

notes taken at NS Archives/Hfx/Aug.13/97 by ajf

1. Examination of old school registers revealed that the Farquhar lads, Donald 11, James 9, William 7 and John 5, attended Beech St School. It was situated near Oak Street. Their attendance is recorded from August 22, 1883 to the end of October which is the end of the term. I found no further mention of their names in the Beech St. registers.

I am wondering if the move from Halifax to Brooklyn took place before Christmas 1883. I had always presumed that Grandfather James Farquhar probably acquired the property from his first cousin, also James Farquhar, early in 1884.

(Just a note...not surprisingly, in the entry re William 7 and John 5, the "h" does not appear in Farquhar....also the records show that the attendance of all the lads was almost perfect.)

Beech Street runs north from Quinpool Road to Chebucto Road. The directory for 1883 indicates that there were very few residents on the street. I did not examine fully the 1883 and 1884 copies of the city 'directory' to see if there is mention of Farquhar living in the vicinity. They would not necessarily live on Beech Street but must have been in that general area. I recall reading Donald's diary of their first days in Halifax and presumed that when they went fishing they went down to what we call 'The Arm Bridge'. Indeed, since the tannery, the place of Grandfather's employment, was in Fairview, they might well have lived out as far as Dutch Village Road. I have not checked the location of school at that time...it could be that the Beech Street School was the furthest northwest in the city.

2. James Farquhar, first cousin to Grandfather James Farquhar, had a partner whose name was James Forrest. They had at least two enterprises: (a) *a tannery*. I came across the following entry in some document, "A tannery at Fairview operated for years. Then it was a familiar sight to see loads of raw hides being collected in the city for tanning. Messrs Farquhar and Forrest are the owners." (b) *Farquhar, Forrest and Co., Bankers and Brokers, 173 Hollis Street*.

3. James Farquhar, the businessman lived at 181 Lockman Street. is partner, James Forrest, lived at 244 Lockman Street. I do not think that that street-name still exists in Halifax. It began at Cornwallis St. and ran north to Campbell Road (no longer a street-name). It cut through Artz Lane and Gerrish Street. It sounds as if it was parallel to Gottingen Street..

Aug.20/97 Yesterday, Wed. Aug 19/97, I set about to locate Robert Farquhar, son of my first cousin, Douglas, who was my uncle Alex.' son. I had the place of employment of Bob from some years ago. He was then General Manager of *Jacquot Toyota Co.* in Ottawa..that would be prior to 1980. I had some contact with Bob then.. he would phone me from time to time..and then we lost touch. I discovered yesterday that that particular company no longer exists, but contacted a former fellow worker there who now is with the *"Tony Graham Alexis Toyota Co., Ottawa, as Gen. Mgr.* He did not have Bob's address but gave me that of his brother John who lives in Kanata. I phoned John and had a good chat with him. His expertise is in the area of graphic design but at 51 he is now unemployed. His brother Bob lives in Toronto and his brother Raymond just outside of Montreal.

some information: Cousin Douglas Farquhar (b.1914) is dead. He had cancer of the esophagus but eventually died of a stroke. He was living near Sacramento, CA, having departed his wife Denise (b.1919) who also is dead.

Robert Joseph Gilles Farquhar, b.1945, married Gwen LaPorte of Renfrew in 1970. They are

divorced and there was no family. Bob lives in Toronto. He has his own business, but I am not clear of its exact nature. It is in the field of sales. For a while in Toronto he was with the International Warranty Co...but no longer

John provided me with Bob's phone number (416-424-32930). He indicated that they do not see too much of each other.

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married Shirley Robertson of Deep River, Ont.
children: Christopher (b.1971)

Joel (b.1973)

Melanie (b.1986)

*Retired from teaching -
grad - Carleton b2 Ed. Mother's Alexander '05/
33 - baby.
Bridges.*

Christopher is either a graduate of Carleton or currently a student...Joel is, I think, a student..both in the Computer field. John is unemployed..his training is as draughtsman..perhaps a drafting engineer, and he is familiar with graphic design (??)

Raymond Joseph Eric Farquhar (b.1956) is married and lives in the Montreal vicinity. Our kids ..Jim, Anne, Kathy, knew Raymond in the past.. he was a bit of a musician (guitar) in eating establishments..but John informed me that he is not in that kind of thing now..is married and has a job which is not related to the world of music.