

WATSON 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.

Thomas “Tom” WATSON was born circa 1847 (*not in the Falkland Islands*) to **James** and ? **WATSON**.

Thomas, age 22, and **Andrew WATSON**, age 19, left Cardiff on board the *West* 27 August 1866. Thomas and Andrew first started working for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in the Lafonia area in November 1866. Thomas, and Andrew, a shepherd, returned to the UK, possibly in 1870 and returned to the Falkland Islands on board the *Chislehurst*, leaving London December 1870. Andrew finished working for the FIC in July 1873.

Thomas, a shepherd from Scotland living at Darwin, was married to **Isabella FELL**, minor (*under 21*) and living at Darwin, 23 July 1872 at Darwin, according to the Presbyterian form, after banns by Rev. A Yeoman, Minister. The witnesses were William Fell and George Clark. Thomas' father was recorded as James Watson, missionary, and Isabella's father was recorded as William Fell, overseer.

Thomas, a returning shepherd, Isabella and their children Maryann, William and Andrew left Southampton, England on board the *Guadiana* 24 September 1877, arriving in Stanley 4 November 1877. In 1889 Thomas opened a shop selling drapery goods and general stores. [FI Magazine Jul 1889] By September 1895 Thomas was advertising confectionery. [FI Magazine Sep 1895] Thomas was reported as progressing towards recovery after a severe illness. [FI Magazine Sep 1906] Thomas, age 62 and a merchant in Stanley, died 22 February 1909 in Stanley and was buried 24 February 1909 in Grave H702. [Obituary FI Magazine Mar 1909] In his will Thomas left his house known as Kelvin House and business known as Kelvin Store in John Street (*south east corner of John & Dean Street*) to his wife Isabella. Isabella, age 74, died 8 July 1928 and was buried 12 July 1928 in Grave D981.



Elizabeth's grave to the left; Isabella's to the right

FIRST GENERATION

Children of Thomas and Isabella WATSON:

1. **Maryann WATSON** born 17 May 1873 at Camilla Creek. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Maryann returned to the UK with her parents, later to return with her family, leaving Southampton, England on board the *Guadiana* 24 September 1877, arriving in Stanley 4 November 1877. Mary Ann was married to (1) **Alphonse Edward Falkland FLEURET**, widower and gardener, 28 May 1903 at Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley by C K Blount MA Assistant Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Elizabeth Watson and Duncan R Watson. Mary's father was recorded as Thomas Watson, merchant and Alphonse's father was recorded as August Nicolas Fleuret, gardener. Alphonse, a publican, died 15 May 1909 from acute ascending myelitis of the spinal cord and morbus cordis and is buried in Grave C255. Mary Ann, a widow, was married to (2) **Sydney SHANNON**, manager, 20 October 1914 at Stanley Arms Hotel, Port Stanley by C McDonald Hobley, Assist Chaplain. The witnesses were D Russel Watson, Victor J Lellman and Isabella Fraser Lellman. Sydney's father was recorded as John Shannon, deceased farmer, and Mary Ann's father was recorded as Thomas Watson, deceased commercial. From 1915 Mary Ann lived at Spring Point. Mary Ann died age 63 from drowning and melancholia with delusions 31 December 1936 and is buried in Grave K1104. [Obituary Penguin 4 Jan 1937]
2. **William WATSON** born 26 November 1874 at Camilla Creek. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. William returned to the UK with his parents, later to return with his family, leaving Southampton, England on board the *Guadiana* 24 September 1877, arriving in Stanley 4 November 1877.
3. **Andrew WATSON** born 23 November 1876 at Camilla Creek. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Andrew returned to the UK with his parents, later to return with his family, leaving Southampton, England on board the *Guadiana* 24 September 1877, arriving in Stanley 4 November 1877. Andrew, age 75, died 26 January 1952 in Stanley and was buried 28 January 1952 in Grave Q1473.
4. **Elizabeth WATSON** born 30 September 1878 at Cantera. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Elizabeth was married to **George Isaac TURNER**, clerk, 28 April 1904 at Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley by C K Blount MA Acting Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Duncan R Watson and Isabella F Watson. George's father was recorded as George Turner, carpenter. Elizabeth died 25 January 1906, age 27, from puerperal maina and is buried in Grave D689, next to her mother. (John George TURNER's ashes were buried at the foot of the grave – died 30 May 1966 *not in Falklands*).
5. **Duncan Russel WATSON** born 13 August 1880 at Cantera. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Duncan, a merchant, was married to **Catherine Charlotte YULE** 24 July 1922 at Christ Church Cathedral by John Tyerman AKC London, Clerk in Holy Orders, Acting Chaplain. The witnesses were Mary Layton and F G W Deane. Duncan's father was recorded as Thomas Watson, merchant, and Catherine's father was recorded as George Yule. Catherine, age 53, died 23 August 1934 in Stanley from chronic bronchitis and

was buried 27 August 1934 in Grave K1070. Duncan, age 54 and a widower, was married to (2) **Eleanor Mary (Mary Ellen) HILL**, age 32 and a nurse from Swindon, England 1 April 1937. Eleanor, age 53 and a district nurse, died 14 April 1958 in Stanley from heart failure and was buried 17 April 1958 in Grave S16110. Duncan, age 78 and a retired merchant, died 13 April 1959 in Stanley and was buried 16 April 1959 in Grave S1630.



6. **Isabella Frazer WATSON** born 8 July 1886 at Cantera and baptised 27 October 1886 by the United Free Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Isabella was married to **Victor Joseph LELLMAN**, commercial, 11 March 1914 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by C McDonald Hobley. Assistant Chaplain. The witnesses were Mary Fleuret, Violet E Lellman, Franz F Lellman and D Russel Watson. Victor's father was recorded as Joseph Francis Lellman, carpenter, and Isabella's father was recorded as Thomas Watson, commercial. Victor, a civil servant, died 26 February 1941, age 56, from cerebral thrombosis and multiple thrombosis of veins and was buried 28 February 1941 in Grave L1179. Isabella died 4 April 1942, age 55, from chronic inanition and was buried 6 April 1942 in Grave L1214.
7. **Thomas Darwin WATSON** born 6 October 1892 and baptised 15 November 1892 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as merchant. Thomas, age 61 and a storekeeper, died 22 January 1954 in Stanley and was buried 25 January 1954 in Grave Q1527.

SECOND GENERATION

Children of Mary (1) and Alphonse FLEURET:

1. **Edna Mary Fraser FLEURET** born 9 March 1908 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as publican. Housekeeper. Emigrated to the UK in 1948.

Children of Elizabeth (4) and George TURNER:

- i. **William John George TURNER** born 13 January 1906 in Stanley. Dental mechanic. Married **Malvina Adelaide DAVIS** 12 February 1934 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by Harold E Lumsdale, Dean of Christ Church. The witnesses were D H Watson and J J Davis. The family went to Uruguay in 1945. William died 30 May 1966 (*not in Falklands*). His ashes are buried at the foot of the grave of his mother's grave – Grave D689.