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Mr Elias Carr.

My dear Sir. I notice that you spell our ancestor's name, Johnson. The name is Johnston, which is altogether different. Johnson is English - son of John. Johnston is Scotch and was originally ^{often} Johnstone. The latter was a name of Perth, which on account of the ^{municipal} Church of St. John was called St. John's Town and the great family of Johnstones, some of them noble, got their name from that. Governor Gabriel Johnston belonged to this powerful family. Our family emigrated during his administration and probably were distant relatives; at any rate the Johnstones are from Lowland Scotland. I get these points from Burke's Peerage and other works; and it occurred to

me that they might interest you.

Men are Lowland Scotch (principally
Danes) on the Conn side. The Corrs,
Kerrs, Kerrs, were an ancient fam-
ily there. King James favorite, Robert
Corr, ^{Earl of Somerset,} was one of them. It was quite
common for relatives of those power-
ful families to emigrate to N^o S
A. C. — first to N^o, then to A. C. for
cheaper lands. I'll make a guess
that your ancestor, Corr, came
that way, exactly as the Johnstons
did.

As some of the Lowlanders emigrated
first to North Ireland, and thence,
as Scotch-Irish, to America, possibly
your ancestor & mine took this
route.

I read you a very inter-
esting letter from Cousin William
Williams, on condition that you
return it.

Truly Yrs

James P. Battle