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Miss Mary MacLean
Colourg Public Library, Colourg, Ontario

Dear Miss MacLean

Thank you for your letter of January 20 and the enclosures which will be of great assistance to me in proceeding with my project. I had no idea that the Colourg Library had such an extensive collection of genealogical interest and I can see that it would be worth my while to spend some time there; this will have to wait for the summer however, as since my retirement I have taken a part time position and this leaves me no time to go out of town.

The family has summered at Presqu'ile Point for a hundred years and last year I was up to the Hull's Cornes cemetery and Union cemetery in Port Hope. It seems though that over the years my visits to Colourg have been to funerals as there were a number of family connections. One of my cousins from Brighton

married Captain Snelgrove at one time, I believe, governor of the jail. Her sister was the mother of Stuart Webb who married a daughter of Dr. Kerr, the dentist. There is also a connection with the Herriman family, early settlers of Cobourg and my cousin Dorothy Herriman lived in Cobourg during the period when her father headed the Ontario Hospital. My grandfather Dr. Noble Dean and his brothers were all educated at Victoria College School and Victoria University during the period 1850-1865.

I have always thought that my great grandfather Weston Dean, who is buried at Halls Corners cemetery, must have retired to Cobourg as I could not find him listed on any of the family properties in Hamilton Township in the Census of 1851; he died in 1854. In the census listing here at the Archives and at the O. F. S. library, Cobourg is missing. I am wondering if it is also missing in yours.

I am hoping to have my book ready this year and will deposit a copy with your library and the Port Hope library. The family came to Canada in 1796 and the years following, Joel Dean and his wife Hannah Weston and their children Phillamon, Joel, Noah Weston, Benjamin and Eli and they settled in Hamilton Township. Weston was on lots 29-30-31 & 32 and his son Samuel Corben succeeded him. I have traced the family from the first proven ancestor in Chard

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Somerset, England in 1520. Two brothers came to Plymouth Colony in 1637 and were amongst the 12 founders of Taunton Mass. in 1638. In 1766 Joel Dean left Taunton and moved to Ashford Conn and from there to Wilbraham Mass. in 1777 and ultimately to Canada. It has been much easier to obtain information about the Plymouth Colony days than it has to track the descendants in Canada.

All the descendants of Joel and Hannah Dean are eligible for membership in the Society of Mayflower Descendants; this would include descendants of Dr. Luther Burman who married Abigail Dean. The connection is from George Soule of the Mayflower through Hannah Weston Dean. There is now a branch of this Society in Canada of which I am Deputy Governor should you have any enquiries in this connection.

Nearly all the Deans listed in your Index are of my family connections including Mary A where it says see Mrs. Mary A. Bissell. I have marked these on the enclosed photocopies and am hoping that it will be possible to obtain photocopies of the relevant pages with the entries. I realize that this is a lot to ask with your staff limitations but am hoping it will be possible as no extensive search would be involved. I am enclosing an amount to cover the cost of copying and postage; if this

is not sufficient please advise me; if there is any left over it
can go towards the work of your department.

Many thanks for your assistance which has been
greatly appreciated.

Sincerely

Marshall M. Dean

P.S. Two Deans married Conclins. Would there be any
Conclins in the index?