

ACADIA UNIVERSITY

WOLFVILLE, N. S.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 8, 1960.

Dr. Thomas H. Raddall, F.R.S.C.,  
44 Park Street,  
Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

Dear Dr. Raddall:

Thank you very much indeed for your most enjoyable talk at our dinner on Wednesday evening. It was good of you to come all the way from Liverpool to give us this refreshing bit of autobiography.

I am enclosing a small check to take care of your expenses.

Yours sincerely,

*Watson Kirkconnell*

Watson Kirkconnell,  
President.

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Enclosure

July 10, 1960

Dr. Watson Kirkconnell, F.R.S.C.,  
Acadia University,  
Wolfville, N.S.

Dear Doctor Kirkconnell,

I assure you it was a pleasure to drive to the Valley at this lovely time of year, and to meet you and other Acadia friends again, even for so short a time.

I rarely make public speeches and even more rarely indulge in autobiography. And you provided me with an excellent captive audience. Then, too, my visit to Wolfville enabled me to call on my old friend Miss Martha Thomas for an hour or so at Blomidon Lodge. She has been ill and house-bound for many months, and I fear we shall see no more of her charming verse. My wife enjoyed the opportunity of a visit with an old Sem. classmate in Kentville.

For all these reasons I return the cheque which you so thoughtfully enclosed for traveling expenses. It was a happy little holiday among friends.

Sincerely,

March 1, 1971

Dear Kirkconnell,

I was delighted to receive, with your autograph, "The Streets of Wolfville" and "A Georgian House on the Post Road". I have been reading them with pleasure and deep interest, and enjoyed especially the description and story of your fine old house.

You mention on page 13 that Olivia DeWolf married "a Captain Joseph Barss". He was Joe Barss Jr., the most daring and most successful of Liverpool's privateersmen in the War of 1812. His ship was the "Liverpool Packet". Several of the Horton DeWolfs moved to Liverpool during the latter part of the 18th century, and I suppose Olivia met Joseph in the course of a visit to her kinfolk here. About the year 1817 Joseph gave up the sea and moved his family to Kentville.

All good wishes,

Dr. Watson Kirkconnell,

Wolfville, N.S.