

This is a photograph of "Trochail", a farm in the countryside of Birnie, Scotland (about 3 miles from Elgin, Morayshire). This farm was leased from 1820 to 1876 by Alexander Farquhar (1797-1890). He married Sophia Allan (1818-1905) who was raised on a nearby farm, "The Level". They had several children, James, Betty, Alexander, Mary, William, Sophia Jane, Anne, Margaret. The family grew up at Trochail. James (1843-1924) worked on the farm before joining the police force in Glasgow. He returned to farming back home for a time, married Ann Margaret MacDonald of Rothes (town near Birnie), and moved to the area in vicinity of Leeds, England, where he became a member of the Constabulary of the West Yorkshire Riding. He became Acting Inspector in a short span of years. Then in 1883 an unfortunate incident brought about his resignation and the family emigrated to Nova Scotia in July 1883. He worked with a cousin for several months in Halifax, then purchased a farm in Brooklyn, Hants Co. His wife died in Feb. 1889, and his sister Sophia Jane, a nurse, came from Scotland to care for the family of six boys, aged 16 to 6, (Donald, James Allan, William, John, George (1880-1975), Alexander). When James remarried in 1899 (Mary Agnes Smith, Brooklyn), Sophia Jane returned to the old country. George married Ruby Duffus in 1917..three children, Margaret, Mary and Gordon Ian (1931-1969). The latter married Jacqueline Edmonds-Hull in 1962 and of that union were born James Alan Nigel, Susan and Julie.

(The snapshot was taken by Sarah Farquhar in 1975.)