

## FRASER FAMILY (1)

*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 FRASER** was born circa 1855 in Scotland to **Duncan FRASER**.

William, age 18, departed Southampton 9 June 1873 on board the *Boyne* to Montevideo then on to Stanley on board the *Black Hawk*. He was employed under agreement with the Emigration Commissioners on a five year contract with the Falkland Islands Company Ltd through Murdoch Ross, schoolmaster near Inverness. Also employed at the same time under the same terms was **Alexander FRASER**. [H22: D16; 82: FIC/C1; 453]

William, of full age and a shepherd from Scotland living at Darwin, was married to **Sarah Murray PATTERSON**, a minor and living at Darwin, 24 May 1877 at Darwin according to the Presbyterian form after banns by Rev A Yeoman Minister. The witnesses were Thomas Dobie and Esther Patterson. William's father was recorded as Duncan Fraser, farmer, and Sarah's father was recorded as George Patterson, shepherd.

William finished working for the Company 10 January 1885 and received a cash order of £12-18-4 for the balance of his account. William, a time expired shepherd, Sarah and family departed 18 January 1885 on board the steamer *Sakkarah* for Dartmouth. William, his wife and four children arrived safely in London February 1885 on board the *Sakkarah* and William talked of returning to work for the Company. William and his father-in-law took a farm near Dumfries. [FIC/IW3; 439: FIC/D6; 615: FIC/C2; desp 653, 654]

William, Sarah and their family left London on board the *Totmes* May 1885 with the Company paying his passage money of £60, which was to be repaid as soon as possible after his arrival in Stanley. William started working for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in the North Arm area 11 July 1885 on a monthly salary of £6-0-0. William finished working for the FIC Ltd 16 February 1901. [FIC/C2; desp 657, 661: FIC/IW4, IW7]

William departed 11 February 1900 on board the *Itauri* bound for Valparaiso.

Sarah died 7 December 1937 and was buried in the Puerto San Julian Cemetery.

## FIRST GENERATION

### Children of William and Sarah FRASER:

1. **Elizabeth FRASER** born 13 August 1878 at Burnfoot, Lafonia. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Elizabeth was married to **James PATTERSON** (*cousin*) 27 July 1901 in Santa Cruz.
2. **Sarah FRASER** born 14 January 1880 at Burnfoot, Lafonia. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Sarah, age 19, died 1 December 1898 from tuberculosis and was buried at North Arm.
3. **Margaret FRASER** born 17 October 1881 at Burnfoot, Lafonia. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Margaret was married to **George PATTERSON**, sheep farmer (*cousin*), 1 June 1905 in the church of St James, Punta Arenas, according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England after civil marriage on the same day by Edwin Coupland Aspinall. The witnesses were James Patterson and Elizabeth Patterson. George's father was recorded as Thomas Patterson, retired, and Margaret's father was recorded as William Fraser, sheep farmer. Both Margaret and George were living in Punta Arenas at the time of the marriage. On the 12 of June 1905 Margaret and George departed Punta Arenas for San Julian, meeting up with Margaret's parents, and the next day departed for Mata Grande, their future home. [Account of wedding FIM Aug 1905]
4. **Catherine FRASER** born 17 September 1883 at Venture Sound and baptised 11 February 1884 by the United Non-Conformist Church, Darwin. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Catherine, age 3 years and 9 months, died 9 June 1887 at Venture Sound from consumption of the bowels. The burial service was held at Venture Sound House and she was buried at North Arm.



5. **Mary FRASER** born 9 January 1886 at Venture Sound and baptised 2 April 1886 by the United Non-Conformist Church, Darwin. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Mary, age 12 ½, died 1 July 1898 from phthisis and exhaustion and was buried at North Arm.

6. **Esther Ann FRASER** born 22 December 1888 at Venture Sound and baptised 1 April 1889 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
7. **Duncan FRASER** born 31 December 1890 at Burn Foot, Lafonia and baptised 4 February 1891 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
8. **William Thomas FRASER** born 4 September 1896 at Burnfoot, Lafonia and baptised 7 September 1896 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
9. **George James FRASER** born 7 May 1900 at Burnfoot, Lafonia and baptised 17 December 1900 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.