

DEANE 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.

Frederick Gustave Wooding DEANE was born 2 November 1870 in St Kitts, British West Indies to **Joseph DEANE** and **Mary Elizabeth Ashby DEANE** née **WOODING**.

Frederick was married to (1) **Helen Carr BRAND** (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Helen was from Aberdeen, Scotland. Helen died 20 June 1905. According to family history Helen died from swamp fever.

Frederick was married to (2) ? (*not in the Falkland Islands*). According to family history she died soon after marriage.

Frederick was married to (3) **Maud Gorringe BATSON** (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Maud was born 14 December 1889 in Barbados, British West Indies to **Henry Sewell BATSON** and **Josephine Matilda Lewis BATSON** née **REID**.

During World War I Frederick served in the Royal Army Medical Corps at the rank of Lieutenant and Lieutenant Colonel. He was awarded the 1914/15 Star, British War Medal and Victory Medal.

Frederick, FRCS (Edin), LRCP (Edin), was appointed Colonial Surgeon 4 March 1920 on an annual salary of £600 with furnished quarters, a fuel allowance and allowed to have a private practice. He was also appointed a Justice of the Peace.

Dr and Mrs Deane and three children departed about 9 June 1920 on the *Orita* and arrived 19 August 1920 on board the *Orita* from Liverpool. [F60; 120]

In a despatch to Governor Middleton dated 31 May 1922 it was noted that Frederick had applied for a transfer in the Colonial Service and would be considered as suitable opportunities presented themselves. It also noted his complaint that the value of the private practice fell considerably short of the amount that he was led to expect on appointment. [F63; 96]

Frederick was appointed surgeon to the Falkland Islands Defence Force from 19 September 1923. [R32; 125]

In September 1923 Frederick offered the first prize of £5 for the sailing race for the annual Christmas sports. [FIM Sep, Dec 1923, Feb 1924] He continued this on an annual basis.



Maud in 1924

Maud, age 34, and her children Wilfred, age 13, David, age 6, and Heather, age 3, went to Barbados to visit her parents in 1924. Maud was recorded as being 5' 9" tall with blue eyes and brown hair. [PPL-PPA-3; 74]

Frederick was granted vacation leave of two weeks from 6 October 1924. He departed 6 October 1924 on board the *Ortega* bound for Punta Arenas, arriving back 22 October 1924 on board the *Falkland*. [R33; 127, 128]

Frederick was granted four months' vacation leave from 19 April 1925 followed by two and a half months' leave of absence on half salary. He departed 19 April 1925 on board the *Lautaro* which was bound for Liverpool. [R34; 47, 148]

Dr and Mrs FGW Deane and five children arrived 4 November 1925 on board the *Oropesa* from Liverpool.

Dr Deane was suspended from duty 23 December 1927 for improper collection of personal fees, the neglect or ill treatment of patients and drunkenness. The Executive Council minutes of 23 December 1927 recorded *'In spite of warnings received from Sir John Middleton and in the face of specific instructions issued to him Dr Deane has unquestionably instituted a state of terrorism among the poorer people of the Colony with the object of exploiting their sickness and distress for his own personal gain. From the facts disclosed there could be no doubt as to Dr Deane's guilt and no course open to His Excellency but to order his suspension...as to the desirability of taking further proceedings in the case of the improper collection by Dr Deane of personal fees for operations performed by him in the Hospital, I am of the undoubted opinion that ground for criminal action lies against Dr Deane in this matter in that the evidence, not in one case but in an entire series of cases, shows that Dr Deane over a long period with deliberate intention exploited ignorance and suffering to obtain money by false pretences...Dr Deane's intemperate habits had been disastrous for the good name of the service and that apart from the irregularity of his practices in his professional capacity his personal conduct eg drinking in public places and on visiting ships, appeared to have been notoriously the subject of common comment...in connection with the charges of neglect, that Dr Deane's brutal and callous treatment of Dr Moir and the utter lack of sympathy and attention shown by him in the Clausen cases could be dwelt upon at length...'* [P7; 128: R37; 64]

Dr and Mrs FGW Deane and family departed for Barbados 9 April 1928 on board the *Lagarto*.

Lt Col Frederick Gustave Wooding Deane, RAMC, FRCS Ed, age 65, died 31 October 1935 and was buried in Westbury Cemetery, Bridgetown, Barbados.

In 1938 Maud took her daughter Heather to England.

Maud, age 50, died 17 September 1940 when she was lost at sea. She was a passenger on board the *City of Benares* which was hit by a U-Boat. The *City of Benares* departed from Liverpool on 13 Friday 1940 with 197 passengers, including 90 children. The steamship was torpedoed 600 miles off Ireland and sank with the loss of life of 134 passengers, which included 70 child evacuees, and 131 of the 200-strong crew. Maud is remembered on a monument in Westbury Cemetery, Bridgetown, Barbados.

FIRST GENERATION

Children of Frederick and Helen DEANE:

1. **Frederick Wooding DEANE** born 9 March 1891 in Portobello, Midlothian, Scotland. Died as an infant?
2. **Edgar Wooding DEANE** born 8 May 1892. Edgar went to the UK to join the Prince of Wales' North Staffordshire Regiment. He fought in World War I and reached the rank of Lieutenant. Edgar died May 1966.
3. **Edward Greaves Delisle Wooding DEANE** born 21 March 1894 in Newington, Midlothian, Scotland. Edward, age 45, died 4 January 1940.
4. **Josephine Wooding DEANE** born ?
5. **Frederick Gustave Wooding DEANE** born 21 January 1904. Frederick, age 64, died 20 January 1969 and was buried in Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, Hillingdon, London, England.

Children of Frederick and Maud DEANE:

1. **Freda Sewell Wooding DEANE** born 10 April 1910 in Barbados, British West Indies. In 1921 Freda attended St Mary's School and gained firsts for diligence, attendance and sewing. Freda, David and Wilfred attended a children's party on board the ss *Ballena* on the afternoon of Tuesday 20 June 1922. Freda departed 9 November 1922 on board the *Ortega*, which was bound for Liverpool. In August 1926 Freda and Quita demonstrated classical stage dancing during the children's concert. From September 1926 Freda and Quita sang in the Christ Church Cathedral choir. Freda, age 17, departed 9 April 1928 for Barbados on board the *Lagarto*. She intended to reside there. She was recorded as being 5' 5 ½" tall with grey eyes and brown hair. Freda died in 2006.



Freda in 1928

2. **Wilfred Sewell Wooding DEANE** born circa 1911 in Barbados, British West Indies. In 1921 Wilfred attended St Mary's School and gained firsts for conduct, diligence and attendance. Freda, David and Wilfred attended a children's party on board the ss *Ballena* on the afternoon of Tuesday 20 June 1922. Wilfred died in 1980.
3. **Richard Sewell Wooding DEANE** born circa 1913 in Barbados, British West Indies. Richard, age 84, died 15 October 1998 and is remembered on a monument in Westbury Cemetery, Bridgetown, Barbados.
4. **Quita Sewell Wooding DEANE** born circa 1916 in Barbados, British West Indies. In August 1926 Freda and Quita demonstrated classical stage dancing during the children's concert. From September 1926 Freda and Quita sang in the Christ Church Cathedral choir. In 1927 Quita, David and Heather attended the Government School. Quita died circa 2004.
5. **David Sewell Wooding DEANE** born circa 1918 in Barbados, British West Indies. Freda, David and Wilfred attended a children's party on board the ss *Ballena* on the afternoon of Tuesday 20 June 1922. In 1923 David attended St Mary's School and gained a first for diligence. In 1927 Quita, David and Heather attended the Government School. David was attested 28 July 1942. Sergeant David Sewall Wooding Deane, Service number 605479, age 26 and a pilot in the Royal Air Force, died 22 September 1943 when the Anson I N9718 he was flying crashed into the Irish Sea on an overshoot at Millom, Copeland, Cumbria, England, half a mile from the Millom Coast Guard Station at 0030 hours. All five crew members died. David was buried in Grave 501, Section A, Blacon Cemetery, Chester, Cheshire, England.
6. **Heather Sewell Wooding DEANE** born 28 September 1920 in Stanley and baptised 28 September 1920 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as colonial surgeon. In 1927 Quita, David and Heather attended the Government School.
7. Heather was married to (1) **Michael GREY** (2) **John FURNIVAL** (3) **William CONSETT**. Heather, age 86, died 23 December 2006.



Heather with her mother - Bennett Collection, JCNA