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Dear Alex:-

It was so nice to hear from you so promptly, as I know how involved moving into a new charge can be. I am pleased you like Liverpool -- like it, and you'll be liked!!

Did you think FARQUHAR Ghosties were haunting you at various places over the years? The Farquhar lay minister in Alberta/Saskatchewan was "J.J.", our beloved John Johnson Farquhar who died in 1956 at Bowden, Alberta. He is buried there in the Bowden United Church Cemetery.

His sister was Sarah (Sadie) Elizabeth Farquhar, died unmarried in 1966, kept house for her brother where he was stationed. I believe there is an altar erected in her memory at South Brookfield United Church, burial was at South Brookfield Community Cemetery, with her grandparents, James Allan and Elizabeth (Hupman) Farquhar, her parents John Jacob & Sarah (Sadie) Elizabeth Farquhar.

Your other shadow [this also happened to Clyde in this area] was the Reverend Donald MacKay Farquhar -- reading through the various places he was stationed there will be names of places familiar to you. Somewhere there are some of his writings, could be sermons, possibly not in Liverpool District -- evidently he enjoyed preaching from the same pulpit you are now using.

To date I have not been able to learn his first wife's name, possibly married at North Brookfield about 1883. She died very shortly after they were married, could have been childbirth, but this is only conjecture, which I refuse to do.

Following Scottish custom, Donald was known as Daniel (confusing?). One well-known local writer bluntly stated he was so distraught over the death of his wife, he changed his name from Daniel to Donald and entered the Methodist ministry!!! Knowing this family, there would have been a stone erected -- no mention of a _____ Farquhar, even on a stone with possible parents.

As for being distraught, one look at his face and eyes tells a different story. I also have younger photos of him, also of his brother James Andrew who started in the Methodist Ministry in 1888, but as my stepson says, "gave it up for something more monetary" -- newspaper work.

Re my stepson:- Vernon Lawrence Davidson, known as Laurie, entered the ministry of the United Church of Canada in 1952, first mission field charge was Shubenacadie, attended Mt. Allison Univ. for three years, was at Rosetown and one other place in Alberta, found he preferred to work directly with young people in their formative years, is now one of the principals at Dartmouth High. He still is involved with the United Church, occasionally as a guest speaker, very often for Grant MacDonald when he had cancer of the throat, even during the summer when he is at Kedge. Laurie never cares whether the place of worship is a church, temple or synagogue -- often I wish he had continued, but he felt he was needed helping young people. Laurie has the strangest assortment of degrees -- his wife is also a teacher.

Sincerely hope you will soon meet one who could be your double, my brother, Donald Stirling Farquhar. He is the "odd one" in our family, the only one who had sandy colored hair.

Donald and another brother, Ronald Gordon, live in Dartmouth; Clyde Roland lives in Halifax. As for names, I ended up with one Gaelic name, Murriacell now Muriel plus a German name, Marguerite; Donald and Ronald have very good Scottish names. Clyde again has a combination: Clyde for my mother's brother, Roland through the Ford Family. Gene wondered how he got his name: Maurice for Maurice MacGowan; Eugene for one of Dad's friends, Eugene Clancy. Gene hates 'Maurice' and never signs his name as such.

also
Rev. John
Earle,
now an
Anglican
priest.
Shelburne

Many thanks for a brief bit of your family history.

Re the Queens County Farquhar members: I have yet to learn from whence JOHN HENRY FARQUHAR came before he married Susan Hagen in 1817. Should you, as an outsider and not one of the known family, learn anything from John and Beatrice (Farquhar) Hagen, please pass it on. The similarity of names is not coincidental -- Beatrice is descended from John Henry Farquhar through Jacob, I am descended through William Richard.

As for the HAGAN, there was only ONE -- Samuel Andrew Hagan, disbanded from the 57th Reg't. in 1784.

I am working on a series of histories for New England Historic Genealogical Societies and Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants, Boston, MA. with all histories dealing with the United Empire Loyalists. To date, I have yet to learn the connecting link for our John Henry.

THE FINLEY MCINTOSH FAMILY will be finished in June and sent to Boston as requested. There are several others, HUSKINS, HARDY, FISHER, CAMPBELL, SMITH (one line), etc. that belong in this grouping. HUPMAN began as Hauptmann, 1752, when Michael Hauptmann came as one of the Planters and Pioneers, or pre-Loyalists.

As for the origin, my grandfather always told me it was Braemar, Invercauld, Aberdeenshire; that his grandfather (John Henry) had six or seven brothers and sisters. I feel I have located five of them: in Halifax, Charlottetown, Saint John -- also the possible father died at Fonthill Abbey, England, age 73, born Scotland 1753.

This news item was with one of Captain Robert Farquhar, married Nancy Mallard at Saint John, NB in 1805, lost at sea 1807. Also a Miss Anne Farquhar died in Halifax 1831, age 52.

I do not like to use the Mormon Church library but will give it a try! They are fine for overseas items, not for local items.

In the Liverpool Township Methodist baptismal records, you will find WILLIAM HENRY FARQUHAR was born Nov. 7, 1853, baptized in 1854; he was born again (believe it or not) in 1857, baptized in 1858. [It could have been Trinity records].

The second time it was his sister, Alice Mary Farquhar, died in 1909 of "creeping paralysis" -- now known as M.S.

The term "GENEALOGY AND THE D.N.A. FACTOR" should be noticed! In our family, we have wonderful (?) inherited problems, epilepsy [which I prefer to forget about]; M.S.; an adopted niece and her son are both schziophrenics. This goes down to the lowly heart, stroke, cancer -- prevalence of same -- in families. Enough of this!!!!

The history I am sending is in bits and pieces as it will have to be re-typed. You will learn a lot from this -- Geraldine has copies of all my work, except this latest package of odds and ends, including "Twenty-Five Minutes At Culloden". This was done for the Clan Farquharson newspaper, also reading all the books, I learned a great deal.

In between times, I type obituary listings for South Shore Genealogical Society. Believe it or not, to date [I have copies of even the unpublished recordings] the Liverpool Methodist or United Church has yet to be recorded -- no records as yet.

I have pages of the "old" Baptist Cemetery on Church St., not the new one; lots of pages for the new Trinity Cemetery; I have the Congregational Cemetery to date.

Unless we can get records photocopied, volunteers must record data from tombstones. Port Mouton United Church has old records that will have to be hand copied, they are so old. I have promised to do this in August, unless Katherine (MacGowan) Smith does it -- then I will type it for the minister. Guess I suddenly became elevated to the rank of genealogist as he will only allow someone who knows what they are doing to look at his records. I've been kidded about this, by Janet Colp, my aunt, Iva MacDonald. These names will become familiar to you sooner or later!!

I did not run out of good paper, but following the sales pitch, here is a real request:-

My teacher and mentor in all my research has been Lt.Col. Robert Ford Kirkpatrick, USAF (Ret'd.). He is originally from Worcester, MA., but spends the summer in Milton, his house is the second one below the lower church (Church of Christ).

I do not know Kirk's religion, nor do I care. When he read about you arriving in Liverpool, he called it "coincidentally providential".

A number of years ago, his wife, Betty had cancer, went through all the required treatments, tests are negative at present.

Last year Betty played golf. This year when Kirk brings her to Milton, she will be in a wheelchair and very dependent on him. The specialists have not told him, but he feels the mobility cells in the brain have been killed.

As Kirk puts it, his ETA will be June 10th. Clyde sent a message to him, which I have stressed, to get a ramp built before Betty gets there. Their son is Murray Kirkpatrick.

In addition to needing YOU, as a minister, Kirkpatrick also has some elusive SMITH relations in Hants Co.

Like all Americans, he has a "lot of blow". Recently, even this has been dampened -- his genealogical work has been handled by Harley Walker and myself.

Possibly the Smith possible connections might be sufficient.

Sincerely,

P.S:- To find Kirk, I always go up the east side of the river to the first bridge
- Cross bridge, turn right
- Pass two churches
- Dorsey House B/B
- The next place is Kirk's - one of our FORD relations left it to his mother.

J. M. J. M. J.