

DESCENDANTS

The descendants of Andrew Buchanan and Emma Harkness are listed in the Appendix, with all known information regarding births, deaths and marriages. To date his descendants include:

8 children

24 grandchildren

52 great grandchildren

83 great great grandchildren

176 great great great grandchildren, and

108 great great great great grandchildren.

This book has photographs of five of their children, 14 grandchildren, and a few others who happen to be in the photographs.

The first and third daughters, Emma Buchanan and Edith Mary Buchanan, became engaged to British Army officers on the trip from England to New Zealand in the Dinapore. They were married by Bishop Selwyn in a double wedding ceremony at St Stephen's Chapel in Auckland on 1 December 1857. There is frequent reference to these families in Andrew Buchanan's 1865 diary.

Emma Buchanan

Emma married Humphrey Stanley Herbert Jones, a widower aged 40, with experience in the Crimea, who became the Commissary General of the British forces in New Zealand. Emma and Humphrey are mentioned several times by Humphrey's sister, Eliza Stack (1938). Jones and his colleagues are described by Belich (1986) as "*capable and energetic*

Emma Buchanan (née Harkness) with Edith Buchanan



men” in support of the wars against the Maoris.

Humphrey and Emma were living at Clovernook in Auckland when Andrew Buchanan visited them in 1865, Jones having been recently promoted to Major-General. The Jones eventually returned to England, but had no children. A watercolour painting by Emma is in the Auckland City Art Gallery. She is referred to as an artist by Platts (1980).

Agnes Buchanan

Agnes died soon after arrival in Auckland, aged 21. Andrew Buchanan’s diary mentions visiting her grave at Remuera Church in 1865.



Humphrey Jones, Ethel Low and Emma Jones (née Buchanan)

Edith Mary Buchanan

Edith married Alexander Clerk, Jones's deputy. Alexander Clerk was the eighth son of the sixth Baronet of the Clerk family, from Penicuik House, Midlothian, Scotland.

According to Andrew Buchanan's diary, Alexander and Edith Clerk were about to leave New Zealand for England in 1865 as part of the return of British troops, but their actual date of travel is not known. After the Clerk family returned to England, Alexander Clerk had a distinguished military career, rising to the rank of Colonel.

The Clerks lived in St Stephen's Road, Auckland. They had six children who survived infancy. Hugh Clerk, born in Auckland in 1859, married

Edith Beauchamp, and their only child was killed in World War I. Agnes Isabella Clerk was born in Auckland in 1864. Hugh and Agnes are mentioned in Andrew Buchanan's diary in 1865:



Edith Mary Clerk
(née Buchanan)

Hugh read to me and said the multiplication table very correctly. This I think is pretty well for six years. He seems to take a pleasure in learning, and is always ready to read if anyone will listen to him. I gave him Robinson Crusoe, illustrated, but as yet the big words are too much for him.

Agnes is a most engaging fairy like creature, very slim and light as a feather, she has a dark complexion and black eyes, and resembles her aunt Jenny more than anyone else, especially in expression. She is two years old and mightily taken with Hugh's whip. I bought her a whip with a whistle to distinguish it from Hugh's. (*1 September*)

Alexander Clerk



We hired a boat to take us to the north shore. We spent two hours there very pleasantly, being quite astonished at the number of new houses, shops and even streets ... it began to rain, which compelled us to take shelter in a row of small houses which are being built as summer residences, to be let at £1 a week each. The contractor was very civil and invited us to make ourselves comfortable and eat our lunch in one of them which we did and enjoyed ourselves. We fitted up seats by putting boards on bundles of shingles, and made a table of two tins of nails covered with a shawl. Hugh especially thought it great fun. (*2 September*)



Agnes Isabella
Williamson (née Clerk)
Oil painting, 1.7m x 1.0m

Left: Agnes, Cecelia,
Edith (née Buchanan),
Isabella, Dorothy and
Elsie Clerk

Agnes married Andrew Williamson. Their descendants now live mainly in Canada and the United States. Agnes was the subject of a large portrait, unfortunately no longer in the family.

Arthur Clerk, who was born about the time they left New Zealand, later travelled via California to Nova Scotia, Canada, where his descendants still live. Cecelia Clerk and her sister Dorothy both became Sisters of Charity. Dorothy married Fred Bowlby, and after his death travelled to China. Her remarkable life is described in *Sister of Charity; China During the Wars 1926-1942*, edited by Cecelia Clerk (1946). Isabella Clerk married William Russell Fox, and their descendants live in England.

Fanny Chaytor Buchanan

After the Buchanan family moved to Otago, Fanny

Arthur Clerk





Fanny Chaytor Low (née Buchanan)

Above right: Galloway homestead, 1990



Jocelyn, Ethel (née Low),
Colin, Beatrix and Mona
Pyne



William Low





Veronica Low with Sarah Stephenson

Buchanan married William Anderson Low, the owner of Galloway sheep station, Alexandra. The homestead which she designed is still in good use. Anecdotes about William Low appear in *Early Runholding in Otago* (Beattie 1947).

Of their children, Harry, Robert, Arthur and Veronica Low did not marry. Ethel Low married Frederick Pyne, of Pyne Gould Guinness, and their descendants are mostly living in New Zealand. Una Low married Perceville Allen, with their descendants now in England.

Janet Curling Buchanan

Janet Buchanan married Captain William Baldwin in 1863. Baldwin had come to New Zealand after serving with the British Army in India. He was with Gabriel Read when he discovered gold in Otago in 1861 as described by Pyke (1887). Baldwin was also a magistrate, politician and businessman in Dunedin. He had several investments in newspapers in Dunedin and later in Wellington (Scholefield 1958).

There are frequent mentions of the Baldwins in the Puketoi diary. The Baldwins apparently remained at Patearoa, retaining a sixth share in the

Janet Curling Baldwin
(née Buchanan)





Captain William Baldwin

run after it was sold to John Roberts and his partner William Murray in 1873. William Baldwin eventually went to Perth, Western Australia, where he died in 1917. Janet Baldwin lived in England where she died in the 1920s.

Most of their children were born in Dunedin. Of these, Fanny Baldwin married the Hon Edmund W Parker, son of Lord Macclesfield; Godfrey Baldwin did not marry, and Percy Baldwin, a lawyer, married Ida Johnston. Their descendants now mostly live in New Zealand. Gerald Baldwin became a surgeon in Melbourne, married Ida Burke, and has descendants in Australia. Olave Baldwin married Admiral Oswald Story of the Royal Navy and later the Canadian Navy. They have many descendants, mostly living in Canada, with some in New Zealand.

Godfrey JB Baldwin, Ida Baldwin (née Burke), Patricia Baldwin (née Rice) and Gerald Baldwin



Norah Robertson
(née Baldwin)





Back: Monica Story, Gwenda Parker (daughter of Fanny Baldwin)
Middle: Martin, Oswald, Olave Story (née Baldwin), Elizabeth, Janet, Mary, Josephine Story
Front: Andrew, Norah, Ursula Story

Norah Baldwin married Charles Robertson, with descendants in England. Vawdrey Baldwin was a farmer in Wanganui, and had two sons who died childless in Canada.

Arthur Vaudrey Buchanan

Arthur Vaudrey Buchanan worked on his father's sheep station at Patearoa and later had a run on the Wairarapa. He died unmarried in Dunedin, aged 28. According to his death certificate (which mis-spells his middle name as Vandrey) he died of enteric fever. Andrew Buchanan donated a stained glass window in memory of Arthur to the old St Paul's Cathedral, Dunedin. It was subsequently moved to the temporary chancel of the new cathedral, and later to the Parish Church of Saint John in Invercargill, with a plaque remaining in St Paul's.

Noel Lee Buchanan

Noel Lee Buchanan was a lawyer, farmer and gold mine manager. More details are given in the next chapter. The following extracts from two letters from his wife Jane McLaren Buchanan (née Bathgate) to her grandson Neal Buchanan in 1940 give additional

28th January

Dearest Neal

Grandfather Buchanan's forebears are recorded in the Family Tree. (It should be kept protected.) His father, when a young man was in Poland during some conflict (you could perhaps find out what it was by comparing dates), but evidently did not see much of his young family – or at least his younger son Noel. As I suppose you know, he practised in the East End and retired about the middle Fifties coming to N.Z. and buying Patearoa Station in Naseby – also built Chingford in the N.E. Valley, Dunedin – bringing all the timber up (heart of kauri), also the family from Auckland to Dunedin in a small sailing vessel – taking three weeks for the journey!!

Your grandfather was then just a school boy, but later spent a year or two at Patearoa and on the station of a friend in the same district. Your uncle Arthur (next to Grandfather in the family) was living at that time at Patearoa but later had a run on the Wairarapa but died when quite a young man.

Of your earlier Buchanan forebears, you might glean some information from the family Bible your father has. As far as I can remember one of your forefathers (they were mostly Glasgow merchants if younger sons) migrated to Virginia – I remember reading that one of your ancestors “forsook the family malt and went to Virginia”. At any

rate as the Buchanan of the period kept loyal to England he lost all these estates after the American War of Independence. Your great great grandfather had a large family – most of whom lost track with each other after he brought them Home and settled at Sherborne where your great grandfather was educated at that famous school.

One of his daughters – Hannah – married a surgeon of the name of Turner. She had two sons and a daughter. The sons were both famous surgeons. The elder, George was head of St. George's Hospital, London for many years and was knighted for his services during the war. The daughter married a Professor Ewart of Edinburgh but died young leaving a baby boy who was brought up by his grandmother. All these Turner and Ewart relations are in very close touch with Silvia now – but that takes us rather far away from our subject.

April 2nd

Dearest Neal

I do indeed sympathise with your wish that memories shall be preserved.

Unfortunately the intermediate generation has not been like minded and much of interest has been lost and at the present moment one's thoughts are otherwise occupied.

But of course the important side is that of the Buchanans and, as I explained, your grandfather (a small boy with many grown-up sisters) had a very suppressed life in accordance with the custom of the period.

Jane McLaren Buchanan
(née Bathgate)



Your grandfather had “lessons” during the voyage from England with his eldest sister Emma but all he has told of the voyage from Auckland to Dunedin is that he spent his time with the carpenter – and so, perhaps acquired his facility with tools. As for the rest of the family they were probably prostrate with sea sickness! Hardened sailor-men are overcome off Banks Peninsula.

All Grandfather’s sisters have long ago passed over, and, as I probably told you his only brother Arthur Vaudrey – next above him in the family – died a young man. Particulars about your great grandfather’s daughters (your Grandfather’s sisters):

Emma – became engaged on the voyage to Humphrey Stanley Herbert Jones (an officer in the Commissariat) coming out to take charge of that department in Auckland during the Maori War. With him was Miss Jones, his sister, coming out to keep house for him. She married a missionary, the Rev JW Stack and Humphrey and Emma returned to live in England.

Edith also became engaged to a Commissioned Army man – Alec Clerk (be particular as to the spelling) who was also coming out because of the war. They lived in N.Z. also for a short time.

The Jones had no children but there were several Clerks – Agnes who married Mr Williamson, a retired India Merchant, also Hugh retired Indian Civil Service. Arthur settled in Canada. Cecilia – a nun. Dorothy – a nun. I can’t remember any others.

Fanny Chaytor married William Low. They are the parents of Ethel Pyne. Janet



married William Baldwin. Emily (crippled with infantile paralysis) was the youngest daughter and lived at home with her parents – when they died she boarded in a convent. The two boys – Arthur and Noel – came just above her in the family next to Janet.

When your great grandfather Buchanan died, Emily went into a convent and I expect that any old diaries were lost.

So much for my generation – we can now look to yours – the present one, to make a name. Were it not for faith in the Eternal God my heart would fail me in these days but I know you will be guided and guarded in all you think and do by the Protecting Presence.

Ever your loving Granny.

Emma Buchanan
'Rangitoto from Remuera'
c1857
Auckland City Art Gallery
collection, presented by
Ms LG Spencer 1953