

## MOIR 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.*

**Alexander MOIR** was born circa 1870 in Mortlach, Dufftown, Scotland.

Alexander graduated in arts from Aberdeen University in 1894.

Alexander was married to **Elizabeth Monro GUTHRIE** (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

Alexander taught for four years in Dundee before being employed by the Falkland Islands Company Ltd to work as a schoolmaster and bookkeeper at Darwin. He signed a 5 year agreement 27 April 1899. [Penguin 1 Apr 1936: FIC/IC2#9-M17] Alexander, Elizabeth and John arrived from Montevideo on board the *Hathor* 14 July 1899 and departed for Darwin on the *Fair Rosamund* 25 July 1899. His starting wage was £14-3-4 a month. Elizabeth started work as assistant storekeeper 31 December 1899 on a monthly salary of £3-15-0. [FIC/IW6; 725, 688]



Alexander, Elizabeth and their three sons, John, Alexander and Hamish, departed for Liverpool on board the *Orcoma* 19 May 1909. Alexander, Elizabeth and Hamish returned from Liverpool on board the *Orissa* 14 December 1909.

Alexander, Elizabeth and their two sons Hamish and Charles departed for Montevideo on board the *Gubernoren* 25 March 1921 for onward connection to the UK. They arrived back from Liverpool 19 October 1921 on board the *Orita*.



**Alexander, Elizabeth and Charles (age 10) in 1921**

Alexander retired in 1927 and he and his family departed 26 November 1928 on board the *Fleurus*. [FIM Jan 1928]

Alexander, age 66, died at his home 10 Kepplestone Avenue, Aberdeen, Scotland 31 March 1936. [Obituary Penguin 1 Apr 1936]

## FIRST GENERATION:

### Children of Alexander and Elizabeth MOIR:

1. **John Innes MOIR** born 28 August 1897 in Dundee, Scotland. John arrived with his parents from Montevideo on board the *Hathor* 14 July 1899. John returned to Aberdeen to attend Gordon's College and University. In 1914, when he was Captain of Scouts, John won a bronze medal in rifle shooting from the National Rifle Association. John joined the Officers Training Corps in 1916 and afterwards joined the Navy and was engaged in minesweeping. Due to the shortage of doctors he later joined the RAMC. After the war he obtained his degree as MB ChB in 1921 at Aberdeen University and in 1923 his DPH degree. [FIM Jan 1928] John was married to **Marjory FRASER** (*not in the Falkland Islands*). John and Marjory arrived from Liverpool on board the *Ortega* 10 May 1923. Marjory, age 29, travelled to the UK in 1926 for a visit. She was recorded as being 5' 6 ½ " tall with blue/grey eyes and black hair. John was first employed by the Falkland Islands Company Ltd as medical officer at Darwin, finishing in 1927. John and his family departed 26 November 1928 on board the *Fleurus*. [FIM Jan 1928] In 1929 he was appointed principal medical officer to the Falkland Islands Government and John, Marjory and their two children arrived from the UK on board the *Orduna* 4 February 1929. John, age 34 and a medical practitioner, travelled to the UK via Montevideo on leave in 1932. He was recorded as being 6' 4 ½ " tall with grey eyes and black hair. John was appointed senior medical officer in British Honduras in 1934. Marjory and their two daughters returned to Inverness, Scotland circa July 1936. John died in Belize, British Honduras in October 1936 from tetanus and malaria. Marjory and her daughter Iona saw the Loch Ness Monster in 1937. [Penguin 1 Sep 1934: 10 Dec 1936: 6 Mar 1937]



**John in 1932 and Marjory in 1926**

2. **Alexander Guthrie MOIR** born 25 October 1899 at Darwin and baptised 17 December 1899 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as school master. Alexander started working for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd at Darwin 1 December 1913. [FIC/IW8; 779] Alexander, age 28 and a clerk, travelled to the UK in 1928 to obtain employment if possible. He was recorded as being 6' tall with brown eyes and black hair.



**Alexander in 1928**

3. **Hamish MOIR** born 7 August 1902 at Darwin and baptised 21 December 1902 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as school master. Hamish started working for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd at Darwin 1 December 1913. [FIC/IW8; 779] Hamish departed for Montevideo with his family on board the *Gubernoren* 25 March 1921 for onward connection to the UK. He arrived back from Liverpool 19 October 1921 on board the *Orita*.



**Hamish in 1921**

4. **Charles Nicholas MOIR** born 21 May 1910 at Darwin and baptised 26 June 1910 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as school master. Charles, age 10, departed for Montevideo with his family on board the *Gubernoren* 25 March 1921 for onward connection to the UK. He arrived back from Liverpool 19 October 1921 on board the *Orita*. Charles, age 16 and a student, departed for school in Great Britain in 1926. He was recorded as being 5' 8 ¼ " tall with light brown eyes and dark hair.



**Charles in 1926**