

## RITCHIE 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 Thomson Macdonald RITCHIE** was born circa 1860 in Scotland to **Daniel RITCHIE** and **? RITCHIE** née ?.

John, a shepherd, was a passenger on the *Theben* leaving the UK in October 1880. 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. [FIC/C1; 573: FIC/IW3; 239, 429: IW5; 119]

In November/December 1883 Mrs RITCHIE of Waterside, Bishopsmill, Elgin, Scotland, wrote to the London Office of the Falkland Islands Company Ltd that she had not received the £15 sent to her with John WILSON who had arrived in England 4 October 1883 on board the *Aconcagua*. [FIC/C2; 635]

John finished working for the FIC 25 May 1886 and returned home for six months with a cash order for £134-1-10. [IW5; 119]

John, a shepherd and old hand, was a passenger on the *Setos* leaving Dartmouth in September 1886. His expenses down from Scotland to Dartmouth were £2-13-2 ½. Also on board was his friend, Samuel CAMERON, a shepherd from Elgin, Scotland. John started work for the FIC in Lafonia again 21 October 1886 on a monthly wage of £5-10-0. [FIC/C2; 677: FIC/IW4; 119, 492]

John, age 30 and a shepherd living in Stanley and Mariquito, was married to **Christina Ann BETHUNE**, age 21 and living in Stanley and Mariquito, 5 March 1890 in the house of Mr Thomas 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, and Christina's father was recorded as William Bethune, shepherd.



John's monthly wage was increased to £6-0-0 from 24 April 1891. [FIC/IW4; 492: FIC/IW5; 29, 73]

John finished working for the Falkland Islands Company Limited 9 January 1895 and arrived with his family in Stanley 11 January 1895 from North Arm on board the *Hornet*. [FIC/IW5; 29: FIM Feb 1895]

John, Christina 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  L.R. |  
And her horse brand was  R. H. |

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>

## FIRST GENERATION:

### Children of John and Christina RITCHIE:

1. **Jane Anne "Jennie" 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. Jane departed with her family 19 January 1895 on board the *Abydos* bound for Europe. [FIM Feb 1895] Emigrated to Canada with her family in 1898. Moved to Frank Lake, west of Blackie, Alberta in 1905.
2. **John "Jack" RITCHIE** born 4 November 1894 at Fanny Cove, Lafonia. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. John departed with his family 19 January 1895 on board the *Abydos* bound for Europe. [FIM Feb 1895]

### Children of ? and Christina RITCHIE:

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