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Mr. Thomas H. Faddall,  
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Dear Sir, -

At the suggestion of a very old friend, I have just read your "Governor's Lady" and enjoyed it greatly. Some questions came to mind which I hope you can find <sup>time</sup> to answer.

It interested me to learn that the story was about the Wentworths because another childhood playmate is a descendant of the Wentworths. She has a genealogy of the family which I

hope to see. My first question is this -  
Are the main incidents of John Wentworth's life, as told in the ~~wood~~ story, true to historical fact?

I ask this because my great-great-grandfather, Samuel Marshall, and his wife Lady Mary Sheldon, daughter of a Duke of Sheldon, were in New York during the Revolution. Being Tories they moved to Shelburne with the other Loyalists<sup>in 1783</sup>. Apparently they were in comfortable circumstances for when a careless slave set fire to their house, they moved to Farnmouth, N. S. and built a home there. (I have seen it.) Lady Mary had a summer cottage in the Country. Samuel Marshall

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was a member of the Provincial Legislature, a founder of Trinity Church, and had a counting-house on Marshall Lane.

In your research for the book have you come across any mention of Samuel Marshall or his wife? His only son, Edward, my grandmother's father, built a house east of Yarmouth, which I once visited. As the Yarmouth fire destroyed the vital statistics records, exact information is hard to find.

If I am asking too much of

a busy man, just let it go. Forgive  
the erratic writing. At 80 years of age  
one's hand is not steady.

With thanks for the pleasure  
that your book gave me,

Yours sincerely,

Miss) Alice M. Williams

November 14/61

Dear Mrs. Hilliard,

In answer to your questions, my novel about the Wentworths was founded on fact, from first to last. Naturally I had to invent conversations, situations and so on to link the facts about their lives, which I was able to discover in Nova Scotia, New Hampshire, and England, where I located two collections of Frances Wentworth's letters.

With regard to Samuel Marshall. All I know is what is available at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia in Halifax. The record of grants at Shelburne shows that he was given a warehouse lot in 1784, one year after the last great migration of the loyalists to Nova Scotia. Presumably he was a merchant or intended to become a merchant in that town, as the warehouse lots were all adjacent to the waterfront.

His name appears among many others, in a long petition written in New York in the late summer of 1783. It was addressed to Sir Guy Carleton, who was in charge of the evacuation of British troops and Loyalists, and it asked for equal land rights in Nova Scotia with those who had made earlier application.

The Land records of Shelburne County also show that Samuel Marshall was granted 65 acres on "Blue Island" in 1787. Presumably this was in the vicinity of Yarmouth, which at that time was part of Shelburne County. According to the Archives' record of members of the Nova Scotia Assembly, Samuel Marshall came from New York (birth date unknown) and his wife's Christian name was Sarah (surname unknown). He was a merchant, shipbuilder and business man, holding stock in several companies. He was a justice of the peace at Yarmouth in 1794, and was ~~member~~ member of Assembly for Yarmouth Township from 1811 until his death on April 1, 1813.

Yours truly,

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