#### **FOREWORD**

It was after my beloved mother Clothilda Advira Wilson Ferguson funeral on September 8<sup>th</sup> 2012. We gathered at my sister Rosetta house, this is where I met my 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cousin Sybil Ferguson Toote, she is the Historian of the Farquharson/Ferguson's family, originally from Brown's Crooked Island. I want to personally express my gratitude to her for exemplifying kindness and patiences on the phone for hours, providing me with most of the information needed to enrich my spirit, to continue the journeying in trying my best to keep the vibe alive, something special started by a wise man called Nelson Farquharson (Ferguson).

In addition I want to thank daddy, Bishop Cephas Ferguson and his second cousin Nurse Nora Ferguson Hanna Knowles who is also my mother-in-law and other family members whom I met at funerals and family reunions over the past years, who were able to provide information through their personal testimony.

It was in 2010 when Carl and I discovered we were third cousin, (this was hidden from us) but after I was introduced to Sybil I realized that I had to organize the family tree and put it on papers.

## "What's Going On" by Marvin Gay.

This song came to my spirit when I was putting our family tree together; this is The Farquharson/Ferguson's Family.

The Original Story of Brown's Crooked Island (from Gloria's Perspective)

## WE ARE THE 5<sup>TH</sup>. GENERATION

The settlement of Brown's Crooked Island was divided into two parts. The Farquharson Ferguson's owned the western half and the Beneby's are the owners of the eastern half. I was told by Sybil that Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson and Felix Beneby brought this settlement and it was recorded by the Registrar General Department in 1907. Daddy told me Brown's was given to them.

My perception on these two families is hilarious, the message I Gloria Ferguson Knowles received from my people, was that when Alvin S. Moss came back to Crooked Island early in 1920 from the U.S.A. In 1921 he married Eliza Louise Moss (maiden name also Moss) she was sister to Delia Moss Ferguson who married Daniel Ferguson, they were the parents of Bishop Cephas Ferguson and his eight siblins.

Presently Bishop Cephas Ferguson is the oldest living male Ferguson, Delia's family was originally from True Blue Crooked Island, their mother was a Scavella from Landrail Point. (I am still working on Delia's Family Tree) Alvin S. Moss came into Brown's Crooked Island to start the Pentecostal church, at this time most of the people were Baptist, but Felix Beneby who was Bishop Nathaniel Beneby's father willingly allowed Bishop Moss to start the church in his house.

According to my understanding Bishop Moss was very upset with the old Ferguson leaders because during this period of time everybody listened to the older family members. Most of these older men were drowned on different occasions, I was told that about five or six of them were drowned during a serious hurricane in 1926 (the same year daddy was born) they went to secured their boats and were washed away, eventually a day or so later their bodies showed up on the sand, it was said that GOD did this because they did not except the messages Bishop Moss brought to the island. I think these men were ignorant and were deceived, after this it was said that on another occasion people went missing and there were other drownings, this stirred the people up and a spirited of fear was planted into them, especially the Ferguson's. It was also said that they became so fearful they started bowing to Moss, all the people in Brown's started worshiping him with the Beneby's and Moss leading the way, eventually the entire Crooked Island were worshiping him. Bishop Moss set up rules and regulations on how the church people should live and that they should only marry people who were a part of his church. He had full controlled over the people as if they were under a spell. Moss eventually came to Nassau and took over The Church of

God, later called The Church of God of Prophecy, these rules went on with our fore parents for more than two generation (according to the bible 80 years) he set up doctrines in the church that were never broken, some of his rules still exist today and this man died from September 15<sup>th</sup>. 1982.

My conclusion on the Moss, Beneby's and Ferguson's family is as follow: Alvin S. Moss made sure and paved the way for the Moss and Beneby's generation so they could continue to be prosperous and productive, he always made sure that they stayed ahead of The Ferguson's and I witnessed this coming up in the Church of God of Prophecy when the operation was passed on to Bishop Brice H. Thompson. By 1981 when I packed up and walked away from this church, it was obvious that we were deceived.

If we were not deceived than someone please tell us what is going on, like Marvin Gay said, "What's Going On" I say War is going on, a war Moss started by telling the Moss's and The Beneby's they were better than the Ferguson's. I am a part of the fifth generation of the Ferguson family which is over 150 years later and I say "WAR" is not the answer, telling the truth with LOVE can bring peace to us and generations to come. Exodus 20: 1-17.

I remembered sometime in the early 2000 daddy was trying to bring the people from Brown's Crooked Island together; he did not speak directly to me and I was not paying much attention to him.

Only a few people took heed to what he was trying to accomplish and they were mostly the Ferguson's according to his minutes. It was not

until I started working on this Family Tree in about 2010 I found out that Bishop Nathaniel Beneby was also from Brown's Crooked Island, I always thought he was from True Blue where his wife Victoria came from, I questioned daddy on the Beneby's not attending the meetings he used to have, his replied was he don't know in a very sad way, I asked him if he invited them, I don't remember what he said.

Something is really missing from this puzzle that needs to be found, I say put it all in the Master hands he will fix it. I sure did put this situation into the Master hands, our Great GOD of WONDERS is bringing the gaps together and His people are coming on one accord.

#### **CONCLUSION**

I say thank you to my cousin Sybil Ferguson Toote for motivating me to put this family tree in perspective, by providing me with information and direction, most of all for your patience and loving spirit.

Cousin Sybil informed me to go to Land & Survey and get a copy of the land papers with Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson and Felix Beneby names on it. Carl and I went to Land & Survey and The Registry, at the time everybody avoided us.

Sybil also said she went to Brown's Crooked Island with The Beneby's and Wilbert Moss some years ago and when she returned she went to The Registry and got a copy of the Map of Browns and she gave daddy and couple of The Ferguson's a copy. My heart desire is to attach a copy of the Map of Brown's Crooked Island settlement to this Family Tree.

We are the Ferguson's generation, descendants of Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson a former War Warrior, we have no record of his wife name but daddy said the family carried the name Farquharson until after World War 1. He said most of the generations before them were not able to spell Farquharson, which was Nelson's original last name, but their generation who went to school settled with Ferguson.

1<sup>st</sup>. Generation were Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson (his siblings & wife not available yet)

#### 2<sup>nd</sup>. Generation:

Nelson & his wife had 6 sons and 3 daughters.

- 1. Howard, 2.Michael, 3.Simeon, 4.Foster, 5.Edward & 6. Joseph Ferguson.
- 7. Theresa (Terry) 8. Mary & 9. Hellina Farquharson/Ferguson.

### 3<sup>rd</sup>. Generation Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Grand-Children

- 1. Howard & Arabella nee Bowe Ferguson Children:
- 1. Daniel 2. Melvina 3. Everlina 4. Aldin 5. Gust 6. Sapparial 7. Dasie
- 8. Alice & 9. James Ferguson (Sybil said James was half white and he never return back to The Bahamas after the Contract in The U.S.A.)
- 2. Michael & Melinda Ferguson

Children: 1.Samuel, 2.Otis, 3.Joe & 4.Aurelia

3. Simeon & Priscilla Ferguson

Children: 1. Huel, 2.Prince, 3.Robert (Bob) 4.Mariee', 5.Caroline

- 6. Terry & 7. Ella Ferguson (Twins)
- 4. Foster & Sylvia Ferguson

Children: 1. Edith, 2.Olive, 3.Lovetha, 4.George

5. Edward & Frances Ferguson

Children: 1. Rodney "Buddy", 2. Logan, 3. Clevland, & 4. Charles Ferguson

6. Joseph & Jane Ferguson

**Children: 1. Lauretta Ferguson** 

7. Theresa (Terry) Ferguson

Children: None.

8. Hellina Ferguson & Cedric Hanna

Children: 1.Essie 2.Elizabeth & 3. Roslyn

9. Mary Ferguson (I was told Mary could have had more children)

Children: 1. Nelson 2. "Big" Foster 3. Gant 4. Polimeus 5. Elcina 6.Ida

7. Estella 8. Hellina & 9.Daisy Ferguson (Mary could have had more children)

- 4<sup>th</sup>. Generation: Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:
- # 1. Howard & Arabella Ferguson Grand Children:
- # 1. Daniel & Delia nee Scavella Moss Ferguson (from True Blue)
  Children:
  - 1. Dorothy Ferguson & Javan Bastian
    - 2. Joel (Joe) & Magaline Ferguson
    - 3. Albertha Ferguson & Stanley Pratt
    - 4. Bishop Cephas & (1st. Clothilda Wilson of Ragged Is. deceased) 2nd. Annamae Darling-Butler-Ferguson
    - 5. Beatrice Ferguson & Joe Henfield
    - 6. Roland & Ena Ferguson
    - 7. Hilton & Shelia Ferguson

- 8. Wilkinson (Willie) & Hilda Ferguson
- 9. Inez Ferguson & Wilfred Beneby

### 4th.Generation: Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand-Children:

- # 1. Howard & Arabella Ferguson Grand-Children:
- # 2. Melvina Ferguson & Wilfred "Bill" Deleveaux (from Major's Cay)
  Children:
  - 1. Bishop Reuben & Mother Elizabeth Deleveaux
  - 2. Kenneth Deleveaux (Twins)
  - 3. Daniel & Olive Deleveaux "
  - 4. Lebanius "Joe" Deleveaux
  - 5. Esther Mae Deleveaux & Wilbert Ferguson
  - 6. Nellie Deleveaux Tucker
  - 7. Frold Deleveaux
  - 8. Delores Deleveaux

### 4th. Generation: Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:

- # 1. Howard & Arabella Grand-Children:
- # 3. Alice Ferguson

### **Children:**

- 1. Sybil Ferguson & Charles Toote
- 2. Gilbert (Bowleg) & Rosie Cleare Ferguson
- 3. Clarington Ferguson
- 4. Howard Ferguson Johnson Jr.
- 5. Granville Ferguson Penn

- 4<sup>th</sup>. Generation: Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:
- # 1. Howard & Arabella Grand-Children:
- # 4 Aldin & Drucilla Ferguson

- 1. Cinderilla Ferguson & Solomon Edwards (from Lovely Bay)
- 2. Charles Ferguson & Letha Daxson
- 3. Wilbert Ferguson
- 4. Daisy Ferguson
- 5. Remelda Ferguson Rolle
- 6. Albertha Ferguson
- 4th.Generation: Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:
- # 1 Howard & Arabella Ferguson Grand-Children:
- # 5. Gust & Jane Ferguson

### **Children:**

None

- 4<sup>th</sup>. Generation: Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:
- # 1. Howard & Arabella Ferguson Grand-Children:
- # 6. Superial Ferguson & Gustavas Darling Children:

( Reckwell Beneby was Superial first husband)

- 1. Emily Ferguson Beneby Higgs (from Superial 1st. marriage)
- 2. Mable Darling Johnson
- 3. Willington Darling
- 4. Lovetha Darling & Aaron Rolle
- 5. Orthinell & Muriel Hanna Darling

- 4th. Generation: Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-GrandChildren:
- # 1. Howard & Arabella Grand-Children:
- # 7. Dasie Ferguson-Nottage & Charles Nottage

- 1. Premie Frits
- 2. Estella & Charles Darling
- 4<sup>th</sup>, Generation: Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:
- # 1. Howard & Arabella Grand-Children:
- #8. Everlina Ferguson & Mr. Moss

**Children: None** 

- 4th. Generation: Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children
- # 1. Howard & Arabella Grand-Children:
- # 9. James Ferguson (Sybil said he was half white and he never return after the war.)

Children: ?

- 4<sup>th</sup>. Generation: Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand-Children
- # 2. Michael & Merlinda Ferguson Grand-Children:
- 1. Samuel & Addie nee Beneby Ferguson Children:
- 1.Dorrine Ferguson & James Campbell
- 2. Nora Ferguson & Herman McClaine
- 3. Lawson & Winifred Ferguson
- 4. Donald & Aura Ferguson
- 5. Edna Aurelia Ferguson & Herma Moss
- 6. Henry & Virigina Ferguson

- 4th.Generation: Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand-Children:
- # 2. Michael & Merlinda Ferguson Grand-Children:
- 2. Otis & Irene Ferguson

- 1.James Hanna
- 2.Brenda Ferguson Henshell
- 4<sup>th</sup>. Generation: Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand-Children:
- # 2. Michael & Merlinda Ferguson Grand-Children:
- #3. Joe & Lottie Ferguson

#### **Children:**

- 1.Allan Ferguson
- 2.Roston Ferguson
- 3.Bertram & Mariee' Ferguson
- 5. Elouise Ferguson & Mr. Swain
- **6.Doris Ferguson & Delvin Moss**
- 7. Mariee' Ferguson
- 4th. Generation: Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand-Children:
- # 2. Michael & Merlinda Ferguson Grand-children:
- # 4. Aurelia Ferguson & William"Willie" Hanna (Spring Point Acklins)
  Children:
- 1. Nora Hanna Knowles & Willis Knowles (Tarpum Bay Eleuthera)
- 2. Ada Hanna Jones & Vernon Jones

- 4<sup>th</sup>. Generation: Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:
- # 3. Simeon & Priscilla Deleveaux Ferguson Grand-Children:
- 1.Huel & Laura Ferguson (Alvin S. Moss sister)

- 1."Big One" Hurai & Cynthia Ferguson
- 2. Clarington & Sylvia Ferguson
- 3. Elizabad (of North Carolina) & Parthenia Ferguson
- 4. Sybil Ferguson & Philip Cox (Keen Age Shoe & Variety Store)
- 4<sup>th</sup>. Generation:Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand-Children:
- # 3. Simeon & Priscilla Grand-Children:
- 2. Prince & Recina Moss Ferguson

#### **Children:**

- 1. Benjamin & Merletha Ferguson
- 2. Laban Ferguson Jr.
- 3. Irene Ferguson & Otis
- 4. Vera Ferguson
- 5. Estella Ferguson & Zessie Cox & Adrick Colebrook
- 6. Florence Ferguson & Felix Lewis
- 7. Asa Ferguson
- 8. Wilmore Ferguson
- 9. Prince Ferguson
- 4th. Generation: Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand-Children:
- # 3 Simeon & Priscilla Ferguson Grand-Children:
- 3. Mariee' Ferguson & Pastor Arthur Moss Children:

(No Children - adopted Bishop Nathaniel Beneby, she was his aunt.)

- **4th.Generation: Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand-Children:**
- # 3 Simeon & Priscilla Ferguson Grand-Children:
- 4. Caroline Ferguson & Charles Symonette

- 1. Lottie 5. Ethel
- 2. Eldon 6. Melvin Symonette
- 3. Estella Paul
- 4. Albertha

4<sup>th</sup>.Generation: Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:

- # 3 Simeon & Priscilla Ferguson Grand-Children:
- 5. Robert (Bob) & Jother Moss Ferguson

#### **Children:**

- 1. Vivian Ferguson & Pastor Hosea Cox
- 2. Andrew Ferguson 3. Leonard Ferguson
- 4<sup>th</sup>. Generation: Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:
- # 3 Simeon & Priscilla Ferguson Grand-Children:

(Twins): 6. Terry & 7. Ella Ferguson

### **Children**:

- 4th. Generation: Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:
- # 4 Foster & Sylvia Ferguson Grand-Children:
- 1. Edith Ferguson & George Walkine

### **Children**:

1. Dr. Walkine 2. Daughter

- 4<sup>th</sup>. Generation: Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:
- # 4 Foster & Sylvia Ferguson Grand-Children:
- 2. Olive Ferguson

- 4th. Generation: Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:
- # 4 Foster & Sylvia Ferguson Grand-Children:
- 3. Lovetha Ferguson

#### **Children:**

- 4th. Generation: Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand
- **Children:**# 4 Foster & Sylvia Ferguson Grand-Children:
- 4. George Ferguson

#### **Children:**

- 4th. Generation: Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:
- # 5. Edward & Francis Walkin Ferguson Grand-Children:
- 1. Rodney "Buddy" Ferguson

### **Children**:

- 1. Constance Ferguson
- 4<sup>th</sup>. Generation: Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:
- # 5. Edward & Francis Walkin Ferguson Grand-Children:
- 2. Logan Ferguson (New York)

### Children:

- 4<sup>th</sup>. Generation Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:
- # 5. Edward & Francis Walkin Ferguson Grand-Children:
- 3. Cleveland Ferguson &

**Children:** (Sybil said this was her daddy)

- 4th. Generation Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:
- # 5 Edward & Francis Ferguson Grand-Children:
- 4. Charles Ferguson

#### **Children:**

- 4<sup>th</sup>. Generation Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:
- # 6 Joseph & Jane Ferguson Grand-Children
- 1. Lauretta Ferguson

### Children

- 1. Caleb Beneby
- **4th Generation Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:**
- # 7 Teresa (Terry) Grand-Children:

### **Children:**

- 4<sup>th</sup>.Generation Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:
- # 8 Hellina Ferguson & Cedric Hanna Grand-Children:
- 1.Essie Hanna & Benjamin Darling

### **Children:**

1. Rowena Darling

4<sup>th</sup>. Generation Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:

# 8 Hellina Ferguson & Cedric Hanna Grand-Children:

2. Elizabeth Hanna & Peter Wallace

**Children: None** 

4<sup>th</sup>. Generation Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:

# 8 Hellina Ferguson & Cedric Hanna Grand-Children:

3. Roslyn Darling & James Hanna

**Children:** 

- 1.Annamae Hanna Butler-Ferguson
- 2. Jenniemae Hanna
- 3.Patrice Hanna
- 4. Betty Hanna
- 5. Wilfred Hanna
- 4th. Generation Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:
- # 9 Mary Ferguson Grand-Children:
- 1.Nelson & Eliza Ferguson

### **Children:**

- 1. Viola Ferguson 3. Sister Lilly Ferguson (birth mother?)
- 2.Emmie Ferguson 4.Izetta Ferguson (?)
- 4<sup>th</sup>. Generation Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:
- # 9 Mary Ferguson Grand-Children:
- 2. Elsina Ferguson & Cornelius Deleveaux

Children: 1. Emerald Deleveaux Roberts

- 4th, Generation Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand-Children
- # 9 Mary Ferguson Grand Children:
- 3.Big Foster & Mercy Ferguson

- 1. Maud Ferguson & Charles Beneby (The P.M. wifePat.grandparents)
- 2. Becker Ferguson
- 3. Bertie Ferguson Allen
- 4. Ada Ferguson
- 5. Zerlline Ferguson
- 4<sup>th</sup>, Generation Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:
- # 9 Mary Ferguson Grand Children:
- **4.Gant & Christine Ferguson**

**Children: None** 

- 4th. Generation Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:
- # 9 Mary Ferguson Grand Children:
- 5. Porlemous & Big Francis Ferguson

### **Children**:

- 1. John Ferguson 2. Caroline Ferguson 3. Mark Ferguson
- 4. Cinderilla"Rella"Ferguson 5. Winifred Ferguson
- 4<sup>th</sup>.Generation Nelson Farquharson/Ferguson Great-Grand Children:
- # 9 Mary Ferguson Grand-Children:

### **Nothing is available for:**

- 6. Hellina Ferguson?
- 7. Estella Ferguson ? 8. Ida Ferguson ? 8. Daisy Ferguson ?

Map of Bahamas
Map of Crooked Island
Map of Brown's Crooked Island

NB:
Where did the name Brown's came from?
Bishop Cephas Ferguson read this document he approved and signed
it. If there should be any contribution or correction please contact Gloria Ferguson Knowles.
gloriousart@hotmail.com.
Sign:
Thank you.

# MESSAGE FOR THE 5<sup>TH</sup>. GENERATION

### **Psalms 126 & Proverbs 13:22**

This Ferguson Family Tree stop at the 4<sup>th</sup>. Generation.

We the 5<sup>th</sup>. Generation of Browns Crooked Island will have to continue this Family Tree.

We bring greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior JESUS CHRIST.

Our Ancestors who are living today are continuing the legacy of their great-grandfather Nelson Farquharson later called Ferguson, these wise men and women of excellent spirit are the 4<sup>th</sup>. Generation and they want to make sure their children and children's, children have access and permission to take authority and possess the settlement on the Eastern End of Crooked Island called Brown's.

After my research and receiving the land papers of Brown's Crooked Island, I found out that this territory of land was granted to Nelson Farquharson & Nehemiah Bonemy by Queen Victoria in 1870, in addition to this Nelson Farquharson only was also granted twenty acres of Crown Land at a place called "Covery" in Acklins Island by Queen Victoria.

We are now making preparation to rebuild Brown's one day at a time with a righteous and honest spirit.

We want lights to shine in Brown's Crooked Island forever.

GOD BLESS THE FERGUSON'S OF BROWNS CROOKED ISLAND AND GOD BLESS OUR BEAUTIFUL COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS.

AMEN.

**THANK YOU** 

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