

CLARKE 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.

George Andrew CLARKE was married to **Hannah DAWSON** (*not in Falkland Islands*).

George was appointed Government Schoolmaster 1 September 1859. George and Hannah left the Thames, England, 23 November 1859 on board the *Sunrise* and arrived in the Falkland Islands 8 February 1860. Their full passage (*paid by the Government*) cost £70. There were no children with them. George was promised a salary of £70 a year with a small weekly allowance to his wife for teaching needlework (*Hannah's father, James DAWSON, was a tailor*). On 9 April 1860 in a letter to the Governor from Charles Bull, Colonial Chaplain, he reports "The girls have greatly improved in needlework under Mrs Clarke" [H16, p525].

Hannah was appointed Government Schoolmistress 1 February 1864 by the Governor at an annual salary of £12.

In the 1871 Blue Book, George was receiving an annual salary of £44 plus: £12 a year from the Admiralty for being Schoolmaster to the Garrison; School-pence which averaged £30 a year; and £22 a year as Parish Clerk and Sexton; total £108. Hannah was receiving an annual salary of £18. They also had a house, rent free. At that point they had 99 pupils, 49 boys and 50 girls.

In December 1872 a letter was written to Mr Clarke stating "*The Governor is desirous of expressing to Mr Clarke his quiet satisfaction at the marked improvement made by the children attending the Govt School during the year 1873. After some scenting the Govr observes that the discipline is more decided the manner of the Scholars are softer, their reading clearer and a desire of emulation apparent, all this is very Creditable when it is remembered that Mr Clarke has been a sufferer from ill health nearly all the Winter & Spring*" [D16,p146].

In a report to the Earl of Wimberley written in March 1874 by Colonel D'Arcy, the Governor, he writes "5. *Government School continues to be ably and zealously conducted by Mr Clarke, whose health I am sorry to say is breaking, the climate being too severe for his delicate constitution; the establishment of the Infant School has been a great relief to him of late years, and under Miss King's care it is all that can be wished for.*" [B16,p216].

George CLARKE died of consumption 23 February 1874, age 43, and is buried in Stanley Cemetery, Grave E429. In a letter dated 6 April 1874 to Colonel D'Arcy, the Governor, from E F Smith he states "*I regret to have to inform Your Excellency of the death of Mr Clarke the Schoolmaster; I, accompanied by all the Colonial Officials attended the funeral.*" [H31].

As to Hannah, in a letter dated 31 March 1874 to the Secretary of State by G Travis, Acting Colonial Secretary, he writes "*Mrs Clarke, the widow, is Schoolmistress, she has a young family, and receives £18 a year, it is hoped her tenure of office may not be disturbed, her interests Colonel D'Arcy is bound to consider.*" [B16,p206/207]. I have not been able to find a reply and Hannah does not appear to have kept her position as she is not listed in the Civil Establishment in the Blue Book of 1875 and the Schoolmistress is recorded as Alice FELTON.

At some point Hannah's sister, **Caroline DAWSON** joined them in Stanley. Caroline, age 18, from England & living in Stanley, was married to **Carl Christian Andrew HAGEN**, mate of the *Una* & from Denmark, 15 August 1871 at Trinity Church Stanley according to

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the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by Governor's Licence by Charles Bull MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were George Andrew Clarke and Hannah Clarke. Carl's father was recorded as Hans Jacob Hagen, commodore in the Danish navy, and Caroline's father was recorded as James Dawson, master tailor. The *Una* departed Stanley 29 December 1871.

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of George and Hannah CLARKE:

1. **James Andrew CLARKE** born 12 June 1861 at Stanley and baptised by Holy Trinity Church.
2. **George Henry CLARKE** born 23 July 1869 at Stanley and baptised **George Henry Stanley CLARKE** 5 September 1869 by Holy Trinity Church.

No further mention found to date of either James or George in the Falkland Islands.

Hannah, a widow, was married to (2) **John Sinclair CAMPBELL**, widower and master mariner of schooner *Black Hawk*, 5 August 1880 in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were F I King and Elizabeth Melville. John's father was recorded as Alexander Campbell, excise officer, and Hannah's father was recorded as James Dawson, tailor.

John, age 70, died in Stanley of Cystitis 13 October 1902 and was buried 15 October 1902 in Grave A2. The informant was W Campbell. Hannah and Jessie departed 29 March 1905 on board the *Panama* bound for Liverpool.

Children of Hannah and John SINCLAIR:

1. **Jessie Agnes CAMPBELL** born 25 August 1882 in Stanley and baptised 8 October 1882 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as master mariner. Jessie and her mother departed 29 March 1905 on board the *Panama* bound for Liverpool
2. **William CAMPBELL** born 25 February 1886 in Stanley and baptised 4 April 1886 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as government pilot.
3. **Child CAMPBELL**. Stillborn. Buried in Grave E427.
4. **Child CAMPBELL**. Stillborn. Buried in Grave E428.