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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Raddall -

A week ago we had our interesting visit with you - and it was a day just like we are having here today at Interlochen, Michigan. We wonder if it is still raining in Nova Scotia. That Monday evening we were in Truro, and the sun was just beginning to shine again - everyone was so grateful.

I want to tell you about our revealing visit at the Rectory. Rev. Parsons got down the registry book

for the year 1821-1924. Sure
enough on page 44 at the top
of page was listed my Great-
grandfather, Captain James Crouch
of barque "Menapia" wrecked at
Western Head June 12th (drowned)
Abode, London G.B. When buried,
June 13, Ceremony performed,
J. Ambrose, Ass't Miss'y,
(W. H. b.g.) No. 345

Next was listed
James Crouch Jr. London G.B., June 13,
(drowned) age 13
No. 346

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Listed in margin: Also one crew-
man, about 29, name unknown.

We thought that rather queer since the
Second Sea Captain attended and "buried"
the fall."

Well, I assure you this was an
expecting moment for me, and was
the proof we needed that the three
mounds marked with Native field
stones over there in Western Head
could most surely be the graves.

We went on up to Halifax
and were fortunate again to find
Mr. Ferguson in his office. He took us

down to the room where all the newspapers
are bound + on file. In three different
newspapers Nova Scotia for June 14,
1852; Morning Chronicle, June 12;
and Christian Messenger, June 18,
1852, a notice of the WRECK was
published.

With all this proof, I certainly hope
that this wreck of the "Memphis" may
be recorded along with any listings
such as the Bates Charts. Since it
happened during that "lost" period
between 1812 and 1854 when no
records were kept, this will be one
fragment retrieved.

By the way, Mr. Ferguson was able
to find a little information as to the

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Meaning of the word Menapia. It seems to be an Irish word meaning "place in the sea".

Again thank you for your time and interest in solving this void in our family history. Many things you said helped to fit the pieces together.

Enclosed with this letter is a little remembrance from Michigan. This is a Michigan product but sold internationally. Green Froastic has her studio and printing establish-

next very near Interlachen where we
spend our Summers. She is a
handicapped person yet produces
these lovely linoleum blocks with
her deformed hands.

We are contemplating interesting
reading this winter with your
books, Dr. Raddall.

Most sincerely,

Elizabeth Crouch Fitch