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Mr. William S. Bower,
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Dear Cousin Wm.;-

I have your letters of the 10th July and 20th of June, kindly offering information as to the Bower and Schwerdfeger kin, and asking me to the picnic July 1st.; also inquiring about the picture I borrowed.

Before your last letter arrived I had written your Dad saying the picture came through safely, and that I would deliver it to him in person, when I come up early next month.

The picture has now been copied and I have two copies for your Dad. It came out pretty well.

I hope to see you when I return, and compare notes with you on our family history. If we pool all we both have perhaps we shall have a fairly complete family tree.

You will find in Croil's history of Dundas, and in Pringle's history of Lunenburg, some matter of interest about the Rev. Samuel Schwerdfeger. Among other things, the first Protestant church in Canada was erected at Williamsburg, in 1789, and he dedicated it in 1790. Croil says he was invited to come to Canada from somewhere near Albany. That fits in with what my Grandmother, wife of Joseph Bower, told me. She said the Schwerdfegers owned a large tract of land near Saratoga, N.Y., which is not far from Albany. Have you been able to learn anything about this? and can you trace the family back of the Rev. Samuel?

You mention that one of my Grandfather Bower's first cousins lives at Osgoode. For fear I may not see you when I come up, will you kindly write me the name of this cousin?

I am not at all sure I shall be able to trace the photos Carrie McGregor borrowed, because she died recently. Her daughter lives in Toronto and possibly may have them. I shall either see her or write her about them. I understood Dr. Ira to say he had the same pictures - we can have them copied in case yours can't be found.

Hoping to see you shortly after Aug. 5th,

Sincerely yours,

WJ Bower