WALLACE 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. Various spellings of names are recorded as written at the time.

Esther WALLACE:

Esther was born circa 1833 in Lochmaben, Dumfriesshire, Scotland.

In the 1881 census Esther was recorded as being age 48, unmarried and the mother of William, who also lived at the same address in Lochmaben, Dumfrieshire, Scotland.

Esther, age 62, died at Lochmaben 17 April 1891 and was buried in Lochmaben, New Cemetery, Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland.

Children of ? and Esther WALLACE

- 1. David WALLACE born 9 July 1856 in Lochmaben, Dumfriesshire, Scotland.
- 2. **John WALLACE** was born circa 1858 (not in the Falkland Islands). John, a young shepherd on low wages, was sent out on the Black Hawk under the Emigration Commissioners. He was to mess and berth with John STEEL who was also sent out; both employed under contract to the Falkland Islands Company Limited. [FIC/C1; 519] James (John) WALLACE and Thomas WALLACE, age 22, were passengers on the Black Hawk leaving London 7 December 1877 and arriving in Stanley 24 February 1878. [FIC/C1; 32: D18; 145] Janet CARMICHAEL, sweetheart of John Wallace, departed England in the Vicar of Bray September 1879. [FIC/C1; 32] John, age 22 and a shepherd living in Stanley, was married to Janet CARMICHAEL, age 22 and living in Stanley, 3 January 1880 in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were G I Smith and Susan Browning. John's father was recorded as Robert Wallace, carter, and Janet's father was recorded as Peter Carmichael, carter. Janet was born 16 September 1858 in Lochmaben, Dumfrieshire, Scotland. By January 1881 John was on a monthly wage of £4-15-0. John, his wife and child, were passengers on board the Luxor departing Stanley March 1883. On 13 March 1883 Frederick Cobb advised London Office '...the three single men I send 3rd place; but as Mrs Wallace is near her confinement, I send her with her husband second.' [FIC/D6; 193] John, age 27 and a shepherd, was re-engaged by the Falkland Islands Company Limited and, with his wife and two children, were passengers on the Varda leaving direct from Dartmouth 13 September 1883. Janet also brought out her niece, Margaret McINTOSH, age 9 (Margaret married Robert CARTMELL in 1896). [FIC/C2; 629, 630] John started working for the Falkland Islands Company Limited in the Lafonia area 17 October 1883 on a monthly wage of £4-15-0. John finished working for the FIC 15 July 1893. [FIC/IW4; 131: FIC/IW5; 48] Janet and six children departed 17 August 1894 on board the Neko bound for Punta Arenas. John was recorded as being age 30 and a rancher living in San Julian in the Santa Cruz 1895 Census. John Wallace, late of Freshwater Creek, accidentally drowned in Useless Bay 13 November 1898 and was buried in the English Cemetery, Onaisin, Tierra del Fuego. [FIM Feb 1899] In 1901 Janet, a widow, opened the Hotel Miramar in San Julian. Janet died 7 November 1916 and was buried in San Julian Cemetery.
- 3. William Burnet WALLACE was born 29 September 1859 in Lochmaben, Dumfriesshire, Scotland. In the 1881 census William was recorded as being age 21 and a quarryman and living with his mother, Esther. William, age 24 and a shepherd and brother of John, was a passenger on the Varda leaving direct from Dartmouth 13 September 1883. He came out on contract to the Falkland Islands Company Limited. [FIC/C2; 629, 630] William started working for the Falkland Islands Company Limited in the Lafonia area 17 October 1883 on a monthly wage of £4-11-8. His wages were £45 per annum rising to £55 per annum. William finished working for the FIC 20 May 1889. [FIC/IW3; 477: FIC/IW4; 471] William arrived 16 October 1889 on board the *Pentaur* from Dartmouth. William started working for the FIC again 18 October 1889 on a monthly wage of £5-10-0. He finished working for them 17 June 1891 and received a cash order of £16-13-6 for the balance of his account. [FIC/IW5; 117] William departed 28 June 1891 on board the *Ramses* bound for Sandy Point (*Punta Arenas, Chile*). William, age 40, died 28 August 1899 on Gap Station, Patagonia after a long illness. There is a memorial to him on his mother's gravestone in Lochmaben New Cemetery, Scotland.
- 4. **Hugh Ward WALLACE** born 1 June 1862 in Lochmaben, Dumfriesshire, Scotland.

FIRST GENERATION

Children of John and Jannet WALLACE:

- 1. **George WALLACE** born 3 January 1881 at Finlay Harbour. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
- 2. **Martha Steel WALLACE** born in April 1883 on board the *Luxor* three weeks before arrival in Dartmouth. [FIC/C1; 623] Martha was baptised at North Arm 11 February 1884 by the United Non-Conformist Church
- 3. **Esther WALLACE** born 22 February 1885 at North Arm and baptised 20 December 1885 by the United Non-Conformist Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
- 4. Sarah Dryden WALLACE born 13 September 1887 at North Arm and baptised 7 April 1888 by the United Non-Conformist Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. The Christmas 1904 edition of the Falkland Islands Magazine reported on a subscription ball held in the hotel of Mrs Wallace in Port San Julian on 1 September 1904; Sarah was mentioned as having helped to decorate the ball room. Also mentioned was a Peter BEATATON. Sarah, age 18 and living in San Julian, Patagonia, was married to Peter BEDATOU, merchant and living in San Julian, Patagonia, 26 June 1905 by Edwin Coupland Aspinall in the Church of St James, Punta Arenas according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England. The witnesses were James P Robus and Esther Wallace. Peter's father was recorded as John Bedatou, merchant, and Sarah's father was recorded as John Wallace, shepherd. Peter was born in 1874 in France.
- 5. **Walter Carmichael WALLACE** born 14 February 1890 at Freshwater Creek, Moffat Harbour and baptised 8 March 1890 by the United Non-Conformist Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
- 6. **Peter WALLACE** born 14 May 1892 at Moffat Harbour and baptised 4 February 1863 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
- 7. **Margaret Elizabeth Wallace** born 29 February 1896 at Laguna Blanca, Straits of Magellan, and baptised 25 October 1896 by J Williams of the Straits Chaplaincy. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.