

HUNZIKER 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.

John Frederic HUNZIKER was born 16 June 1837 in Berne, Switzerland to **John Jacob HUNZIKER** and **Elisabeth HUNZIKER** née **HUERZELER**.

John was trained at the St Chrischona Pilgrim Mission near Basle, Switzerland.

John left England 9 March 1860, arriving in Stanley 29 June 1860, the only passenger on board the 90-ton schooner *Fairy*. He arrived at Keppel Island 29 July 1860 to work for the South American Missionary Society. By the latter half of 1861 he was working for SAMS in Patagonia.

John, age 27 and a catechist of the South American Society from Switzerland living at El Carmen, Rio Negro was married to **Martha Ellen FELTON**, age 24 from London, England, and living in Stanley, 21 July 1864 at Trinity Church Stanley according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by Governor's Licence by Charles Bull MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were James Felton, Nora Felton and Catherine Felton. John's father was recorded as John Jacob Hunziker, president of the Parish of Wynam, Berne, and Martha's father was recorded as Henry Felton, late sergeant major of the Life Guards.

John and Martha left for El Carmen 8 August 1864; returning to Stanley sometime before the birth of their first son in November 1866.

After leaving the South American Missionary Society in 1867 John was employed by J M Dean and Sons at Port Stephens.

Martha, age 41, died 26 November 1881 at Port Stephens from heart disease and was buried there. The inscription on her headstone reads

MARTHA ELLEN.
THE BELOVED WIFE OF
JOHN FREDERICK HERNZIKER
DIED NOVEMBER 26TH 1881
AGED 41 YEARS.

SISTER THOU ART GONE BEFORE US
AND THY SAINTLY SOUL IS FLOWN
WHERE YEARS ARE WIPED FROM EVERY EYE
AND SORROW IS UNKNOWN.
AND THERE THOU AT SURE TO MEET THE GOOD
WHO ON EARTH THOU LOVEOST BEST.
WHERE THE WICKED CEASE FROM TROUBLING.
AND THE WEARY ARE AT REST.

AND WHEN THE LORD OF ALL SUMMONS US
WHOM THOU HAST LEFT BEHIND
AS SURE A WELCOME FIND.
MAY EACH LIKE THEE DEPART IN PEACE
TO BE A GLORIOUS REST.
WHERE THE WICKED CEASE FROM TROUBLING.
AND THE WEARY ARE AT REST.

JOHN 17.11.
AND NOW I AM NO MORE IN THE WORLD,
BUT THESE ARE IN THE WORLD, AND I COME
TO THEE. HOLY FATHER, KEEP THROUGH THINE
OWN NAME THOSE WHOM THOU HAST GIVEN
ME, THAT THEY MAY BE ONE, AS WE ARE ONE



Martha's gravestone in Port Stephens Cemetery - Photo Melanie Gilding

John went on to have three children with Martha's sister, **Madeline FELTON**, but there is no record of their marriage in the Falkland Islands.

The family left the Falkland Islands sometime after September 1886.

John, age 69, died 28 August 1907 at Langley, Wedby Island, USA and was buried in Langley Woodman Cemetery, Langley, Island County, Washington.

WE REGRET to announce that Mr. John Frederick Hunziker died at Langley, Wedby Island, U.S.A., aged 69 years. He was for many years connected with the South American Missionary Society, and as one of their Missionaries was probably the first white man to travel through Patagonia from Punta Arenas to Bahia Blanca. By his kind and genial manner he gained the confidence of the principal chief of the Tuelche Indians, and was of great value in interpreting and explaining the treaty between the Argentine Government and the tribes about Rio Negro. This treaty converted what were formerly enemies into friends, and as such they greatly aided in the settling of Rio Negro, and the hardy settlers of Chubut.

Mr. Hunziker, after leaving the S. A. Mission was Manager for Messrs. J. M. Dean and Sons, at Port Stephens.

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Madeline, age 74, died 9 July 1924 in Washington and was buried in Langley Woodman Cemetery, Langley, Island County, Washington.

FIRST GENERATION

Children of John and Martha HUNZIKER:

1. **James Henry HUNZIKER** born 1 November 1866 in Stanley and baptised **James Henry Fredric HUNZIKER** 13 November 1866 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as missionary. James died in Stanley 13 November 1866, age 13 days, from convulsions and was buried 16 November 1866 in Stanley.
2. **Frederick Henry HUNZIKER** born 27 February 1868 in Stanley and baptised 20 April 1868 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as missionary. Frederick, age 82, died 25 September 1950 in Everett, Snohomish, Washington, USA and was buried in Langley Woodman Cemetery, Langley, Island County, Washington.
3. **Charles Ernest HUNZIKER** born 13 May 1870 at Port Stephens and baptised **George Ernest Albermarle HUNZIKER** 1 July 1870 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as missionary. George, age 78, died 17 March 1949 in Everett, Snohomish, Washington, USA and was buried on Langley Island, Washington.
4. **James Herbert HUNZIKER** born 4 September 1873 at Port Stephens and baptised 10 May 1874 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as missionary. James, age 82, died 3 May 1956 in Everett, Snohomish, Washington, USA and was buried in Langley Woodman Cemetery, Langley, Island County, Washington.
5. **Arthur Harold HUNZIKER** born 21 October 1875 at Port Stephens and baptised 9 January 1876 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as formerly missionary now sheep farmer.
6. **Eleanor Maud HUNZIKER** born 29 July 1879 at Port Stephens and baptised 8 February 1880 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer. Eleanor, age 25, was married to **Oliver Ross LINGENFELTER** 24 November 1904 in Langley, Washington, USA. Eleanor, age 40, died 11 February 1920 at the family residence 105 Lakeside Avenue. She was cremated.

Children of John and Madeline HUNZIKER:

1. **Nelly Madeline HUNZIKER** born 4 June 1884 at Port Stephens and baptised 10 May 1885 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer.
2. **Ada Alice HUNZIKER** born 1 June 1885 at Port Stephens and baptised 15 June 1886 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as camp manager. Ada was married to **Adolph Charles BOSSHARD** 14 November 1906 on Langley Island, Washington, USA. Ada, age 87, died 2 November 1972 in Everett, Snohomish, Washington, USA.
3. **Walter John HUNZIKER** born 8 September 1886 in Stanley and baptised 7 November 1886 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer. Walter was married to **Alice Ellen HOWARD** 12 September 1906 on Langley Island, Washington, USA. Walter, age 93, died 5 January 1980 on Coupville Island, Washington, USA and was buried in Langley Woodman Cemetery, Langley, Island County, Washington.

4. **Stanley Felix HUNZIKER** born 26 January 1889 in Cottonwood, Minnesota, USA. Stanley was married to **Marguerite Ada FREYGANG** 18 August 1917 in Victoria, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada. Stanley, age 82, died 15 March 1971 in Washington and was buried in Langley Woodman Cemetery, Langley, Island County, Washington.
5. **Nora Ethel HUNZIKER** born 20 December 1890 in Cottonwood, Minnesota, USA. Nora was married to **Cuthbert Glen GILLIARD** 25 April 1922 in Snohomish, Washington, USA. Nora, age 95, died 15 January 1986 in Tacoma, Pierce, Washington and was buried on Langley Island.
6. **William Oscar HUNZIKER** born 26 March 1893 in Lucas Township, Lyon, Minnesota, USA. William was married to **Gertrude Ella McLEOD** 24 April 1917 in Washington, USA. William, age 91, died 28 April 1984 in Edmonds, Snohomish, Washington and was buried in Lynnwood, Snohomish, Washington, USA.