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Dear Rev Farquhar

Many thanks for your interesting letter and apologies for taking so long to reply. So many things have been happening in the last few weeks, this is the first opportunity that I've had to sit down and try to catch up with the mail. We got out our family Bible where the records of all my husband's family are written. My husband is the great grandson of Benjamin Farquhar of Elgin who married one Christina Inkster in 1876. We are trying to find out if he is the brother of your grandfather, as does seem likely. The family have lived in Elgin until 1955 when my husband's grandfather died. What makes a connection with your grandfather very likely is that Benjamin called one of his children James. Strangely enough that James Farquhar has disappeared without trace from the family records being the only one of Benjamin Farquhar's family whose marriage and death are not recorded in the Bible. It was very astute of you to realise that my husband is a Farquhar. The descent is on his grandmother's side, she being the daughter of Benjamin, who married a Smith. My husband's father who spent most of his life in El Salvador in Central America, decided to adopt the Spanish custom of adding his mother's maiden name to his more humdrum Smith.

This particular part of the Farquhar line had almost died out since my husband's grandfather had only one child and the only other surviving Farquhar, Robert had only one child as well. However, although my husband was also an only child, we have now three sons to carry on this branch of the Farquhar family.

On a totally different subject, I was fascinated by the logo on your letter head. I showed it to the Deaconess of our church and she agreed with my assumption that you must be connected in some way with the Church of Scotland. My husband and children are Roman Catholics, but I am still a staunch member of the Church of Scotland. I will write again when we have managed to make more enquires either at Register House in Edinburgh or in Elgin.

Yours sincerely

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