

# P.E.I. MYSTERY

A letter written by Charles Whitlock (1785?-1855) to his son Edwin Whitlock. What Charles' had done that was so terrible is not clear but he appears to be bankrupt.

Give this note to Edwin

May 31/55

this is to inform you that i have left P.E.I. never more to return as things have turned up contrary to my expectation. I am under the nessesaty for peace sake to leave it for life. by the time this note reaches you I expect to be in New York. I fully intend to go to Australia if I live but I expect according to my state of health to fiend a watery grave. I wish you Edwin to take the whole concern that I have left behind. I owe Rankin and McCrete but if you like you had better take all the leather that is tanning with all the tanning eutensils Curring eutensils and shoemaking eutensils and I think it worth thirty pounds. pay McCrete and Rankin this will give you time and let your Mother have the rest. I wish you to let her have part of the house and garden as long as she lives but do not give up possession. the house cost me with the padick about seventy five pounds and I think you ought to let your mother have twenty pounds by paying her so much a year. let Isaac have his four sides of leather. keep Sandy and John if posible, you can if you ..... do not go to Rankin and McCrete and comprimise with them as it is likely they will seas on the whole. you will all say that I am a wretched and miserable man. that is the truth and to get from amoung men would be a great relief to me. do no grieve nor miss me. what is done cannot be undone now. you all may be thankfull that I have gone for if I had stoped much longer it would have been much more to my disgrace and yours. of the two evils I have chosen to lest but this is bad enough.

C. Whitlock

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