DUNCAN FAMILY

NB: The following is prepared from Falkland Islands Registers and files – there may be other family born outside the Falklands. Unless stated otherwise, all dated births, deaths and marriages occurred in the Falklands and all numbered graves are in Stanley Cemetery. Any variations which may occur in the spellings of names are recorded as written in the records at the time.

William DUNCAN was born 21 February 1842 in Forfarshire, Scotland. Agnes STEWART/STUART was born 20 March 1849 in Aberdeen, Scotland. William was married to Agnes (not in Falkland Islands).

William DUNCAN, age 23, Agnes DUNCAN, age 18 and James Alexander DUNCAN, age 1 left London at 12pm 21 July 1865 on board the “Julie Tatham”, a 327 ton English barque commanded by Joseph Cundy carrying cargo and shepherds for the Falkland Islands Company Limited. She arrived in Stanley on 22 September 1865 with 16 crew and 21½ passengers after being 62 days out.

William, age 45 and a shepherd, died 17 December 1886 of cirrhosis of the liver and general blood poisoning and was buried on Beaver Island.

Agnes emigrated to the UK in 1924 with her son George. [CM Dec 1924]
FIRST GENERATION

Children of William and Agnes DUNCAN:

1. **James Alexander DUNCAN** born circa 1864 in the UK. James, age 73 & retired, died 1 January 1938 and was buried in Grave L 1118.

2. **George Stuart DUNCAN** born 24 September 1866 in the Falkland Islands and baptised 22 March 1867 by Holy Trinity Church. George was injured in a shooting accident on Beaver Island December 1896 [CM Mar 1897]. George emigrated to the UK in 1924 with his mother. [CM Dec 1924] George, age 80, died 1 July 1948 and was buried in Grave Q 1382.

3. **Margaret Jane DUNCAN** born 13 December 1867 at Norton Inlet and baptised 14 March 1868 by Holy Trinity Church. Margaret, age 21 & living on Beaver Islands, was married to William Thomas CANN, age 34 and a shipwright from Plymouth living on Beaver Island, 14 November 1888 at Beaver Island according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were James A Duncan and George S Duncan. William’s father was recorded as James Cann, foreman, and Margaret’s father was recorded as William Duncan, Beaver Island. William, age 49, died in Stanley 16 October 1892 from heart failure and was buried 19 October 1892 in Grave A50. Margaret, age 45, and a widow, died 26 July 1912 from asthma and heart failure and is buried on Beaver Island.

4. **Anne “Annie” DUNCAN** born 23 January 1869 at Norton Inlet and baptised 8 March 1869 by Holy Trinity Church. Annie, age 18 and living on Beaver Island, was married to John H MARKLAND, age 29 and a silverplater living on West Point Island, 1 May 1887 at Beaver Island according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were James Alexander Duncan and Henry Waldron. John’s father was recorded as William J Markland, schoolmaster, and Annie’s father was recorded as William Duncan, shepherd. The family left for the UK 11 October 1904 on board the “Oruba”.

5. **Agnes DUNCAN** born 7 November 1870 at Norton Inlet and baptised 11 March 1871 by Holy Trinity Church. Agnes left the Falkland Islands 7 September 1891 on the ss “Theben” via Sandy Point, with Miss Frances Williams, John Cameron, W S Williams and Mon. Taynano. Agnes was married to William Seccombe WILLIAMS in London 22 October 1891. [CM JAN1892] Agnes’ son that she had in October 1890 was not mentioned in the passenger list. William spent time farming on the Coast (South America) before successively managing Teal Inlet, Speedwell Island and Weddell Island. William, living on Weddell Island, was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1902. William returned to England in 1916 to see his wife and family as his daughter was ill and he died 3 May 1917 at Brighton, England. [Obituary FIM Aug 1917]

6. **Mary DUNCAN** born 11 July 1872 at Norton Inlet. Mary, age 19 and living on Beaver Island, was married to Farquhar MACRAE, age 23 and a shepherd living on Weddell Island, 12 May 1891 in the house of Mrs Duncan, Beaver Island according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Henry Waldron and James Duncan. Farquhar’s father was recorded as John Macrae, farmer, and Mary’s father was recorded as William Duncan, shepherd. Farquhar committed suicide 31 January 1917 on Weddell Island and is buried there. [Obituary FIM 1917] Mary emigrated to the UK in 1927.
7. **William DUNCAN** born March 1874 at Shag Harbour, West Falkland. William, age 21 and a shepherd, died 11 November 1895 of heart disease and is buried at Port Stephens.

8. **David Henry DUNCAN** born 8 May 1875. David, head shepherd, was married to Agnes HALLIDAY 11 August 1911 at Carew Harbour, Port Stephens by J Meredith Bate, Assistant Cathedral Chaplain. The Witnesses were J Robertson and John William Jones. David’s father was recorded as William Duncan, shepherd, and Agnes’ father was recorded as John Halliday, shepherd. Agnes, age 62, died 28 July 1955 and was buried 30 July 1955 in Grave Q 1555. David, age 86 and a shepherd, died 28 November 1961 at Port Stephens (buried there?)

9. **Helen Esson DUNCAN** born 17 August 1876 and baptised 23 April 1877 by Holy Trinity Church. Helen, age 26 and living in Stanley, was married to James GREIG, a 34 year old mariner living in Stanley, 6 June 1902 in the parsonage according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Betsy Humble, Mary Willis and Isabella Fraser Watson. James’ father was recorded as James Greig, clerk, and Helen’s father was recorded as William Duncan, shepherd. Left for Liverpool on board the “Panama” 4 February 1903 with a child (Lionel).

10. **Elizabeth Lucie DUNCAN** born 11 September 1877 and baptised 24 November 1880 by Holy Trinity Church. Elizabeth was married to Angus McLEOD (not in Falklands), a shepherd.

11. **John Murray “Jack” DUNCAN** born 24 October 1878 on Beaver Island and baptised 24 November 1880 by Holy Trinity Church. Lived on Beaver Island for 56 years. Collapsed and died Sunday 6 February 1944 as he was walking along Davis Street on the way to the service at the Tabernacle. [FI Weekly News 10 Feb 1944] John, age 65, was buried in Grave P 1265.

12. **Rachel Moriah DUNCAN** born 26 December 1879 and baptised 24 November 1880 by Holy Trinity Church. Married George Thomas STEWART, a 20 year old shepherd living in Stanley but late of New Island, 18 June 1903 at the house of Mr Etheridge, Stanley by Special Licence by C K Blount MA Assistant Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Helen Etheridge and John Summers. They left for Liverpool on board the “Oropesa” 28 June 1903. Rachel died 9 October 1911 at Pembina, North Dakota, USA. [CM Mar 1912]

13. **Peter Reid DUNCAN** born 17 June 1882 at Beaver Island and baptised in 1885 by Holy Trinity Church. Peter, age 82 and a shepherd, died in Stanley 21 September 1964 was buried 24 September 1964 in Grave T 2014.

14. **Howard Eric DUNCAN** born 9 December 1883 and baptised in 1885 by Holy Trinity Church. Howard, a shepherd, was married to Georgina HALLIDAY 25 March 1922 at Port Stephens, West Falkland by J Robertson JP, Deputy Registrar. The witnesses were David Henry Duncan and Emily Louisa Goodwin. Howard’s father was recorded as William Duncan, deceased, and Georgina’s father was recorded as John Halliday, shepherd. Georgina, age 59, died 18 January 1961 at Hill Cove and is buried there. Howard, age 80 and a handyman, died 10 October 1964 on West Falkland and was buried in Grave T 2016.

15. **Catherine Alice DUNCAN** born 21 February 1885 on Beaver Island and baptised in 1885 by Holy Trinity Church. Catherine was married to Alfred Walter Waldemar CHRIST, mariner,
23 May 1928 on Beaver Island by Special Licence by S E E Aylward, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Ethel Mary McLeod and James Alexander Duncan. Alfred’s father was recorded as Adolf Christ, doctor, and Catherine’s father was recorded as William Duncan, shepherd. Alfred Walker Wilmot CHRIST, age 37 and a seaman from Denmark, died of heart disease on board the cutter Weddell at New Island 17 July 1929 and was buried on Beaver Island. Catherine, age 89 and a widow, died in Stanley 25 September 1974 and was buried in Grave U 1839.

16. Ida Frances DUNCAN born 23 July 1886 and baptised 1 May 1887 by Holy Trinity Church. Ida was married to Donald John McLEOD, shepherd, 23 October 1917 at Beaver Island, West Falkland by Governor’s Licence by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Howard Eric Duncan and Catherine Alice Duncan. Donald’s father was recorded as Alexander McLeod, mariner, and Ida’s father was recorded as William Duncan, deceased shepherd. Donald, age 64 and a publican from Scotland, died 18 February 1954 and was buried in Grave P 1531. Ida, age 76, died in Stanley 23 May 1963 and was buried in Grave P 1738.

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM & AGNES STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS