

STEEL 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.

James STEEL was born circa 1860 (*not in Falkland Islands*).

James, age 23 and a shepherd departed Dartmouth 13 September 1883 on board the *Varda*. The Falkland Islands Company Ltd's London office recorded him as being a friend of William Wallace, a shepherd employed at the same time. James was employed on a five year contract starting on £45 a year rising to £55 a year with free passage out. James received an advance on his wages of £2. James also took his sheep dog with him. James started work for the FIC in the Lafonia area 17 October 1883 on a monthly wage of £4-11-8.

James, a shepherd, was married to **Annetta Ellen WOOD**, English, 26 February 1891 in Stanley according to the rites and ceremonies of the Baptist Church by governor's Licence by C E Lawson Good, Baptist Minister. The witnesses were J Watson and Mary Ann Watson. James' father was recorded as John Farish Steel, stonemason, and Annetta's father was recorded as Joseph Wood, mariner. Annetta arrived in Stanley 24 February 1891 from Dartmouth via Montevideo per *Pentaur*. For his wedding and the birth of his children in 1896 & 1896 James was referred to as James Junior in the Falkland Islands Magazine.

James finished working for the FIC 5 July 1911 and departed 11 July 1911 with his family for Liverpool on the *Orcoma*. James' monthly wage was £6-0-0 when he left.

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of James and Annetta STEEL:

1. **Sarah Jane STEEL** born 9 January 1892 at Tranquilidad and baptised 2 May 1892 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
2. **William Wood STEEL** born 19 May 1894 at Tranquilidad and baptised 21 September 1894 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
3. **Louisa Ellen STEEL** born 19 February 1896 at Tranquilidad and baptised 23 July 1896 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.