

NICOL 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.

James NICHOL was born 12 February 1855 in Thurso, Scotland.

On 15 May 1878 Frederick Cobb, the Colonial Manager of the Falkland Islands Company Ltd, advised London Office that **James NICHOL** of Lochside, Castletown, Thurso, would come out if engaged. [FIC/D5; 255-89]

James was married to **Helen HENDERSON** December 1878 in Caithness, Scotland.

James NICOL, a shepherd from Thurso and friend of **Peter McLEAN** (*Peter's wife was Catherine McLEAN née HENDERSON*), and his wife were passengers on the *Minko* departing England January 1879. [FIC/C1, 535]

On 30 January 1888 James received a cash order of £175. [FIC/IW4; 85]

Helen, age 33 years and 10 months, died at Freshwater Creek from Brights disease 13 September 1889 and was buried in North Arm Cemetery 16 September 1889.



James NICOL finished working for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in their Camp Establishment 10 May 1890 and received a cash order of £47-17-1 for the balance of his account. [FIC/IW5; 72]

James and his three children departed 23 May 1890 on the *Totmes* bound for Montevideo.

five or six miles from town. James N. works on the railway not far from here, he lived with my brother P. last winter. My brother and family live about 15 miles from us, they are all well and getting on fairly well with their flock of sheep. James N. that used to be a shepherd in Lafonia (his wife died there) lives, near P., with his daughter; he has a flock of sheep; they came out from Scotland with us; he doesn't like the country. There are other old Falkland Islanders round this district, but the country being so large, we have not as yet seen any of them." On another page will be found an interesting article from a Canadian paper on how to start a sheep farm in that country. Another correspondent writes from England "I think if I were emigrating again I should settle in South Africa. Canada is almost too much a country of snow. Not long ago a book came out written by a non-com. in the first contingent of Australian horse, that came to our help in South Africa; he marched right through to Pretoria, and in speaking of the country says it is better land for pastoral and agricultural purposes than Australia, the water supply is better. Nothing has been done yet in the way of sinking wells and the country, as a whole is far better supplied with water than Australia. Englishmen writing of the country and accustomed to our fertile land, don't think much of it, but only a Colonial's opinion in this case is of any value."

FIM Oct 1902 - see James N, written by Peter McLean

James, age 80, died 27 November 1935 and was buried in Burdett Cemetery, Burdett, Alberta, Canada.

FIRST GENERATION

Children of James and Helen NICOL:

1. **Ann NICOL** born 21 June 1879 at Moffat Harbour. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Ann may have married **William HOOD** in Alberta, Canada. Annie Nicol HOOD, age 31 died 13 August 1910 and was buried in Union Cemetery, Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
2. **Christine NICOL** born 4 October 1880 at Moffat Harbour. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
3. **Catherine NICOL** born 14 June 1882 at Freshwater Creek, Moffat Harbour, and baptised 24 December 1882 by the United Free Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Catherine was married to **James BURGESS** in July 1916 in Burdett, Alberta, Canada. Catherine, age 88, died 19 January 1971 in Burdett, Alberta.