

## Journey to Nova Scotia.

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In accordance with previous arrangements, I left home August 15, 1881, for the purpose of investigating how much of truth existed in the traditions of the Giffin family with reference to their ancestor, Simon Giffin of Halifax, Province of Nova Scotia.

I went by the way of Boston, stopping for a time in Connecticut and Massachusetts, for the purpose of consulting with members of the family residing there, and obtaining such information as I could. In both of these States, I met many of the descendants whom I had never seen before, and visited the graves of those of the second generation.

In this report I shall confine myself principally to such particulars as pertain to the business part of the journey. The first question to be answered is: "Was there ever any property in Nova Scotia belonging to our ancestor, and if so, how much and what?" In answer to the foregoing, I found:

1st. A deed on record from William Welsh to Simon Giffin, conveying (3,000) three thousand acres of land, located between the Muscodoboit and Pitpiswick Rivers, about twenty-eight miles east of the City of Halifax. This deed conveys the title absolutely to said Simon, and is dated March 15, 1774. A release of the dower interest of Ann Welsh, as wife of William Welsh, is added, which release is acknowledged by said Ann before John Cunningham, J. P., April 4th, 1774. Then follows a receipt, signed by William Welsh, for ninety one pounds currency, being the consideration for the land conveyed. This receipt is dated March 15, 1774. This deed