Walker Freeman's Grocery store in Amherst He wrote  
dope about Amos (King nickname) Seaman my Great  
Grandfather entirely wrong but it made a good  
story I am only now getting it straightened out  
for Bruce Ferguson Hfy

As I said once you get started it all falls  
in Place I trace my pedigree way back to 1328  
on the Fellmore side written in Latin then

The name was Filmer Phillmore Fillmore  
I have been fooling with it for 30 years and all at  
once in 3 years (one of which the College of Arms  
took) I got the whole thing I am returning books  
Islands, History of Kent Botany to U B C Vancouver  
which gives and compares all I have already  
but it is so easy as it gives who married who  
right down Did you ever know the Bay of  
Sunday was called Argolls Bay Samuel Argoll  
Gov of Virginia (sister Elizabeth married) one of  
my ancestors and along down the line comes  
President Fillmore 1850 My grandfather  
wrote a piece about an ancestor John<sup>(2)</sup> who  
Captured Capt John Phillips the Pirate or rather  
I should say Phillips was thrown overboard and  
3 years ago the piece Grandfather wrote was sent  
to the sheriff here and came to me from a  
John Fillmore in London who I saw then last  
May How it ever got to London I cannot find out  
It was ~~in~~ in John Fillmore's father's papers when  
he died I will try and get all the dope I can on  
early flying her between the bars and keep you  
posted meantime Best of Luck

Sincerely Bill Fillmore

Monday 25/69

PS Have you got any dope on the Virginia  
Co of London Would Richmond Va have any  
records around 1680 (Census) I know a Henry  
Filmer was there then and had a plantation  
He went back to England on a visit Henry had  
among his brothers one trained for the Church and  
one described as trading beyond the seas but I  
cannot find their names The one trading beyond  
the seas or a son of the two unnamed I am  
sure was John Fellmore Merson who was father of  
John 2 who captured the Pirate and so on down  
to the John Fellmore also Phillimore spelled both ways in  
the Grant Johnathon Farm & 20 others 1763 who came to  
Nova Scotia John 2 is buried in N Franklin Conn  
I know when all the others are buried here my G Grandfather  
Reufus had the farm at Fort Beaujeur my grandfather  
who wrote the piece about Phillips land in the house now  
called Abney Lane state house at the Fort gate  
500 acres was reserved for the Fort Beaujeur also  
500 acres at Fort Moxiection The land was granted  
in February this had to be to protestants The Grant  
gives the numbers of each parcel in section say H B or C  
over

but no one seems to have the place

And I cannot find anything in the records when Rufus and later Colpetto my grandfathers bought the land. It does not seem possible the Gov would sell the land reserved for the fort, yet before the place was made a museum I have seen as a child Colpetto's cattle grazing all over the place

Accidentally I dug up a sword or bayonet then and still have it in just clear shape. It is longer than the usual bayonet and has a saw on one edge  $\frac{1}{4}$ " wide I have sawn off a half inch board with it. I looked for one like it in the Tower of London. The Governor asked me to send him a picture of it with any markings but I never got around to it.

I read somewhere the Americans had what was called a bush bayonet about 2 ft long but they could not have been American they would be English then and the Govs should have a record unless it was made in the Colonies which I don't please forgive me for bothering you with all this junk and answer only when you have time no hurry I have been at the problem 40 years

W.H.F.