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Mr. Thomas H. Raddall,
Liverpool,
Nova Scotia.

Dear Mr. Raddall:

I have just had the pleasure of reading your book
"Roger Sudden" based on the early settlers of Halifax.

As one of the descendants of those first settlers,
I have been seeking some information on the Giffin family. About
the oldest tombstones I can find in St. Paul's Cemetery are those of
Simon Giffin, his widow Jane and a brother John, and the late Dr.
Martell showed me the card index of these in the Archives here.

I have always been told that they were passengers
on the "Sphinx", but the Archives here, while they have a record of
these who came in the transports, but when it comes to the Sphinx it
just says: Lord Cornwallis and his suite".

I am wondering if you had obtained from the Colonial
Office in London, the names of those who came over on the "Sphinx"
with Lord Cornwallis, and if there were any Giffins among them.

I have read the Will of Simon Giffin and also that
of George Giffin in the Probate Court here. The descendants of George
Giffin moved to Shelburne County. They built schooners and sailed
them to the Labrador. On the way back on one trip they took shelter
in what they called Isaac's Harbour, named after the only settler they
found there, a negro by the name of Isaac. They liked the place so
well that two of George's sons moved to that place and were the first
white settlers there.

Any information you can let me have as to how they
first came to Halifax would be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Edgar W. Giffin

E. W. GIFFIN

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