

## BETHUNE 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. Any variations which may occur in the spellings of names are recorded as written in the records at the time.*

**William BETHUNE** was born circa 1839 to **John BETHUNE** and **Christy BETHUNE** née **McLEAN**. William was married to **Isabella MUNRO**, daughter of **David MUNRO** and **Margaret MUNRO** née **McDONALD**. (*not in the Falkland Islands*)

**William BETHUNE**, age 33 and a shepherd, **Isabella BETHUNE** formerly **MONROE**, age 35, **James BETHUNE**, age 11, **Christina Ann BETHUNE**, age 3, and **Margaret BETHUNE**, age 1, arrived in Stanley 29 November 1872 on board the *Black Hawk*. The *Black Hawk* was the Falkland Islands Company Limited's new schooner and had taken 62 days to reach the Falkland Islands, leaving London 26 September 1872 with 8 crew and 8 passengers. [Shipping Register; H22] [FIC/C1; desp 441]

William started work with the Falkland Islands Company Limited (FIC) in Lafonia immediately on his arrival. He was paid £3-6-8 a month. By 1881 William was earning £5-10-0 a month. William finished working for the FIC 19 April 1882. On 26 April 1882 he lodged cash of £108-9-0 and Orders for £124-13-10 into his FIC account. He then withdrew a cash order for £251-10-5. William and his family emigrated to the Cape of Good Hope, South Africa but returned to the UK as they found it too hot and in December 1882 applied to return to the Falkland Islands. [FIC/C1; desp 616]

William travelled out to the Falkland Islands with the FIC's eight rams; if the Colonial Manager decided to engage him the Company would pay one third of the expense of his wife and three daughters going out. [FIC/C1; desp 617, 619] William returned to work for the FIC 8 February 1883 on a monthly wage of £5-10-0. He was reimbursed a part passage of £7-0-0.

Isabella and her three daughters were passengers on board the *Wave Queen* arriving in Stanley 4 May 1883. [FIC/C1; desp 619, 620] In December 1883 William was charged "shares of passage" of £15-0-0. In January 1884 his monthly wage was increased to £6-0-0. William finished working for FIC 28 March 1903.



William and Margaret left the Falkland Islands for Liverpool on board the *Oravia* 1 April 1903. [FIM May 1903] By June 1916 William was a pensioner of the Falkland Island Company Limited and his wife was deceased. [FIC Archives: Bookkeeper, Darwin to Stanley 1916]

## FIRST GENERATION:

### Children of Isabella MUNRO:

- a. **James MUNRO** born 2 February 1861 in Kiltearn Parish, Ross & Cromarty, Scotland and baptised 28 February 1861. [FIC Archives: Bookkeeper Darwin to Stanley 1916: Family history] **James BETHUNE** started work with the Falkland Islands Company Ltd (FIC) prior to 1881 (*previous ledger not held*). In January 1881 he was earning £4-10-0 a month and working in Lafonia. From 31 August 1881 his monthly wages increased to £5-0-0. From 31 August 1883 his monthly wages increased to £5-10-0. James finished working for the FIC 10 May 1888 and withdrew a cash order for £193-7-0 for the balance of his account. James was married to **Catherine FRASER** prior to 1889 (*no record of marriage in Falkland Islands*). James started work again for the FIC in Lafonia 3 October 1888 on £6-0-0 a month. He finished working for the FIC 15 May 1897. James and Catherine left with their five children for England on board the *Herodot* 28 May 1897. [FIM Jun 1897] James died in Vancouver, Canada 27 August 1929.

### Children of William and Isabella BETHUNE:

1. **Christina Ann BETHUNE** born 6 September 1868 in Kildrummie Parish, Nairn, Scotland. Christina, age 21, was married to **John RITCHIE**, age 30, shepherd, 5 March 1890 in the house of Mr Thos Watson according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Robert Patterson and Margaret Bethune. John's father was recorded as Daniel Ritchie, shepherd. Both Christina and John were recorded as living in Stanley and Mariquito. John Ritchie started work for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd 24 November 1880 on a monthly wage of £3-15-0. On 24 November 1881 his monthly wage rose to £3-19-2, 24 November 1882 to £4-3-4 and 24 November 1883 to £5-0-0 a month. John finished working for the FIC 25 May 1886 and returned home with a cash order for £134-1-10. He returned to the Falkland Islands and started work for the FIC in Lafonia again 21 October 1886 on a monthly wage of £5-10-0. His monthly wage was increased to £6-0-0 from 24 April 1891. He finished working for the FIC 9 January 1895. Christina, John and their two children departed 19 January 1895 on board the *Abydos* bound for Europe. [FIM Feb 1895] John died 15 June 1901 in Canada, age 41, of congestion of the lungs. [FIM Oct 1901] There is a John RITCHIE buried in June 1901 in Lot 20, Block 5, Section B of the Union Cemetery Calgary, Alberta, Canada. On 29 March 1904, Christina, a widow, filed for a homestead near Frank Lake, just west of Blackie, Alberta, and acquired the south east quarter of Section Four, Township 19, Range 27, west of the fourth meridian. On 29 March 1905 she moved from west of Calgary into a 14 x 24 foot cabin on it with her three children; Jennie age 13, John age 10, and Dora age 16 months. Christina's cattle brand was . And her horse brand was . Christina died 29 March 1929 in the High River Hospital, Alberta, Canada. [Mrs. C.A. Ritchie family", pp. 276-278 in: Fencelines and furrows. -- 2nd ed. -- Calgary : Fencelines and Furrows Book Society, 1971] <http://contentdm.ucalgary.ca/digital/collection/p22007coll8/id/52585>
2. **Margaret BETHUNE** born 5 August 1871 in Eliza, Scotland. Margaret, age 23, was married to **Alexander McKENZIE** (*brother of Malcolm*), age 28, shepherd living at Walker Creek, Lafonia, 12 September 1894 in the house of Mr Johnson, Stanley according to the rites and ceremonies of the Nonconformist Church by Governor's Licence by Ernest C Murphy, Baptist Minister. The witnesses were Emily A Gill and Malcolm McKenzie. Alexander's father was recorded as Alexander McKenzie, shepherd. Alexander was born

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18 November 1866 in the Parish of Gairloch, Scotland. Margaret, Alexander and their three children left the Falkland Islands bound for Canada 25 April 1905 on board the *Oruba* which was bound for Liverpool. [FIM May 1905] They arrived in Stanley from Liverpool on board the *Orcoma* 23 September 1908. [FIM Oct 1908] Margaret and Alexander travelled to Liverpool, England 1 April 1924 on the *Oriana* as Margaret required surgical aid. They returned from Liverpool 5 November 1924 on board the *Oropesa*. Alexander, age 86 and a retired shepherd from Scotland, died 6 March 1951 and was buried 10 March 1951 in Grave 1450. Margaret, age 86 and from Scotland, died 3 June 1958 in Stanley and is buried in Grave Q1613.

3. **Isabella BETHUNE** born 7 June 1874 at Fell Creek, Lafonia. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Isabella, age 23 and living at New House, North Arm, was married to **Malcolm McKENZIE** (*brother of Alexander*), age 32, shepherd of Seal Cove, Walker Creek, 12 May 1899 in the house of Mr W Peck (*in Stanley*) according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Edwin Coupland Aspinall Canon of Christ Church & Camp Chaplain. The witnesses were Richard Daniel Atkins and Margaret Alice Bonner. Malcolm's father was recorded as Alexander McKenzie, shepherd. and Isabella's father was recorded as William Bethune, shepherd. Isabella, Malcolm and their daughter left the Falkland Islands 25 April 1905 bound for Canada on board the *Oruba* (bound for Liverpool). [FIM May 1905] Isabella died in Inverness, Scotland 2 July 1906. [FIC Archives: Bookkeeper, Darwin to Stanley 1916; FIM Sep 1906]

## SECOND GENERATION

### Children of James (a) & Catherine BETHUNE:

1. **Isabella BETHUNE** born 30 October 1889 at Danson Harbour and baptised 15 December 1889 by the United Church (Tabernacle). Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Left with her family for England on board the *Herodot* 28 May 1897. [CM Jun 1897]
2. **John Fraser BETHUNE** born 7 June 1892 at Danson Harbour, Lafonia and baptised 4 February 1893 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Left with his family for England on board the *Herodot* 28 May 1897. [CM Jun 1897]
3. **Elizabeth BETHUNE** born 18 December 1893 at Danson Harbour and baptised 8 January 1894 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Left with her family for England on board the *Herodot* 28 May 1897. [CM Jun 1897]
4. **William BETHUNE** born 20 November 1895 at North Arm and baptised 24 November 1895 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Left with his family for England on board the *Herodot* 28 May 1897. [CM Jun 1897]
5. **Catherine Fraser BETHUNE** born 28 February 1897 at Danson Harbour. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Left with her family for England on board the *Herodot* 28 May 1897. [CM Jun 1897]

### Children of Christina (1) & John RITCHIE:

1. **Jane Anne RITCHIE** born 24 May 1892 at Fanny Cove, Lafonia and baptised 4 February 1893 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Left with her family for Europe on board the *Abydos* 19 January 1895. [CM Feb 1895]
2. **John RITCHIE** born 4 November 1894 at Fanny Cove, Lafonia. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Left with his family for Europe on board the *Abydos* 19 January 1895. [CM Feb 1895]

### Children of Christina RITCHIE (1) and ?:

1. **Dora Curtiss RITCHIE** born circa November 1903 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

### Children of Margaret (2) & Alexander McKENZIE:

1. **Barbara McKENZIE** born 16 September 1895 at Walker Creek and baptised 7 December 1895 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Barbara was married to **Donald McLEOD**, farm labourer, 5 March 1926 at Darwin Harbour by Special Licence by Alex Moir JP. The witnesses were John McLeod and Isabella M McKenzie. Donald's father was recorded as Kenneth McLeod, fisherman, and Barbara's father was recorded as Alexander McKenzie, shepherd. Donald was born in Sealpay, Harris, Scotland, 7 August 1894. Barbara and Donald emigrated to the UK in 1959.

2. **Isabella Margaret McKENZIE** born 6 September 1899 at Walker Creek and baptised 9 November 1899 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Isabella was married to **George Edward BOWLES**, divorced labourer, 22 June 1932 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Registrar General's Licence by G R L Brown, Registrar General. The witnesses were Marion McLeod and W J Bowles. George's father was recorded as George John Bowles, storekeeper, and Isabella's father was recorded as Alexander McKenzie, retired shepherd. Isabella died 20 January 1960 in Stanley and is buried in Grave Q1657. George died 22 November 1966 in Stanley, age 78, and is buried in Grave T2071.
3. **Alexander McKENZIE** born 18 October 1902 at Walker Creek and baptised 7 December 1902 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Alexander, a shepherd, was married to **Ann PHILLIPS** 27 August 1928 at Darwin Harbour by Dudley Richardson, Registrar. The witnesses were Isabella Margaret Mckenzie and William John Reive. Alexander's father was recorded as Alexander McKenzie, shepherd, and Ann's father was recorded as Albert James Phillips, shepherd. Alexander, age 49, died 22 January 1952 from post-operative shock and is buried in Grave 1472. Ann was married to (2) **Sidney Markham GLEADELL**, widower and shepherd, 7 September 1954 at the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by H Bennett, Registrar General. The witnesses were D McLeod and B McLeod. Sidney's father was recorded as Edwin Gleadell, deceased shepherd.
4. **William McKENZIE** born 28 November 1910 at Camilla Creek. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. William, age 41, died 18 December 1951 from septicaemia and a carbuncle of the neck and was buried 19 December 1941 in Grave 1470.

#### **Children of Isabella (3) & Malcolm McKENZIE:**

1. **Wilhelmina McKENZIE** born 9 June 1900 at Walker Creek and baptised 19 December 1900 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Left the Falkland Islands 25 April 1905 bound for Canada with her parents on board the *Oruba* for Liverpool. [CM May 1905] Wilhelmina died in the United Kingdom prior to 1916. [FIC Archives: Bookkeeper, Darwin to Stanley 1916]

#### ***DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM & ISABELLA STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS***