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Dear Mrs Frank,

Thank you for your letter dated 28/3/87, which has been passed on to me by the editor of "The Settler".

The information I gave in my article on Hougham Hudson, the 1820 Settler, is correct, but I omitted to say that it was Hougham Hudson junior's first wife who was a sister of Sir Walter Currie. His second wife was, as you say, the widow of Joseph Currie. My apologies for the omission.

Hougham Hudson junior was married on 1 June, 1848 to Helen Maria Currie, sister of Sir Walter. They had five children, three of whom survived:

- (a) Elizabeth Ann (Ella) born 1849, who married Louis Abrahamson in 1872. This couple had twelve children.
- (b) Hougham Douglas born 1854, who married Laura Ranger. Three children.
- (c) Walter Aubrey born 1860, who married Jessie Ogilvy. One child.

After Helen's death, Hougham junior married in 1867 Frances Jemima ("Fanny"), widow of Joseph Currie, who already had 7 children by Currie.

Hougham junior and Frances had one son, born in 1868, named Hougham Charles.

Hougham Charles married, firstly, Mary Steele and had three children, and secondly, Elinor Eastwood and had two children by her.

I spent many months doing research into the Hudson family history (as a labour of love, as I had found that the 1820 Settler archives contained very little about them), and in 1977 I produced a soft-covered book, "Hougham and William Hudson and Their Descendants". I was able to offer copies to members of the family on order only. I made nothing out of the book, and in fact was out of pocket at the end. However, I was very pleased to be able to add to our information on leading 1820 Settlers. Incidentally, I think the Reference Library at East London bought a copy, if you are interested. I see, though, that you are a Currie rather than a Hudson descendant.

Yours sincerely,  
Daphne Child.