

Transcription of Letter from Francis Edward Cassidy to Daughter Clara Jan. 14, 1903

Clover Hill
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My Dear Daughter

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I was fully aware that there ____ [page 2] a _hick¹ some whereas Allen & Frances would have been back. Frances did not go up till Monday morning.

We have some snow but not much but enough for slaying. Will is still with Sandy. Jamie is home he is putting up the wind mill him & I put up the main shaft as standard a stock of timber 40 feet long 12 inches square in middle and 10 inches at top end. Took us 2 days we put it up in the wagon barn. He is now fiting up the machinery. It is slow can't work at in the wind.

I suppose Frances sent you [page 3] James' letter. I have the present. Will keep it for you. Bunel is seperating himself had prety near 29 hand out on Tuesday. We are gaining every week. I paid 8 hundred nearly. If you get the papers you will see that Frier was burnt out last Saturday night. Last evening Henry and his brother was burned he dead very sad.

All well. Give my love to uncle & aunt. Tell them I would like to see them. Remember me to George. Tell John to be good to oldest girl & let her know she must be good to him too.

[page 4] Saturday it has been snowing of the forenoon.

Jamie put up the fanns on the windmill this morning.

No more at present.

Good by

Your Father in Love
F. E. Cassidy

¹The word "hick" may be a misspelling of the word "hitch"
Editorial notes and transcription log.

Editorial Notes:

This letter from Francis Edward Cassidy to his daughter Clara was written just two weeks after her marriage to John Garscadden on January 1, 1903. James and/or Jamie mentioned in this letter may be FE's son James. He would have been 26 and was living at home in 1901 (census data). The separating and payment of money was most likely work and payment relating to the operation of the cheese factory. Likely the term "29 hand" is a measure of cheese factory output. We need to check the Kings County Record January 1903 for news of the fire referred to in this letter.

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