

THE McDONALD



FAMILY

George the eldest son of George and Delia McDonald was born on 15 October 1832, and was baptised into the Anglican Church at Norfolk Plains on 9 June 1833. He attended school and would have been apprenticed to a wheelwright at a young age.

He married at Westbury in 1854, his wife Maria Emily being the daughter of Anthony Tatlow and Mary Moore. Witnesses to the marriage at St Andrew's Anglican Church were his sister Harriet and a friend, Joseph Pearson.¹ Maria's father, Anthony Tatlow, had a somewhat chequered career in the colony. He arrived free per the *Strathfieldsay* from Dublin on 26 June 1833, as did her mother Mary Moore. He was convicted of forgery in January 1845 and transported for life to Norfolk Island but returned to Tasmania in 1849. Was found guilty of a forgery again and transported once more to Norfolk Island. Once again he returned to Tasmania where he received a Conditional Pardon in 1857 and died at Stanley 16 July 1861.² Maria's nephew, Charles Tatlow, son of her Irish born brother Anthony Tatlow II, owned the coaches that ran from Burnie to Stanley.

Up until about 1857 George was usually described as a wheelwright, but was also involved in farming. He leased a farm of 220 acres on the Meander River from the Reverend Samuel Martin in 1854 for £100 per annum.³ He also owned a cottage on three acres of land at Exton that was leased by a succession of tenants between 1863–1870.⁴

On 6 January 1857 the *Hobart Town Gazette* advertised that Lot 490 of three hundred and twenty acres and Lot 490A of three hundred and twenty acres in the parish of Abbotsham, County of Devon were available for selection for £1 per acre.

Young men, and their fathers, were eager to own their own land and were prepared to endure severe hardship for many years in their efforts to establish themselves on that land.

The Abbotsham block, measuring one square mile, was subdivided into at least seven farms. Four of these were purchased in 1857: by James Linney at £128; Thomas Haydon at £128; Joseph Pearson⁵ [who accompanied George to the Leven and who was a witness to his marriage] at £68; and by his father, George McDonald senior, for the sum of £128.⁶ George kept one block for himself.

In February of the following year (1858) a sixty-four-acre block was purchased by John Farmer (Farman) of the East Bank, River Tamar for £236.⁷ Another sale was made in 1871. This time it was one hundred and twenty-eight acres to Jacob Yellowley Haig of Hobart Town for the sum of £500. This farm bordered a block from the same lot owned by George's sister Maria Louisa Fogg.

¹ RGD No. 1340.

² TAHO: CON 37/2 Pg 472; Enquiry 80/1260/MB.

³ HTG: Valuation Roll Westbury district 11 May 1858 pg 643.

⁴ HTG: Valuation Rolls (various dates).

⁵ Does not appear in 1858 Valuation Roll.

⁶ Registry of Deeds: 4/4946; 4/4947; 4/4948; 4/4949.

⁷ Ibid: 4/5377.

When did George and his family arrive at the Leven? According to the *Centenary Celebrations Souvenir* the McDonald, Pearson, and Lewis families came together, by bullock dray to the Leven district, in 1856. It goes on to say:

The McDonald's stayed a year on their land on Castra Road, then the Leven Inn was built and opened for Christmas 1857 and they were the only residents in the town area though there were several settlers a mile away.

The Leven Inn does not appear in the May 1858 Valuation Roll so I would suggest that this date is incorrect.⁸ George's obituary says he was one of the earliest settlers in the neighbourhood, having arrived here about the year 1856. Maria Emily's obituary states that she arrived in 1858. The land on the Castra Road was purchased in 1857 and the *Leven Inn* was granted its licence in December 1858.⁹ Added to this Maria Emily was still living at the Marsh Paddock when her son William Newman was born on 2 March 1857, preferring no doubt to undergo her confinement there rather than at the Leven where no medical help would be immediately available if needed. George was advertising in the *Cornwall Chronicle* for wheelwrights in May 1858; his address was given as the Marsh Paddock.

A Letter to the Editor of the *Launceston Examiner*, written by "A Hand in the Bush," and published on 16 October 1860 probably refers to George, the younger, rather than his father. The subject was the cost of clearing bush land in the county of Devon:

Mr. George M'Donald, of the River Leven, cleared dogwood scrub at forty shillings per acre. He harrowed in wheat without ploughing, and reaped forty bushels per acre. He afterwards had similar land scrubbed at thirty shillings, and no one would now think of giving over twenty-five or thirty shillings for the heaviest...

The *Leven Inn* was built on Crescent Street, on or about the site of the present *River Arms Hotel*. It was well situated by the waterfront to meet the needs of foot weary travellers and seafarers alike as links between the coastal towns widened and developed with the growth of the town. But growth was slow at first—only fifteen persons were recorded in *Walch's Almanac* of 1863 and in 1877 Bailliere's *Tasmanian Gazetteer* gave the population as one hundred and eighty-four and the number of dwellings as forty.

The inn, originally a single-storey wooden building, served as a meeting place for the early Road Trusts during the 1860s and 1870s.

In December 1865 the papers reported additions being made to the 'house' and the construction of a skittle alley.¹⁰ George also established the *Penguin Hotel* at Penguin Creek about 1866. This hotel was destroyed by fire 25 years later (20 December 1891).

⁸ The 1857 date is possibly based on recollections of John Walker on his 90th birthday, in which he is reported as saying that the hotel opened at the festive season, 5 months prior to his arrival in Ulverstone in May 1858. [Advocate Saturday 02 April 1938] The Weekly Courier article of 1927 gives the date as 1858.

⁹ HTG: Tuesday 14 December 1858, pg 1527.

¹⁰ Examiner: Tuesday 26 December 1865 pg 3 c1.

GEORGE McDONALD, Son

Birth: 15 Oct 1832 Place: Norfolk Plains
Baptism: 9 Jun 1833 Place: Longford, C.E.
Death: 3 Oct 1875 Place: Ulverstone Age: 42
Burial: 5 Oct 1875 Place: Trinity Church Yard, Ulverstone [Headstone]
Occupation: Wheelwright (1854) Inn Keeper (1858-1875) Licensed Victualler.
Residence: Marsh Paddock; River Leven (1862)
Father: GEORGE McDONALD (ca1801-1878)
Mother: DELIA FURNER [Alias GILLAM] (ca1815-1900)

Stated he was a wheelwright aged 21 years at time of marriage. Witnesses to marriage were Joseph (x) Pearson and Harriet McDonald [sister]. [RGD 1340]

Cause of death was inflammation of brain. Age given as 43 years. Informant of death was James A. Fogg, brother-in-law, Ulverstone. [RGD 1340] Inquest SC195/57 No. 7590 - Natural causes. See Cornwall Chronicle 6 October 1875. Burial Register gives occupation as Publican and Farmer, and age as 44 years [sic]. [C.E. 52] Will 1852 Book 8B p151: Dated 2 October 1875. Witnessed by W.T. Burt, River Leven, Edward Brooke Evans Walker, J.P., River Leven, and James A. Fogg, Storekeeper, River Leven. Estate left to wife entirely.

Spouse: MARIA EMILY TATLOW

Birth: 19 Jul 1836 Place: Launceston
Baptism: 31 Aug 1836 Place: St John's C.E., Launceston
Death: 29 Jul 1911 Place: Residence, Sea View, West Ulverstone Age: 75
Burial: 30 Jul 1911 Place: Ulverstone Cemetery, C.E. [Headstone]
Occupation: Inn Keeper; Farmer; Widow (1911)
Father: ANTHONY TATLOW (ca1789-1861)
Mother: MARY MOORE (ca1812-1865)

Marriage: 1 Jun 1854 Place: St Andrew's Church, Westbury, C.E., by Lic.

Daughter of Anthony Tatlow, settler, and Mary Moore, [sic] Launceston. Only Baptism registered. [RGD 7171]

Stated she was a spinster aged 18 years at time of marriage. [RGD 1340]

Owned the Penguin Hotel at Penguin, which was burned down January 1892. See North West Post 5 January 1892.

Held 20 x £1 shares in Mt Bischoff Silver Lead Mining Co. 26 January 1881. [Devon Herald 26 January 1881]

Cause of death was Carcinoma uteri. Medical attendant Dr L. Gollan MRCS & LRCP. Age given as 76 years and birthplace as Tasmania. Wife of late G. McDonald. 3 male and 7 female children living. Informant of death was C.B. Hunter, son-in-law, Ulverstone. [RGD 821] See Weekly Courier 03 August 1911 and North West Post 31 July 1911. Died at midnight of 29 July 1911. [Burial Book entry No. 95.] See Advocate 31 July 1911 and Weekly Courier 3 August 1911.

Children: HANNAH (No known issue) (1855-1916)
WILLIAM NEWMAN (Not married) (1857-1936)
JANE (1859-1939)
EMMA (Not married) (1861-1942)
FLORA LOUISA (No known issue) (1862-1937)
MARY (Not married) (1865-1949)
LOUISA ELIZABETH (1866-1946)
GEORGE EDWARD (1868-1956)
FRANK ARCHER (1871-1941)
KATE MARIA (Not married) (1873-1938)

It was empty at the time, having been refused a licence by the Licensing Board. The fire was believed to have been wilfully lit.¹¹ By this time it was owned by Maria Emily.

With his brother-in-law James Fogg and Mr E.B. Walker, George was amongst the pioneer settlers of Leven connected with the early history of the Church of England at Leven; they were the first Church Wardens. George held the position of first secretary and treasurer.

In 1868 the government let contracts for road construction at the Leven. George and his Fogg brother-in-law, being somewhat entrepreneurial, were successful tenderers for the first and second sections of road from the west end of the Leven bridge to Penguin Creek, and for a section of road towards Castra which was to be slabbed and rubbled for a cost of £3,332.¹²

Horse racing was soon an established sport at the Leven with the annual races taking place on the sea beach, on Boxing Day each year. George was to the fore in providing liquid refreshments for the spectators, and competition in the horse racing with his horse *Laurel*, racing under the blue and white colours.¹³ His son William was to continue his father's interest in the years to come.

As land was released for sale by the Crown, George was able to increase his holdings with the purchase of numerous township lots and farmland that were later inherited by his wife and children.

George died from inflammation of the brain on 3 October 1875. He was 42. A lengthy obituary appeared in the *Cornwall Chronicle*:

The death of Mr George M'Donald, of the Leven Inn, has cast a gloom over the neighbourhood in which he resided so many years. His loss will be keenly felt, not only by his friends, but by many of the large circle of casual acquaintances which he made during his lifetime. The deceased gentleman was one of the earliest settlers in this neighbourhood, having arrived here about the year 1856. He built the Leven Inn shortly after his arrival, and has ever since conducted a flourishing business at that hostelry [sic]. Being a shrewd, energetic man of business, he added various pursuits to his avocation as a licenced victualler, and at a comparatively early age had amassed a competence. He was an honest, plain, blunt, outspoken, independent spirited Briton, and the unswerving rectitude and truthfulness of his character never failed to secure the respect and admiration of all who were brought into contact with him. He had a thorough John Bull contempt for all affectation and display. He detested all mean pretences: was always reluctant to make a promise, but rigorously exact in its fulfilment. He took a prominent part in all public movements for the good of his neighbourhood, and was always ready to assist with his advice, his influence, or his purse in all measures tending to promote its material advancement. Under these circumstances his unexpected decease, in the prime of life, has caused universal regret, ample testimony to which was borne by the long cortege which followed his remains to the grave on Tuesday last. This regret was considerably

¹¹ Coastal News: Saturday 26 December 1891 p2 c5; North West Post: Tuesday 5 January 1892.

¹² HTG: Thursday 30 July 1868.

¹³ Examiner: Saturday 9 January 1864, p3-4.

intensified by a rumor which agitated the public mind to the effect that Mr M'Donald's death was the result of injuries he received while in the discharge of his duty of maintaining good order in his licensed house. The evidence taken at the inquest does not show that there was any foundation for that rumor, nor does it show the slightest justification for the obtrusive formula of an inquest, with its attendant post mortem examination, and the consequent additional pain which it must necessarily inflict on the feelings of a family already prostrated with grief.¹⁴



The Leven Inn with Scarr & Dixon's store to the right. Probably taken in the late 1870s

Photo: Courtesy Ulverstone Museum

Earlier in September George had come to blows with one of his customers, when trying to eject the 'drunken fellow' from his house.¹⁵ He received blows to his head and as a result kept to his bed for about a week before his death. Dr Young from Torquay was called in but by this time George was in a coma from which he never recovered.

It was the Doctor's belief that he died of inflammation of the brain and not as a result of the altercation. George's constitution, he believed, 'inclined him to be affected in this way'. He was suffering from gout in the toe at the time of his death. The Coronial Inquisition found that he died of natural causes.¹⁶

He willed all his property to Maria Emily.¹⁷

Maria carried on with the hotel until April 1882 when she relinquished the licence to William East.¹⁸ Prior to this, in August 1879, Maria was extending the accommodation of the *Leven Inn* with the addition of a 'large two-story pile that will present an imposing appearance from the river quarter'.¹⁹

¹⁴ Cornwall Chronicle: Wednesday 13 October 1875, pg 3 c1.

¹⁵ Examiner: Saturday 9 October 1875, pg 3 c3.

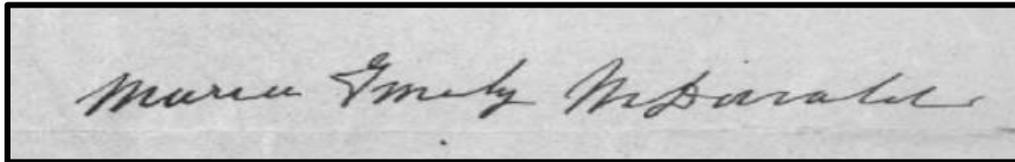
¹⁶ TAHO: SC 195/57 Inquisition No. 7590.

¹⁷ Probate Registry: Will No. 1852 Book 8b p151, 2 October 1875. Value of estate under £1,170.

¹⁸ HTG: Tuesday 29 August 1882; Examiner: Friday 28 April 1882, pg 3 c8.

¹⁹ Examiner: Thursday 28 August 1879, pg 3 c5-6.

Maria must have been one of those women for whom business was not a mystery—probably she was a non-silent partner in many of her husband's affairs. She had several well-educated sons and a very capable and prominent son-in-law in John Israel. Whilst it wasn't all profit—the investment of funds in the Penguin Silver Lead Mine²⁰ would have been a failure—returns from her shares in the Mount Bischoff Silver Lead Mining Co. from 1888 would have been much more profitable.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script. The signature reads "Maria Emily M. Barabell".

Signature of Maria Emily on 6 August 1896 with regard to the Probate of the will of John Curran.

Maria went to reside at *Sea View Farm*, originally part of the estate of Alexander Clerke, in April 1882. The latter's son, Thomas Clerke, advertised *Sea View* for sale in the *Examiner* of 26 April 1881: 'The property contains over 123 acres, being mostly cleared and fenced into convenient paddocks'. There was a 'commodious residence and substantial out-buildings' and a garden stocked with a choice selection of fruit trees. Alexander Clerke was living in this house in the early 1870s. On his death in April 1877 it was described as a "comfortable homestead."

An article in the *Advocate* in 1929, following the death of an early Leven pioneer, Thomas Denman Jowett, in Victoria, states that Jowett and his brother, Henry Jowett, purchased land at Sea View that he later sold to Maria in 1886.²¹

In February 1883 she let her 100-acre farm at Fishery Point.

The clearing sale for *Fishery Point Farm*, on 28 February 1883, included 'churn and dairy utensils'; surplus farm implements; and the heavy horses—Rose and Flower, mares of the Lincoln breed, and youngsters—Madam, Jolly, and Midge; and Fairy, a riding and carriage mare. Also included in the sale were seventy purebred Southdown ewes, a quantity of lambs, and a Southdown ram, as well as a Lincoln ram.²²

Sea View was so far removed from the township that the move was considered to be 'leaving the district'. In his memoriam address on her life, the Revd H.B. Atkinson stated that Maria was "instrumental in procuring for Ulverstone its several "lungs," represented by the recreation ground, show ground and picnic point," forwarding a petition to the Government asking that they be retained for the use of the people.²³

²⁰ HTG: List of Shareholders Tuesday 1 February 1881 pg 157.

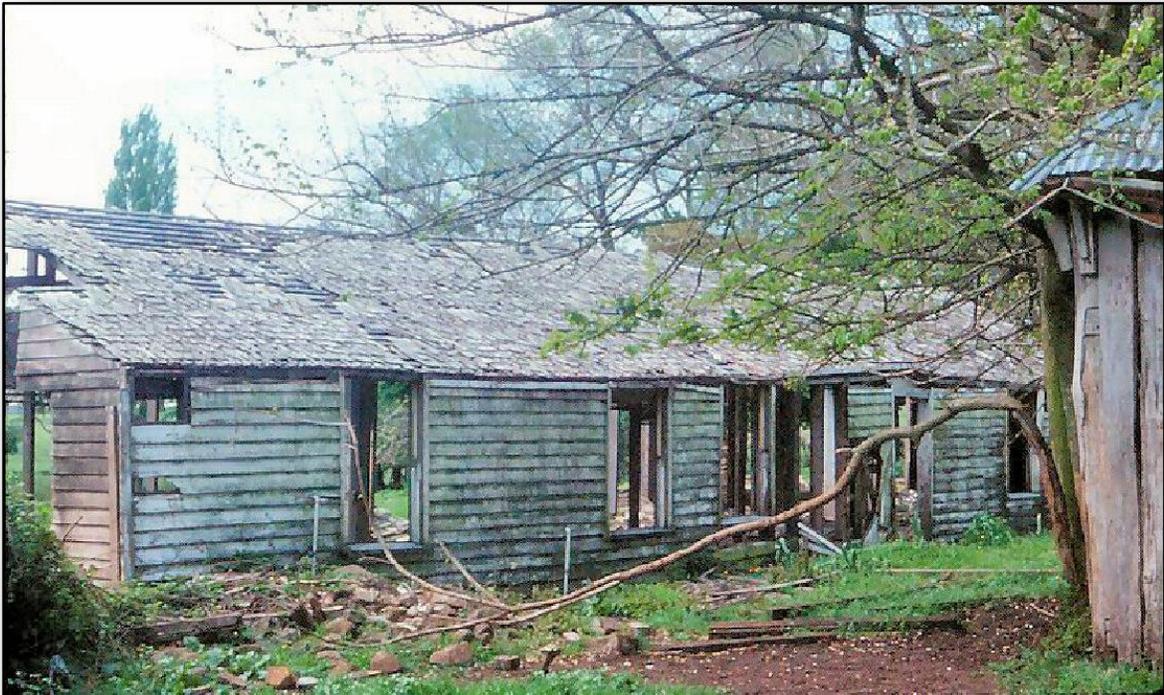
²¹ Advocate: Saturday 6 July 1929, pg 4.

²² Devon Herald: Saturday 17 February 1883, pg 3 c3.

²³ Advocate: Tuesday 1 August 1911 pg 4.



Watercolour painting of Sea View Farm by Miss K. Cocker.
Courtesy Devonport Maritime Museum & Historical Society Inc.



The ruins of Sea View, West Ulverstone
Photo: Author's collection



Group at McDonald's, Sea View, West Ulverstone, 1908.

“Mr Hunter came about 5 p.m. to invite us to *Sea View*,” wrote R.E. Smith, son of James ‘Philosopher’ Smith, in his diary on 27 February 1908. The 29th was a fine day and Ronald (with his camera) and his mother, Mary Jane, (front left) drove to *Sea View* in a buggy and spent the afternoon with the McDonalds (Maria Louisa front right). The above photograph was taken on that day.

Photo: Courtesy Mr Charles R. Smith.

The *Leven Inn* (by now called *East's Hotel*) together with yards and cottages was put up for auction in February 1886 and sold for £2280.²⁴ From Fenton's book *Bush Life in Tasmania* we have the following interesting reference:

*He [William Smith] introduced the first plough and turned over the first sod at the Leven. This curious attempt to cultivate the soil was visible for years on the open patch of pure sand in front of Mrs M'Donald's Sea View.*²⁵

²⁴ Devon Herald: Friday 26 February 1886, pg 2 c3.

²⁵ Weekly Courier: Wednesday 16 November 1927 William Smith came to the district with a team of bullocks to get out sawn timber from the saw-pits for Mr. Stewart, of Launceston. “The plough was held by Mr Smith, the motive power being bullocks driven by Mrs. Smith...”

Sea View homestead, which was built circa 1863, was sometimes referred to as *The Lodge*. It was here that Maria Emily endured the last stages of the cancer that eventually killed her in July 1911.

Elizabeth Burt, sister of “Aunt” Mary Smith writing to her sister from *Brookside* on 13 March 1911 mentions receiving a visit from Jane and Flora:

...Jane leaves for Melbourne tomorrow. Her mother seems very frail. They get her up about midday and she gets from one room to another or lies down on a couch on the verandah. They have to keep her quiet...”

Although she was suffering greatly Maria found the energy to celebrate the 57th anniversary of her wedding in June 1911, and was the recipient of many congratulatory messages. Her daughter Jane Israel, arrived in time to join in the celebrations.²⁶

In a thankyou letter to Mary Smith, Flora writes of her mother's last moments:

Mother had a very trying time till the doctor gave her morphia on Thursday evening when she slept till Friday midnight then quietly and peacefully she passed away. She looked so nice and peaceful next day. It came as a great shock to all...Everything was so hurried. Jane, Emma, Mary and Frank could not get here in time. Jane had packed up ready but it was impossible to get here...”²⁷

Sea View continued to be the family home long after the death of Maria Emily. It was a fine old house, and strongly built. Hand forged nails held it together for over a century. Now gone, it was once a comfortable home nestling in the hollow of the hill at West Ulverstone. For many years it remained a romantic ruin, the back portion only remaining. In its ruinous state you could see that the inside lining consisted of lath and plaster and not the palings of more humble homes.

On the western side, protected from the wind by oaks, elms, and hawthorns was a small orchard, perhaps that planted by Alexander Clerke. A few apples, cherries, and a walnut tree are all that remain. A once lovely garden is now a memory, and until recently large oaks and elms lined the carriageway on the eastern side of the house.

The land in front of the house slopes away gently until it flattens out to form part of the very narrow coastal plain. Goat Island to the west was within easy distance from the house for picnics. *Lonah*, the home of General Lodder, was only a few miles further along the narrow main coast road, and the town of Penguin Creek a few miles further on again.

George and Maria Emily had ten children – three sons and seven daughters, all raised to the life of a publican's family.

²⁶ North West Post: Monday 5 June 1911 pg 3.

²⁷ TAHO: James Smith Collection: Private Letter to Mary Smith dated *Sea View*, 3 August 1911.

As you would expect they mixed freely in what passed for polite society at the Leven and involved themselves in all kinds of activities. The girls learned to play the organ (and probably the piano) and played at Sunday services and weddings. An entertainment in the Town Hall in April 1884 saw “Miss McDonald” playing an overture with Mr Finch the schoolmaster.²⁸

These McDonald's are now known in the family as the “Sea View McDonalds.”

²⁸ Devon Herald: Friday 11 April 1884 pg 2.

HANNAH McDONALD, Granddaughter

Birth: 22 Apr 1855 Place: Marsh Paddock
Death: 1 Feb 1916 Place: 1 Hillside Crescent, Launceston Age: 60
Burial: 3 Feb 1916 Place: Ulverstone Cemetery, C.E. [Headstone]
Occupation: Domestic duties (1912)
Residence: Leven
Residence: Ulverstone (1912)
Father: GEORGE McDONALD (1832-1875)
Mother: MARIA EMILY TATLOW (1836-1911)

Informant of birth [as unnamed female] was father, George McDonald, Marsh Paddock. Mother was Maria Emily McDonald, formerly Tatlow. [RGD 1553]

Witnesses to marriage were G. McDonald and W.N. McDonald [brothers]. Stated age as 'Full'. She was 33 years old at time of marriage. [RGD 914] See *The Colonist* 3 November 1888 p20 c2 for marriage notice. See also C.E. Forth & Leven Marriage Register entry No. 123.

Cause of death malignant disease of colon. Dr G.E. Clemons. Informants of death were Armitage & Finney, Undertakers, Launceston. Died aged 60 years, not 62 as stated on certificate. [RGD 50/1916 Launceston & C.E. 123] Weekly Courier 10 February 1916 states cause of death as heart failure. See also North West Post 3 February 1916 and 4 February 1916.

Spouse: JAMES HINGSTON FRAMPTON

Birth: 29 Apr 1851 Place: Little Hampton, nr Bishopsbourne
Baptism: 4 Jun 1851 Place: Longford, Methodist
Death: 26 Aug 1913 Place: Ulverstone Age: 62
Burial: 28 Aug 1913 Place: Ulverstone Cemetery, C.E. [Headstone]
Occupation: Farmer (1912)
Father: FREDERICK LUKE FRAMPTON
Mother: ELIZABETH JANE HODGETTS
Marriage: 18 Oct 1888 Place: Ulverstone

Informant of birth, [as unnamed male] was father, Frederick Luke Frampton, farmer, Bishopsbourne. Mother was Elizabeth Jane Frampton, formerly Hodgetts. [RGD 289] See Baptism Methodist Baptism Register entry No. 62.

1899 Free Hold land, Ulverstone. [ER]

For funeral notice see North West Post Thursday 28 August 1913. Funeral left from residence, Cornhill, North Motton Road.

Died of apoplexy. Dr G. Thomson MB CH.B. Informant of death was F.G. Frampton, brother, Ulverstone. [RGD 530 & CE 595] See North West Post 29 August 1913 and Examiner 28 August 1913. Will dated 3 October 1908. Estate left to widow entirely.

No known children.

A little girl named Emily, but later known as Hannah, was born to George and Maria Emily McDonald at the Marsh Paddock in 1855. She was fourteen when she was enrolled at the newly opened Ulverstone School but was withdrawn on 10 March 1871 as she was 'required for work at home.'²⁹ I would expect that from this time onwards until the hotel was sold, she would have helped her mother with the running of the hotel or in looking after the younger children.

In 1888, six years after the sale of the hotel and the move to *Sea View*, and when she was 33 years of age, she married James Hingston Frampton but had no children.

Her husband died at his property *Cornhill* on the North Motton Road in August 1913:

*"The community received a painful shock yesterday morning, when it became known that Mr J. H. Frampton, of "Cornhill," had expired suddenly on the previous night. The deceased about ten years ago had an apoplectic seizure, since which time his health had been in a somewhat precarious state. However, he was able to get about as usual till within a few hours of his death. Complaining of pains in the chest and shortness of breath, he consulted his medical adviser on Monday, and again visited Dr. Thompson on Tuesday. At about 10.30 p.m. he was seized with a violent fit of coughing, and expired within half an hour from heart failure. The late Mr Frampton, as one long resident in the district and a familiar figure in the town, was well known, and was held in the greatest esteem by all who knew him. He was of a quiet unassuming nature, genial, kindly, and obliging, and will be mourned by a large circle of friends and relatives. He took a keen interest in agricultural and horticultural matters, and was secretary of the West Devon Agricultural Society for many years, and its treasurer at the time of his death, and frequently acted as judge at produce and flower shows. He was a church warden of Holy Trinity Church, Ulverstone. The deceased was the eldest son of the late Mr F.L. Frampton, of "Cornhill," near Ulverstone, and was born in 1851 at Bishopsbourne. At the age of 14 years, he came with his parents to the Leven district, his father having purchased the "Cornhill" estate. On the death of his father in 1881, he took over the management of the property, retaining this position till the estate was subdivided, when he farmed the northern half, while his brother, Mr F. L. Frampton, managed the southern portion. As already stated, the deceased had a seizure about ten years ago, and retired from active farming pursuits, letting the property to Mr W. Carter, his brother-in-law, but he built a residence and resided on the estate till his death. In 1888 he married Miss Hannah M'Donald, eldest daughter of the late Mr George M'Donald, of "Sea View," Ulverstone, who survives him. There was no family. The funeral will leave his late residence at 11.30 a.m. today for the Ulverstone Church of England Cemetery."*³⁰

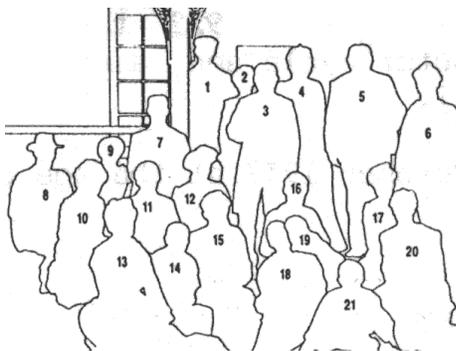
Hannah spent the whole of her married life at *Cornhill*, and inherited the property when James died of apoplexy (stroke).³¹

²⁹ Ulverstone State School Admission Register: No. 9, 26 July 1870.

³⁰ North West Post: Thursday 28 August 1913 pg 2.

³¹ North West Post: Friday 29 August 1913 pg 2.

She died in Launceston in 1916 after undergoing a heart operation eight months previously, but cause of death in the burial records is noted as cancer of the colon.³²



This McDonald family group was photographed on the steps of the front verandah of 'Sea View' sometime before the death in 1911 of the rather stern-faced Maria Emily. Maria is surrounded by all but one of her children (Frank is absent) and some of her grandchildren. This particular photograph was sent to me from New Zealand, and the individuals were identified by Mrs A. Piercey, whose aunt, May Fogg, appears in the group. They are from l. to r. (1) Bertram Hunter, (2) Flora Hunter, (3) J.W. Israel, (4) Emma McDonald, (5) James Frampton, (6) Hannah

Frampton, (7) George 'Dick' McDonald, seated (8) William Newman McDonald, (9) Louise Finch, (10) May Fogg, (11) Edwy Finch, (12) Kate, Mrs 'Dick' McDonald, (13) Mary McDonald, (14) Donnie Israel, (15) Jane Israel, (16) Maria Emily McDonald, (17) Cissy Hurst, (18) seated front, Frederick Finch, (19) Malcolm Finch, (20) Kate McDonald, (21) Colin Finch.

³² North West Post: Friday 4 February 1916; Weekly Courier: Thursday 10 February 1916.

“Wandering One”, made a trip through North Motton in October 1892. As well as mentioning Hannah’s brother, W.N. McDonald, who had a property near Burt’s Creek, and had built a small cottage on his land, he makes mention of Cornhill:—

Passing the snug homesteads of Cornhill and Belmont, the properties of the pioneering family of Frampton, on the left hand side, one is struck with the beautiful appearance of the grain and the grass, the only blot upon the beauty of the scene, being the presence of the weather bleached old fire-blackened skeletons, of what were once the monarchs of the forest, which reared their leafy crests erect in the morning sun, or proudly waved their bright green branches in the breeze, and which now look as though their ghosts were come in revenge, to spoil by their weird presence, the glorious verdure of oats, and wheat, or of grass, which was only possible through their destruction.³³

Historian, Richard Hilder, published a series of articles—North-Western Agricultural Areas, Their Progress and Development in *The Advocate* in 1908. Writing about North Motton he begins his article:—

Starting at its junction with the main coast road near the Leven bridge, North Motton road runs southerly to French's corner, and then turns southwest for a considerable distance. After leaving the boundary of Ulverstone town the first properties on either side of the road are Capt. Burt's and Mr. Von Bibra's. The latter was purchased from Mr. S. Mason about two years ago, the price paid being considered at that time very large — somewhere about £40 per aero— but Mr. Von Bibra's business sagacity was not at fault oven at this largo figure, for all farm lands of good quality have risen remarkably in price during the time mentioned. This farm is of good quality almost throughout, and its shrewd owner makes it pay handsomely by cultivation and sheep and lambraising.

Continuing, he includes this brief description of Cornhill:—

The Cornhill estate adjoins this farm on the same side of the road, divided into several homesteads and occupied by Messrs. James and F. G. Frampton, W. Carter, and others. This splendid property of several hundred acres was purchased by the late Mr. Luke Frampton about 40 years ago, who came from Butleigh Hill, in the Longford district, to settle with his family. ...Most of this farm is high lying, some of it (facing the road) flat and rather wet. But almost every class of good growing soil is found, and potatoes, oats, wheat, turnips, peas and all kinds of stock are raised readily upon it. Its close proximity; to the town renders its value ever-increasing. A good orchard and many fine English trees surround the original homestead, Mrs. Frampton, sen., [mother of James] an energetic, vivacious, and very pleasant old lady, still lives with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. Win. Carter.³⁴

³³ Coastal News and North Western Advertiser, Friday 28 October 1892, pg 3.

³⁴ Advocate: Article No. 5.— North Motton, Allison And Manning's Jetty Roads. North Motton, Saturday 16 May 1908, pg 7.

Hannah died in Launceston in 1916 following a serious operation. She had been ill for some nine months prior, and although she appeared to be improving in health, being well enough to visit her sister Louisa at Beaconsfield, the improvement was short-lived and she had to return to the hospital in Launceston where she died. Her sisters, Jane (Mrs Israel), and Flora (Mrs Hunter) travelled to Launceston and organised her remains to be sent back to the family home, *Sea View*, for burial in the Church of England Cemetery on 3 February 1916.³⁵

She had been connected with the Church of England all her life and acted as organist at Holy Trinity Church. She was deemed to be a reliable authority on horticultural matters and over many years judged at many of the local horticultural show, and was also a successful grower and exhibitor.³⁶

WILLIAM NEWMAN McDONALD, Grandson

Birth:	2 Mar 1857	Place: Marsh Paddock
Death:	29 Jul 1936	Place: Residence, Sea View, West Ulverstone Age: 79
Burial:	31 Jul 1936	Place: Ulverstone Cemetery [Headstone]
Occupation:	Boat Builder (1873) Grazier (1912) Retired Farmer (1936)	
Residence:	Leven (1890)	
Residence:	Sea View, West Ulverstone (1912)	
Father:	GEORGE McDONALD (1832-1875)	
Mother:	MARIA EMILY TATLOW (1836-1911)	

Informant of birth was mother, Emily (x) McDonald, Marsh Paddock. [RGD 2066]
1890-91 W.N. McDonald, Leven, Free Holder, Land, Bradworthy. [ER] 1899 Free Holder, Land, Bradworthy. [ER] Life member of Ulverstone Agricultural Society. [Advocate 30/31 July 1936]
Cause of death was inflammation of the bladder and haemorrhage and enlargement of the prostate gland. [Holy Trinity Burial Register entry No. 535] See Examiner 31 July 1936 p5 for death.

Did not marry. No known issue.



³⁵ Advocate: Friday 4 February 1916 pg 2.

³⁶ Advocate: Thursday 3 February 1916 pg 2.

William Newman McDonald, born at the Marsh Paddock in 1857, was the eldest son of George and Maria Emily.

He came to the Leven when only a young baby, about 1858. He was thirteen years old when enrolled at the Ulverstone School and stayed there until the end of 1873 when, at the age of 16, he was apprenticed to a ship builder.³⁷ H.A. Nicholls records that he was the first scholar to pass the sixth standard, followed by his sisters who left to finish their education at Miss Manley's private school, Launceston. He says that ship building was the chief local industry at that period.³⁸ He followed this trade for several years until the death of his father in 1875.

William was 18 years old when his father died. As the eldest son he would have been of an age to assist his mother with either the running of the farm at Fishery Point or the management of the hotel. He successfully exhibited a Leicester ram at the fifth Spring Show of the Farmers' Club. Exhibitors at the show came from as far away as the Latrobe district.³⁹ In 1906 he was a member of the Leven Road Trust.⁴⁰ Later he acquired station interests in Queensland and lived in that state for many years.⁴¹

William was a keen racing man and his chestnut gelding, *General Jackson*, won the *President's Cup* presented by Dr McCall at the first meeting of the Leven Turf Club in 1884.⁴² Racing was keenly followed at the Leven and the Ulverstone annual races took place on the Leven beach each Boxing Day, with racing "gentlemen" from as far as Latrobe and Kentishbury present. Ten years earlier William was contesting races with his horse *Nancy Lee*.⁴³ He and his cousin Charles Fogg were both involved in the early history of horse racing at Ulverstone, as club officials, and as owners. He also played cricket with Abbotsham club.

In June 1886 the Ulverstone Rifle club was formed with the McDonald's neighbour, Major-General William Lodder as President and William as one of the office bearers.⁴⁴

On 16 January 1888 Vernon's English Eleven played a combined team of 22 from the North West Coast at Latrobe. Favourable weather and the great interest in the event drew a crowd of around 1000 to the Latrobe Recreation Ground. One of the coastal Eleven (or should that be the coastal 22) was W. MacDonald [sic] of the Leven Club. There hardly seems any doubt that this is William Newman.

The North West Coast team were sent in to bat and the wickets fell regularly (ten ducks and the highest score fourteen). MacDonald stayed a short time for five runs and at the end of play the home side were all out for 66 and the England Eleven were no wickets for 54. During the Englishmen's innings William bowled twelve balls for sixteen runs. In his second innings with

³⁷ Ulverstone State School Admission Register: No. 5, Tuesday 26 July 1870.

³⁸ Advocate: Ulverstone State School, Some Early History by H.A. Nicholls. Monday 29 December 1924, pg 8

³⁹ Tasmanian Mail: Friday 12 December 1884.

⁴⁰ North West Post: Monday 9 July 1906 pg 4.

⁴¹ Examiner: Obituary Friday 31 July 1936 g pg 5.

⁴² Tasmanian (Launceston, Tas.: 1881 - 1895), Saturday 31 May 1884, pg 5.

⁴³ Examiner: Wednesday 31 December 1879, pg 3.

⁴⁴ Mercury, Tuesday 29 June 1886, pg 3.

the bat he was out to a caught and bowled for one.⁴⁵ Certainly not in the same class as his more illustrious cricketing cousin of more recent years, David Boon.

In September 1912 William returned to Ulverstone after a three-month tour through Queensland. He was impressed by the opportunities that State offered to young, energetic, farmers. During his trip he visited his brother, G.E. McDonald who had “a nice piece of land.”

Liking what he saw in Queensland he left Ulverstone on 29 October to return to that state. He had acquired what was described as a very promising property of some 1,200 acres, and it was his intention to devote some time to arranging to carrying it on, anticipating there is a big future in front of it; but having no intention at present of permanently severing his connection with Tasmania.⁴⁶

William took over some of his own draught horses, and at a recent show held at Nanango he entered them in their several classes, with the following result: —

*Champion draught mare— W. N. M'Donald's Blossom, who was also placed first in the class for breeding mares. Filly, 2yrs old —Mr. M'Donald scored with a perfectly-shaped animal which left the judges in no doubt. Class for pair farm horses— The Ulverstone man was again to the front with a pair of mares which were awarded first honors in a large entry.*⁴⁷

At the end of June 1913”

*"Mr Will. M'Donald, of "Sea View," Ulverstone, left by the Oonah on Saturday night, en route to Queensland, where he will take up his abode. Mr. M'Donald is a member of the well-known M'Donald family, Ulverstone's pioneer settlers."*⁴⁸

For a few years before his death he divided his time between Queensland in the winter and Ulverstone in the summer months, where he took up lawn bowls.

His obituary states that he never took much interest in public matters beyond the Agricultural Society, with which he was connected as a committee man and judge of ring events.⁴⁹

William died at *Sea View* on 29 July 1936.

⁴⁵ North West Post: Tuesday 17 January 1888, pg 2; Thursday 19 January 1888, pg 2.

⁴⁶ Advocate: Friday 1 November 1912, pg 2.

⁴⁷ Advocate: Wednesday 30 April 1913, pg 2.

⁴⁸ North West Post: Monday 30 June 1913 pg 3.

⁴⁹ Examiner: Obituary Friday 31 July 1936 pg 5.

JANE McDONALD, Granddaughter

Birth: 24 Mar 1859 Place: River Leven
Baptism: 4 Sep 1860 Place: Port Sorell Parish, C.E. Age: 1
Death: 31 Jul 1939 Place: Eschcoll, 58 Sackville St, Kew, Victoria Age: 80
Burial: 1 Aug 1939 Place: Box Hill Cemetery, Victoria [Headstone]
Occupation: Home Duties
Residence: River Leven; Hobart; Melbourne, Victoria.
Father: GEORGE McDONALD (1832-1875)
Mother: MARIA EMILY TATLOW (1836-1911)

Informant of birth was R.H. Davies for George McDonald, Inn Keeper, River Leven. [RGD 1856]
Witnesses to marriage were F.A. Finch [brother-in-law] W.N. McDonald [brother], and C.N. Fogg [cousin]. [C.E. 68, RGD 976, and Examiner 12 November 1883]
Silver Wedding 1908. See Examiner 31 October 1908 for notice. Living *Eshcoll*, Sackville St, East Kew, Victoria.

"Mr Mrs and Misses Dumaresq, "Lonah" were at home to a number of their friends on Wednesday - 50 present - croquet, bridge, music - among those present...Mrs J.W. Israel..." [Weekly Courier 2 February 1922 p32]

See Argus 2 August 1939 for death notice and VIC RGD 7479.

Spouse: JOHN WILLIAM ISRAEL ISO
Birth: 4 Jul 1850 Place: Launceston
Baptism: 2 Aug 1850 Place: Holy Trinity Church, Launceston, C.E.
Death: 30 May 1926 Place: Eschcoll, 58 Sackville Street, Kew, Victoria Age: 75
Burial: 1 Jun 1926 Place: Box Hill Cemetery, Victoria [Headstone]
Occupation: Civil Servant; First Auditor-General of Australia
Father: JOHN CASHMORE ISRAEL
Mother: ADELAIDE MARIA COOK
Marriage: 1 Nov 1883 Place: Holy Trinity Church, River Leven, C.E., by Lic.

Informant of birth was John Cashmore Israel, father, pawnbroker, Brisbane Street, Launceston. [RGD 2797]

Auditor-General of Tasmania 1895-1900. Auditor-General of Australia (1901-1926).

See Australian Dictionary of Biography Vol IX (1983). John's Notable Australians 1906 and 1908.

Advocate 31 May 1926...Deceased described by some as most distinguished of Tasmanians. Hon. treasurer of Royal Geographical Society of Australasia. After leaving school engaged for short time as clerk to Mr Maurice Nathan of Latrobe...5 June 1926 - pallbearers at funeral were F.A. M'Donald and E.G. Finch.... See VIC RGD Deaths Index No. 5956 for death.

See Argus 31 May 1926 and 2 June 1926.

See Probate Index, Victoria 1926 for will.

Headstone: In Loving Memory of John William Israel I.S.O. First Auditor-General for the Commonwealth of Australia b. at Launceston Tasmania 4 July 1850 d. at Kew 30 May 1926. Also his beloved wife Jane Israel b. at Ulverstone Tasmania 24 March 1859 d. at Kew 31 July 1939.

Children: DONALD PERCY (1886-1943)

Jane, who was born at the *Leven Inn* in 1859, was the first child of this family to be born at Ulverstone. Jane was enrolled at the school at the age of 12, spent four years there and, in 1875 at the age of 16, was sent to Miss Manley's at Launceston.⁵⁰ Although I would have expected her to return to Ulverstone at the end of her schooling if this were the case how did she meet John Israel.

John Israel seems to have been principally at Launceston during the early part of his career with the railway, is it possible that she travelled constantly between Ulverstone and Launceston and met her prospective husband that way? If there was a close relationship between her parents and the Fogg cousins it could have been through the Eddie's at Invermay that she had the opportunity to meet eligible young men.

She married John William Israel, a clerk in the Audit Department, Hobart, at Holy Trinity Church, Leven in 1883. The *Devon Herald* of 3 November wrote up the event as follows:

'Happy is the bride that the sun shines on' and the sun has been shining brightly all day and the flags flying gaily and many folks making holiday in honor of the wedding of Miss Jane McDonald and Mr J. Israel of the Audit Dept, Hobart.

Their only child, Donald Percy Israel, was born, at Hobart in December 1886.

Jane's husband was born in Launceston on 4 July 1850, the son of John Cashmore Israel, a Jewish pawnbroker and confectioner, and Adelaide Israel nee Cook, and was educated at Launceston Church of England Grammar School and Mr Abraham Barrett's Academy. A charter member of the Latrobe Oddfellows in 1869, 'Johnny' Israel, as he was then called (says the *North West Post*, 24 May 1906) used to be a clerk in Maurice Nathan's stores.

He was one of the best liked young fellows in the town and his success is due to his own perseverance and capabilities'. In 1870 he spent some time on the goldfield at Waterhouse.⁵¹

With the opening of the Launceston and Deloraine Railway he took up an appointment as a ticket check clerk and eventually rose to the position of Station Master at Launceston, and was promoted to accountant in 1880. John was keenly interested in music and for many years acted as secretary, treasurer, and librarian for the Launceston Musical Union.⁵²

He became part of the Public Service in 1872 when the government took over the company, and in 1882 joined the Audit Office in Hobart as Chief Clerk:⁵³

⁵⁰ Ulverstone State School Admission Register: No. 49 1871; Gill, Jenny, *Tasmanian Ancestry* Volume 21 2000, *Small School Teachers and Teachers of Small Schools*: Miss Manley and her mother, Mrs Anne Beusnell conducted a ladies' seminary at 4 and 5 Victoria Terrace, Windmill Hill, from January 1873 – December 1878.

⁵¹ *Cyclopedia of Tasmania* Vol. 1 pg 103.

⁵² *Weekly Courier*: Thursday 3 June 1926 pg 32.

⁵³ *Mercury*: Tuesday 4 July 1882, pg 3.

*We understand that Mr. J. Israel, who since 1872 has been connected with the Launceston and Western Railway, and who upon the pro-motion of Mr. R. M. Johnson to the Audit Office in the latter part of 1880, has occupied the position of accountant there, has been appointed to fill an important position in the Audit Department at Hobart. On the 28th ult the members of the Launceston and Western Railway Society, of which Mr. Israel was secretary, presented him with a hand-some testimonial in the form of an elegant writing-desk, as a token of the manner in which they appreciated his past services to the Association. On 30th ult. Mr. Israel was presented by R. W. Lord, Esq., on behalf of the railway officials, with a purse of sovereigns ; and a third presentation was made to him the same evening in the class-room at the Mechanics' Institute, during the interval between the first and second portions of the oratorio of "Elijah," by the members of the Launceston Musical Union, Mr. A. W. Birchall presenting the testimonial, which was in the form of a purse of sovereigns. Mr. Israel, in replying, ex-pressed how grateful he felt in receiving such marks of esteem and regard. The services he had rendered the Musical Union had been given with all his heart, and some of the happiest moments of his life were spent whilst working for it. Mr. Israel will be much missed in Launceston, as apart from his wide circle of friends and acquaintances, he has been a useful member of several of our social institutions.*⁵⁴

In December 1894 he took up the position of Auditor-General of Tasmania. In April 1897 Jane and John were living at *Alverstone*, 15 Frederick Street, Hobart. They retained ownership of this property until 1912.⁵⁵

James *Philosopher* Smith, late MHA fell ill at this time and Jane wrote to her "aunt" Mary Smith.⁵⁶

We were so sorry to hear of Mr Smiths illness, it seemed to come so suddenly on him, was he not feeling well when he left home, by todays paper he seems a shade better, so we will hope you may be able to get him safely home – where you will be able to take extra care of him, and nurse him well again. The news to you of the illness must have been a great shock, to us it was when Aunt Louisa [Hurst] read it out for we always remember him as the same as when he was in Hobart! It is really some years since I have seen any of you and then you were all well and bright. Have you any of the girls up with you to help you.

Aunt Louisa is not out of the way strong just now she has a very bad cold more like influenza, after that illness she had about two years ago she has never been very strong and any excitement or worry easily upsets her. For ourselves, all the Easter Holidays were spent pretty well over the fire for Kate must go and get the influenza and so pass it on. Jack and Donnie with Frank were at Ulverstone so we two had a quiet time. Nevin Hurst was for sometime at Queenstown over the land sales. Cissie

⁵⁴ Tasmanian: Saturday 8 July 1882, pg 21

⁵⁵ Mercury: Saturday 30 November 1912, pg 2.

⁵⁶ Mary Jane Smith, wife of James 'Philosopher' Smith and formerly wife of Captain James Love.

Born at Westbury in 1841 and daughter of John Pleas and Susannah Morey. Aunt is a courtesy title as there is no known connection to the McDonald or Tatlow family.

[Hurst] is grinding away at the Queens College taking a sick teachers place for a time. Donnie is getting lessons ready for tomorrow and at his music today, his teacher said he was quite pleased over the way he played a new piece for him so of course Donnie is happy. I expect you have heard of our Mary going away to Coolgardie. Canon Finnis of St Johns here was speaking about her today he met her while on a visit to Ulverstone and always remembers her. Mind and do not tire yourself too much with nursing, and we all hope Mr Smith will soon be a little better and more like his old self...⁵⁷



He was a prominent Free Mason and was for many years president of the Board of Benevolence in the Grand Lodge of Tasmania.

As the wife of a rising government man Jane would have been expected to take an active part in her husband's social activities, and hopefully she had been well groomed for this during her time at Miss Manly's.

John attended a ball given by the Freemasons to welcome the return to Hobart of their Grand Master and although she is not mentioned amongst the notable guests Jane probably attended this or similar events:

...Shortly before half-past eight cabs and carriages began to roll up to the Town Hall, and gradually the entrance hall filled with Masons, gorgeous in regalia, with ribbons of red and ribbons of blue,

with aprons and tassels, and signs and symbols of gold and jewels. While the ladies and the other gentlemen passed up the stairs into the ball-room, they waited below to receive Mr. and Mrs. Davies, and on their arrival, formed into procession, and, headed by a standard bearer and bright blue banner, marched up, through the ball-room and on to the dais, where Mr. Israel made the speech of greeting...⁵⁸

On the occasion of his 50th birthday John was honoured by his staff and heads of most of the leading branches of the public service. The night before, members of his staff had decorated his office with flags, ferns and various devices and laid out on his desk a silver tea and coffee service to which they had all subscribed. In a letter they acknowledged his “conspicuous ability” and describing him as a just and upright man to everyone alike.⁵⁹

⁵⁷ TAHO: NS234/5/2 letter written by Jane Israel Tuesday 27 April 1897.

⁵⁸ The Tasmanian Mail: Saturday 24 December 1898, pg 8.

⁵⁹ Tasmanian News: Wednesday 4 July 1900, pg 2.

A royal visit took place in Tasmania in July 1901 when the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York (later King George V and Queen Mary) visited the State. A reception at the Town Hall was given by the Mayor and Mayoress. Among the 1000 invited guests were J.W. and Mrs. Israel. Jane was dressed in a “white satin tucked bodice, trimmed with black tucked jewelled net black velvet rosettes, and streamers.” This is one of the few occasions that Jane is mentioned in the newspapers.

A Miss K. MacDonald’s name appeared immediately after Jane’s and I wonder if this was her sister Kate. Miss MacDonald wore “white figured silk, with gathered flounces looped up with violets, bodice with lace and silk scarf, draped and caught up with violets.”⁶⁰

He became the first Auditor-General of the newly created Commonwealth of Australia in November 1901, with a salary of £1000 per annum, a position he held until his death in 1926.⁶¹

Amongst John's favoured recreations were cycling, reading, and billiards.⁶²

In October 1909 representatives of the Australasian Ornithologists’ Union met in Adelaide. Amongst those attending was “Mrs J.W. Israel” of Victoria.⁶³ The Ornithologists’ Union met in Launceston in November 1912 and again there is a Mrs J.W. Israel in attendance:—

*Mrs. J. W. Israel moved—“That as the Bass Straits Islands practically belong to Tasmania, it is desirable that the Government and people of Tasmania should erect a memorial to perpetuate the name of that intrepid navigator, Geo. Bass. The motion was unanimously carried. Colonel Legge said he thought it was a matter for the Royal Geographical Society to take up. However, he was pleased the idea had at last received attention. It was a worthy object, deserving of consummation.”*⁶⁴

Jane obviously had an interest in various aspects of nature:

*During their stay they paid a visit to the serpentine deposits in the [Beaconsfield] district. These were of much interest to Mrs. Israel, who took away some very beautiful specimens, showing asbestos freely.*⁶⁵

For thirty years John and Jane enjoyed their Christmas holiday in Ulverstone.

*“This year circumstances have delayed their coming, but the desire to visit the old spot is still strong enough to bring them along.”*⁶⁶

⁶⁰ Mercury: Saturday 6 July 1901 pg 3.

⁶¹ Weekly Courier: Saturday 23 November 1901 pg 1064; Saturday 7 December 1901 pg 1169.

⁶² Johns, Fred. 1906, *John’s Notable Australians*.

⁶³ Examiner: Tuesday 5 October 1909 pg 4

⁶⁴ Examiner: Tuesday 19 November 1912, pg 3.

⁶⁵ Examiner: Monday 1 February 1915 pg 4.

⁶⁶ Advocate: Monday 13 January 1919, pg 3.

Prior to his death he had undergone a serious operation and had been in ill health ever since.⁶⁷ He died at *Eschcoll* in Kew, Victoria on 30 May 1926. Amongst the pall bearers at his funeral were his brother-in-law, Frank Archer McDonald, and his nephew, Edwy Finch.⁶⁸

Jane died at Kew in 1939.

EMMA McDONALD, Granddaughter

Birth:	2 Mar 1861	Place: River Leven
Baptism:	11 Nov 1861	Place: Port Sorell, C.E.
Death:	30 Apr 1942	Place: 4 Alexandra Road, Ulverstone. Age: 81
Burial:	1 May 1942	Place: Ulverstone, C.E. [Headstone]
Occupation:	Post Mistress	
Residence:	River Leven; Oatlands; Derby; Beaconsfield	
Father:	GEORGE McDONALD (1832-1875)	
Mother:	MARIA EMILY TATLOW (1836-1911)	

Informant of birth was mother, E.M. McDonald, River Leven. [RGD 1867]

Date of birth on Baptism given as 20 February 1861. [C.E. 248] Also baptism recorded in register of St Mark's C.E., Deloraine 27 October 1862 - clergyman travelled. Birth date given as 24 February 1861.

Went to New Zealand between the wars. In United Kingdom in 1936.

Died at residence of Mrs J.A. Fogg, 4 Alexandra Road, Ulverstone...3rd eldest daughter of late Mr and Mrs George M'Donald, late of "Sea View", Ulverstone...aged 81 years...Private interment, Ulverstone. [Advocate Friday 01 May 1942 p2]

Date of birth stated on headstone as 20 February 1861.

Cause of death was arteriosclerosis and cardiac failure. Dr J.A. Ferris. Informant of death was J.C. Harman, Undertaker, Ulverstone. Age given as 81 years. Daughter of the late George and Emily McDonald, of Ulverstone. [RGD 411] See Advocate 01 May 1942.

For burial see Holy Trinity Church Cemetery Register entry No. 651.

See Examiner 11 July 1942 for obituary.

Probate sworn at under £5360. Left entire estate to her sister Mary McDonald. [[AD 906/68 p942 No. 26175]

Did not marry. No known issue.

Emma, born in 1861, left school at Ulverstone in March 1876 after five and a half years there, and then went to Launceston to finish her education.⁶⁹

At the time of her mother's death in 1911 she was employed by the Postal Department at Oatlands. Prior to this she was Postmistress at Ulverstone for many years, being appointed Telegraphist and Postmistress in April 1887 following the transfer of the Post Mistress Miss Hains to Table Cape.⁷⁰

⁶⁷ Argus: Monday 31 May 1926.

⁶⁸ Argus: Monday 31 May 1926.

⁶⁹ Ulverstone State School Admission Register: Entry No. 6, 26 July 1870.

⁷⁰ Examiner: Saturday 9 April 1887 pg 1.

Both Miss Hains and her predecessor Miss Blanche Button resigned the position 'in consequence of the great amount of work at the Leven Office, no assistant being allowed'.⁷¹



The new Post and Telegraph Office, Cnr Reibey & King Edward Streets, Ulverstone. Erected in 1890. Spurling postcard

Late in December 1891 Emma met with a serious accident: a wagonette in which she was out driving with her mother, brother George, and some friends overturned when the horses got out of control going down a steep hill on the way to Gawler to visit her cousin Charles Fogg. Emma sustained severe back injuries, whilst the accident inflicted only minor injuries on the others:⁷²

A party consisting of Mrs McDonald, of Sea View, Miss E. McDonald, Miss Smith, and Messrs G. McDonald, and F.A. Finch, were on Sunday morning going to Mr C.N. Fogg's at the Gawler, in a wagonette drawn by a pair of horses, Mr McDonald driving. Going down the hill towards the Gawler, there being no breeching on the horses, and the brake not acting properly, the team got away from control, and instead of turning the angle to get to the bridge went straight on, upsetting the wagonette and inmates over the bank. Miss McDonald was rather hurt about the back, being unconscious for almost an hour after the accident, and having to be carried on a stretcher to Mr J.H. Frampton's, where Drs Sprott and McCall were soon in attendance. Mrs McDonald sustained several bruises, none of them,

⁷¹ Ibid.

⁷² Coastal News: Saturday 26 December 1891 pg 2 c4; Examiner: Tuesday 22 December 1891 pg 2.

*however, serious. Mr McDonald sprained his ankle, but Miss Smith and Mr Finch (who jumped not before the capsized) fortunately escaped injury. The vehicle was considerably damaged but the horses escaped comparatively unhurt. Fortunately where the occupants of the carriage were thrown was a clear spot. Had they gone a few yards further they would have been thrown amongst a lot of logs and stumps, when their injuries would have probably been much more severe. Yesterday morning Miss McDonald was better but was not out of danger."*⁷³

The Examiner of 23 January 1892 comments:

Miss McDonald, our Postmistress who met with such a severe accident some months back, is improving, being able to drive into the town, but as yet she has not been able to resume her duties at the Post Office.

The remuneration made to the Post Mistress at Ulverstone in 1886 was the princely sum of £100 per annum.⁷⁴ At the time of Emma's appointment the Post Mistress had to 'furnish the office, carry out all her telegrams, attend to all the complicated business of the position for the remuneration of one person'.⁷⁵

Some letters written by the McDonald girls survive in the Smith Papers held by the Archives Office of Tasmania. One letter written by Emma to Mr James *Philosopher* Smith on 19 January 1891 reveals:

*I see that the Smith & Bell mine is to be floated shortly could you let me have about fifty shares please & also let me know the terms – Mary & I are anxious to make some money to help us enjoy our trip to England! We expect to start in March – Would you advise us to hold or sell our Zeehans. I have 158 – I recd your notice tonight & will file it – please give my love to Aunt Mary & ask the girls if they wouldn't like to be coming with us! P.S. The boys might like some shares in the mine – if you will please let me know if any are to be had. E. McD.*⁷⁶

Emma made several trips 'home' to England and Scotland. On her first trip to England in 1891 she became seriously ill from congestion of the lungs whilst in London.⁷⁷

In 1906 Emma left Ulverstone to take charge of the Post Office at Perth (Tasmania). Staff members presented her with a silver-mounted hand mirror as a token of their esteem. A few days prior her friends in the Anglican congregation made a presentation of a silver afternoon tea service and tray, lamenting the loss of 'a most regular attendant of the church for many years'. Emma was for many years organist at the church.⁷⁸

⁷³ North West Post: Tuesday 22 December 1891 pg 2.

⁷⁴ Daily Telegraph: Wednesday 21 July 1886 pg 3.

⁷⁵ Examiner: Saturday 9 April 1887; North West Post: Tuesday 3 March 1891 pg 2.

⁷⁶ TAHO: NS/234/3/26. Letter No. 27/1891.

⁷⁷ Coastal News: Saturday 20 June 1891 pg 2.

⁷⁸ North West Post: Saturday 30 June 1906 pg 2.

FLORA LOUISA McDONALD, Granddaughter

Birth: 19 Dec 1862 Place: River Leven
Baptism: 27 Feb 1863 Place: Port Sorell Parish, C.E.
Death: 29 Oct 1937 Place: Residence, Sea View, West Ulverstone Age: 74
Burial: 31 Oct 1937 Place: Ulverstone Cemetery, C.E. [Headstone]
Residence: Sea View (1905) Ulverstone and East Kew (1907)
Residence: Ulverstone (1909 1912)
Occupation: None (1907) Domestic Duties (1905 1909 1912)
Father: GEORGE McDONALD (1832-1875)
Mother: MARIA EMILY TATLOW (1836-1911)

Informant of birth was father, Geo. McDonald, Inn Keeper, River Leven. [RGD 1252 and C.E. 313]

Stated she was a spinster, aged 42 years, at time of marriage. Gave present address as East Kew and usual address as Ulverstone, Tasmania. Gave parents as George McDonald, farmer, and Maria Emily Tatlow.

Witnesses to marriage were J.W. Israel [Brother-in-law] and K. McDonald [sister]. [VIC RGD Marriage Index entry No. 6512] See also North West Post 25 November 1905.

Lived in Leven district all her life. Died of myocarditis (suddenly). Informant of death was J.C. Harman, Undertaker, Ulverstone. Medical Attendant Dr L. Gollan. Age given as 74 years, and birthplace as Ulverstone. Wife of Charles Bertram Hunter, Sea View, West Ulverstone. No issue. [RGD 434]

Spouse: CHARLES BERTRAM HUNTER

Birth: 1873 Place: Dartford, Kent
Death: 7 Sep 1960 Place: District Hospital, Ulverstone Age: 87
Burial: 8 Sep 1960 Place: Ulverstone Cemetery [Headstone]
Residence: East Kew, Victoria and Ulverstone (1907 1909) Heka (1960)
Residence: Sea View, West Ulverstone (1912)
Occupation: Gentleman (1907) No occupation (1909 1912 1960)
Father: RICHARD HENRY HUNTER (ca1838-1884)
Mother: MARIA LELLIOTT (ca 1847-)

Marriage: 7 Nov 1905 Place: St John's Church, Camberwell, Victoria, C.E., by Lic.

For birth see GRO Index September Quarter 1873 2a 372.

Stated he was a gentleman, aged 32 years, at time of marriage. Gave present address as East Kew and usual address as Ulverstone, Tasmania. Stated he was born at Dartford, Kent, and his parents were Richard Henry Hunter, surgeon, and Maria Llelliott. [VIC RGD Marriage Index No. 6512]

Son of Richard Henry Hunter (surgeon) and Maria nee Llelliott. [VIC RGD] His father Richard Henry Hunter M.R.C.S. died 11 November 1884 at Isleworth, England. [The Times Thursday 13 November 1884]

Charles Hunter, 74 [sic], Dr Ferris. Admitted with pneumonia. Discharged 30 May 1950. [HSD 370/6 Ulverstone District Hospital General Case Book 7 January 1949 - 27 January 1951 Case 7045 p380]

"Died Gunn's Plains in 1950s.... Lived with Mrs Ansell who was also Mrs Hamilton...Bruce Ellis."

Cause of death senility pyrdermia. [Holy Trinity Burial Register entry No. 203]

For death and funeral notice see Advocate. Service held Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Ulverstone, followed by private interment.

Will probated at £7606. Bequests to his nieces Marjorie Wighton, Patricia Hunnisett and Margaret Pryor (all of England) of £1000 each and to Jack Ansell and Dorothy May Crawford and Bruce Hamilton, all of Heka, £500 each. The residue to his three nieces in England.

No known issue.

Obviously well-liked, Emma was the recipient of yet another presentation, two in fact, when the residents of Oatlands and the parishioners of St Peter's Church at Oatlands, made a presentation on her leaving to make another visit to England after being granted a year's leave of absence by the Federal government.⁷⁹

A card from Glencoe, the scene of the bloody McDonald Clan massacre of 1692, was sent home to her sister Louie in June 1913 and young nephew Malcolm Finch received a card from Holland in which Emma says she hopes 'to see Cousin Willie in Edinburgh!' [Emma's brother William had a horse he named *Glencoe*⁸⁰ as early as 1888, so they were aware of clan associations very early in their lives.] Who the mysterious cousin was is not known. Emma also visited New Zealand between the wars. Age didn't deter her from travelling, she was 65 when she travelled home from England to Australia with her sister Kate in 1931.

Whenever she was in ill-health towards the end of her life "Miss Emma" was cared for by Mrs Jessie Fogg (nee Wellard) and she died at *Knocknagow*,⁸¹ Ulverstone, unmarried, at the age of 81 years, on 30 April 1942, having been a Postmistress at Ulverstone, Penguin, Beaconsfield, Oatlands, and Derby.⁸²

Flora Louisa was born in 1862, and attended the State school at Ulverstone between the years 1870– 1877.⁸³ She married Charles Hunter, ten years her junior, but they had no children. They were married at St John's, Camberwell, Victoria on 7 November 1905. Charles was the only surviving son of Mr Richard Henry Hunter, a surgeon, of London. Suitably attired for her 'advanced years' (she was 44):

*The bride wore heliotrope grey silk, picture hat; and carried a white prayer book. She was given away by her brother-in-law, Mr J.W. Israel. The bridesmaid was Miss Kate McDonald (sister of the bride), who wore pink muslin, picture hat; and received a gold chain from the bridegroom. The best man was Mr Edwy Gordon Finch, nephew of the bride. The bride travelled in blue cloth trimmed with white embroideries; black and white hat with white lilac.*⁸⁴

After their marriage Flo and Charles lived at *Sea View* with Flo's mother. A typical entertainment is recorded in the North West Post of 15 January 1910:

An enjoyable party was given at "Sea View," the residence of Mrs Geo. M'Donald, on Wednesday afternoon, when her daughter, Mrs C.B. Hunter, entertained some friends and the members of the Ulverstone Girls' Friendly Society. The latter, the number of fifty, went out in two large drags. The visitors thoroughly enjoyed themselves amongst the beautiful surroundings. Tea was served on the lawn, under

⁷⁹ North West Post: Monday 21 April 1913 pg 3.

⁸⁰ North West Post: Saturday 28 January 1888 pg 2.

⁸¹ Knocknagow, 4 Alexandra Road, Ulverstone, was originally named Chestnut Villa. It was known by the latter name in the 1940s. In 1942 the house was owned by the Catholic Church and Jessie was renting the house.

⁸² Examiner: Saturday 11 July 1942 pg 6 c6.

⁸³ Ulverstone State School Admission Register: Entry No. 7 and No. 180.

⁸⁴ North West Post: Saturday 25 November 1905 pg 2.

the shade of the willows. Games of all kinds were indulged in, and some of the younger members of the party made quite a name for themselves as equestriennes.

Of all the sisters, Flo is the one who remained at home at *Sea View*, although she and Charles did let the property in 1925 with the intention of settling in Victoria.⁸⁵ However in January 1932 the six remaining sisters (Hannah having died in 1916) were together at *Sea View* for the first time in twenty years. Jane and Mary returning from Melbourne, Lou journeying down from Beaconsfield, and Emma and Kate returning to Australia from England on the *Strathnaver*; but with Kate intending to return to England early in the new year.⁸⁶

As he never had an occupation listed against his name in the Electoral Roll Charles Hunter must have been a man of private means. He certainly led a pleasant life at *Sea View*.



Photo: Daniel, Mark James: Mrs Hunter, Kate, and May at Leith, 1911. The cemetery is the Church of England "Pioneer" Cemetery at Forth.⁸⁷

⁸⁵ Weekly Courier: Tuesday 26 May 1925 pg 37.

⁸⁶ Weekly Courier: Wednesday 6 January 1932 pg 9 c3.

⁸⁷ State Library of Victoria: Daniel, Mark James: Accession no: H92.200/788.
http://search.slv.vic.gov.au/MAIN:Everything:SLV_VOYAGER1742735

Charles was a friend of Major Ronald Smith, a keen motor cyclist. In the summer of 1922 the two friends travelled to Hobart by motor cycle and sidecar to attend the Governor's farewell.

Jessie Fogg would travel over to *Sea View* to care for Flora. Her daughter Meg can remember traipsing over the paddocks to Sea View from South Road with her father when she was little. They used to do handicrafts, while they sat out on the front verandah, while Meg would search the garden for beads that they had lost, taking them home to decorate the clothes that she made for her dolls.⁸⁸

Flora died at *Sea View* on 29 October 1937 at the age of 74 years. She had breakfasted as usual and was conversing with her husband during the morning when struck by a seizure.⁸⁹

⁸⁸ Hearsay: Mrs Meg Latimore Tuesday 17 March 1981.

⁸⁹ Advocate: Saturday 30 October 1937 pg 2.

MARY McDONALD, Granddaughter

Birth: 3 Apr 1865 Place: River Leven
Death: 19 Sep 1949 Place: 38 Atkins St, Kew, Melbourne, Victoria Age: 84
Burial: 21 Sep 1949 Place: Springvale Crematorium, Victoria
Occupation: Post & Telegraph Office
Residence: Ulverstone; Launceston; Hobart; Kew, Victoria;
Father: GEORGE McDONALD (1832-1875)
Mother: MARIA EMILY TATLOW (1836-1911)

Informant of birth was father, George McDonald, Inn Keeper, River Leven. [RGD 1326] No baptism found Ulverstone and Deloraine C.E.

Visited United Kingdom 1891 and 1924. Was in Coolgardie, Western Australia in 1897.

Worked in Post Office at Launceston 1901-1907. Hobart in 1908. [North West Post 07 March 1910]

Weekly Courier 17 March 1921 p30 c1: Miss Mary McDonald, who has resided in Queensland for the past 10 years, is staying with Mr and Mrs Hunter of Sea View.

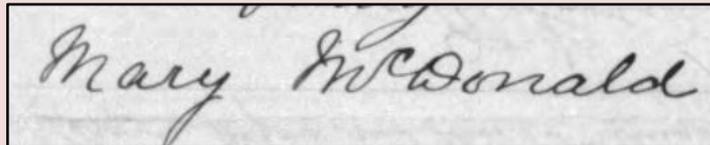
See Advocate 24 September 1949 and Examiner 29 September 1949 for death. Burial not found in Trinity Church Cemetery Register, but details included on headstone over graves of James Hingstone [sic] and Hannah Frampton.

For will see Victoria Probate Index Series 418 No. 369. Probate granted 29 November 1949.

Cause of death was cerebral haemorrhage (12 days); myocardial degeneration (18 months); and arteriosclerosis (13+ years). Informant of death was E.A. Ive, authorised agent, Cotham Road, Kew. Lived 55 years in Tasmania, 7 years in Queensland, and 22 years in Victoria. [VIC RGD Deaths Index No. 10470]

Sole beneficiary of the will of her sister Emma in 1942. [AD 960/68 p942 No. 26175]

Did not marry. No known issue.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary McDonald".

Mary, born 1865, was also employed by the Postal Department, and in 1910 was working in Hobart.⁹⁰ She obviously had an adventurous spirit as in March 1891 she visited England with her mother and sister Emma. At the time of this trip “Miss Mary Mac” as she was affectionately known, was engaged to be married, but returned to Ulverstone to find her “fiancée” married to someone else.⁹¹ She later took over at the Post Office at Ulverstone when Emma was injured in the accident in December 1891.

In October 1888 Mary and her friends and family attended a delightful and successful fancy dress ball at the Town Hall in Ulverstone:

Ulverstone was enlivened on Tuesday evening by the arrival of many vehicles from the surrounding districts, and shortly after eight o'clock muffled figures could be discerned making their way through the surrounding gloom towards the Town Hall, which was brilliantly illuminated and gaily decorated, the occasion being the first fancy dress ball, worthy of the name, held at Ulverstone. The ball was the outcome of the efforts of the members of a local dancing-class which is just winding up for the season. A committee of ladies had charge of the refreshment room, and their efforts in that direction were amply rewarded by the phenomenal way in which the good things provided were disposed of. A committee of gentlemen, under the leadership of Mr F.A. Finch (who was the M.C.) had the management of the other departments, and as not a hitch occurred to mar the harmony of the evening, they can honestly claim a fair share of praise. Dancing commenced shortly before 9 o'clock, and was kept up with spirit until about 3 o'clock on the following morning.... Among the costumes of the evening...Miss M. McDonald, as Spring, wore a handsome white embroidered dress, trimmed with bunches of bright spring flowers. Miss McDonald, as a Spanish Lady, wore a characteristic costume. Miss E. McDonald, as Moonlight, wore a dress of light blue.... Mrs C. Fogg, as a French Peasant, wore a blue skirt with a black body, with white apron and cap...Miss Warden, as Gipsy Queen, wore a very romantically got up costume, gold coins being conspicuous. Mrs Finch, as a Tambourine Girl, wore a red and white costume, with tambourine attached...Miss F. McDonald, as Huntress...Mesdames Dawson, Maxwell, Wells, McCall, Fogg, McDonald, and Misses Rosie Walker... appeared in evening dress. Among the gentlemen, Messrs F.A. Finch (M.C.) and H.G. Brown, as Commander of the Temple...J.A. Fogg, as a Working Man, C. Fogg, as Bush Squatter, J. Fogg, as Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B., ...W. McDonald, as Gentleman of 18th century.⁹²

Mary, and her sisters had a close involvement with the Church. As well as acting as choir-master at times Mary was also the church organist. She and her sisters and other close relatives were heavily involved in a variety of church matters:

I am informed that the credit of training the children of the Anglican Sunday-school who sang so sweetly and correctly on Sunday last is due to Miss Mary M'Donald, to

⁹⁰ North West Post: Monday 7 March 1910 pg 2.

⁹¹ Hearsay: Mrs Meg Latimore Tuesday 17 March 1981.

⁹² North West Post: Thursday 4 October 1888 pg 3.

*whom great credit is due for her perseverance in what must have been an arduous, not to say an uphill, task.*⁹³

In March 1897 she left Tasmania and took up a position with the Post Office at Coolgardie, Western Australia at the time of the gold rush there. The following news item appeared in the *Examiner* of 31 March 1897:—

At the Holy Trinity Church on Sunday evening last, a presentation of a purse of ten sovereigns was made by the parishioners and church wardens to Miss Mary McDonald, the organist, prior to her departure for Coolgardie, where she had been appointed to a government position in the telegraph office. The presentation was made by the Reverend J. De Coetlogon, on behalf of the congregation. In the course of his remarks he referred to the position she has filled in the church as organist for some years past, and the interest she had always taken in it. He felt sure her absence would be felt by the congregation in general. Miss M'Donald left by the afternoon train en route for Western Australia, when a number of friends assembled on the station to wish her 'bon voyage.

Mary returned to Tasmania to work at the Ulverstone Post Office but left there to work as senior attendant at the Launceston exchange from 1904 until 1907 when she embarked on a nine-month world tour.⁹⁴ She was home the next year and spent Easter at Ulverstone, revisiting the little wooden church where she again played the organ during the Easter celebrations.⁹⁵

In March 1910 she transferred from Launceston to the accounts branch of the GPO at Hobart. Around 1911 she left Tasmania and spent the next 10 years in Queensland.⁹⁶

The *Weekly Courier* reported on 25 September 1924 (pg 36 c1) that Mary was again headed for England, after holidaying several months in Victoria, and expected to be away for two years. Her sisters Flo, Louisa, and Emma travelled to Melbourne to say goodbye to their sister, who sailed to the UK from Fremantle in the steamer *Hobson's Bay*. Mary wrote home from Devonshire:

I left Melbourne Saturday, September 27, and arrived at Perth the following Wednesday morning, where I was met by Mr and Mrs L.C. Fogg, with whom I stayed until Saturday, when the steamer sailed. The first night was a bit rough, but after that the voyage was perfect, until the Atlantic, where it wasn't too pleasant for 2½ days. We were just four weeks and a day from Fremantle. At Colombo we were able to motor to Kandy, which was a treat. The roads are splendid. There was such lots of interest in driving the 72 miles; elephants bathing, cattle being washed, rice growing, also tea scrubs [sic], beautiful gardens, lunch at the hotel, and the ride back in the evening. Such numbers of native villages all the way, it was like fairyland among all the lights and fancy costumes. At Suez we had to wait for 13 ships to come through the Canal before we could enter, so were unable to see much

⁹³ Daily Telegraph: Monday 17 April 1893, pg 1

⁹⁴ North West Post: Tuesday 17 May 1904 pg 2.

⁹⁵ North West Post: Tuesday 21 April 1908 pg 2.

⁹⁶ North West Post: Monday 7 March 1921 pg 30 c1; Weekly Courier: Thursday 17 March 1921. Her death certificate states that she lived 7 years in Queensland, 22 in Victoria, and 55 years in Tasmania.

of it, as it was night time. At Port Said we were able to land and have a drive round and a peep into the shops, with their numerous bargains. My sister met me in London. We spent a busy week shopping and enjoying ourselves. I received an invitation to an at home at Australia House to meet the governor-elect of Tasmania, but was unable to accept as I was leaving for Devonshire, where my sister has been living for some years, and has recently opened a bridge and social club. The garden gate at her home opens on to the English Channel, so we are close enough to the sea.⁹⁷

A new electric organ at Holy Trinity Church, Ulverstone was dedicated on 1 March 1944 by Revd H.B. Atkinson. Mrs Finch was the only member of the family present. Mary, who presented the organ to the church was unable to be present as she was ill. Mary wished this to be a memorial to the McDonalds of Sea View, as her mother and her aunt, Mrs James Fogg, had played a prominent part in raising funds to establish the first Anglican church in Ulverstone.⁹⁸

Her last visit to her birthplace was three years before her death, when she visited Louie at Beaconsfield.⁹⁹ Mary kept in contact with her Fogg cousins and Meg Latimer (nee Fogg) stayed with her in the 1940s.¹⁰⁰ Mary died, unmarried, at Kew, Victoria on 19 September 1949.

⁹⁷ Weekly Courier: Letter from England Thursday 8 January 1925 pg 35.

⁹⁸ Advocate: Friday 3 March 1944, pg 4

⁹⁹ Advocate: Thursday 29 September 1949 pg 4.

¹⁰⁰ Hearsay: Mrs Meg Latimore Tuesday 17 March 1981.

LOUISA ELIZABETH McDONALD, Granddaughter

Birth: 28 Nov 1866 Place: River Leven
Death: 14 Dec 1946 Place: Residence, Margaret Street, Beaconsfield Age: 80
Burial: 16 Dec 1946 Place: Beaconsfield Cemetery [Headstone]
Occupation: School Teacher
Residence: River Leven (1866-1904) Beaconsfield (1907) Beauty Point
Father: GEORGE McDONALD (1832-1875)
Mother: MARIA EMILY TATLOW (1836-1911)

Informant of birth was father, George McDonald junr., Inn Keeper, River Leven. [RGD 1181]

No baptism found Ulverstone or Deloraine C.E.

Was a spinster, aged 18 years, at time of marriage. No occupation stated. Witnesses to marriage were James H. Frampton [brother-in-law], Charles N. Fogg [cousin], and W.N. McDonald [brother]. [RGD 1014 and C.E. 90] See Examiner 21 July 1885 for marriage notice. He was 33 years old, she was 18.

Teacher with husband at Ulverstone 1891-1894. [Walsh's Almanac]

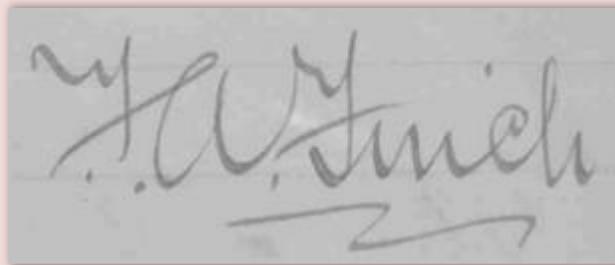
See Advocate 17 December 1946 and Examiner 16 December 1946 for death notice.

Will probated at £4315. Son Edwy Gordon Finch of Wandin Yallock, Victoria, grazier was sole executor. [AD 960/75 p666 No. 30606]

Spouse: FREDERICK AUGUSTUS FINCH

Birth: 24 Aug 1851 Place: London, England
Baptism: 2 Jul 1885 Place: Forth & Leven C.E. Age: 33
Death: 30 Aug 1935 Place: Korimiko, Beauty Point Rd, Beaconsfield Age: 84
Burial: 31 Aug 1935 Place: Beaconsfield Cemetery [Headstone]
Occupation: School Master (1885) Orchardist
Father: JAMES FINCH (1825-1899)
Mother: MARAH DICKERSON (1826-1893)
Marriage: 7 Jul 1885 Place: Holy Trinity Church, River Leven, C.E., by Lic.

Children: EDWY GORDON (1887-1972)
COLIN AUGUSTUS (Unmarried) (1896-1917)
MALCOLM McDONALD (1899-1976)

A photograph of a handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "F.A. Finch". The signature is written on a light-colored, possibly lined, paper.

Louisa Elizabeth born 1866, acted as an assistant teacher at the Ulverstone School. Her cousin Harry McDonald remembered her well, as she would often send him on errands at recess time when he would have much rather played games with his friends.¹⁰¹

When Louisa was aged 18 years, in 1885, she married 33-year-old Frederick Augustus Finch. Frederick was born in England in 1851 and spent his early life in New Zealand, settling there with his parents in 1858 at the age of seven. As a young man in New Zealand he worked as a clerk in the Civil Service and in an insurance office.¹⁰²

He came to Tasmania in 1879 in the s.s. *Ringarooma*, having left from Bluff, New Zealand on 28 November and arrived in Hobart on 2 December.¹⁰³ After a short time in Hobart he tried his hand prospecting for tin on the East Coast but did not meet with success.

Louisa's marriage was reported in the *Examiner* on Saturday 11 July 1885 and made a pleasant change from the usual political notes and comments on the weather:

I may be pardoned if I allude to a happy event which took place last Tuesday in the form of a wedding, in which our school conductor, Mr Finch, and Miss Louisa McDonald formerly a monitress in the same establishment, were principally interested. The ceremony was performed in the Anglican Church by the Reverend Mr Champion, in presence of numerous witnesses, in fact, the building was crowded. At the conclusion the happy pair were greeted abundantly with all the customary tokens of goodwill.

Frederick was appointed to the Ulverstone School as Head Teacher, in March 1880, after having been examined by the Board of Education and found to be qualified. His salary was £54 per annum. At the time of his appointment the Chief Inspector noted:

*He is very well recommended and appears to give promise of usefulness as a teacher, but being without experience is only eligible for a small rural school.*¹⁰⁴

Five years on the *Examiner* reported that, 'the district is fortunate in having a conductor who is well qualified for the position... [he is] a fair disciplinarian, and renders the juveniles amenable to order'.¹⁰⁵

In 1882 the Government authorised the erection of a new school. The original school added to, then became the residence for the teacher. Around 1924 it was removed to Victoria Street.¹⁰⁶

Louisa and Frederick took an active part in local activities. Louisa enjoyed her involvement with the horticultural side of things, entering the florist sections of the annual Chrysanthemum Show on many occasions with her Aunt Maria Fogg.

¹⁰¹ Hearsay: Late Harry McDonald; F.B. Manning's *Tasmanian Directory 1881-82* pg 364.

¹⁰² TAHO: Correspondence, Education Dept file reference not stated.

¹⁰³ Mercury: 2 December 1879 pg 2; *Cyclopedia of Tasmania* [nd], pg 275 c2.

¹⁰⁴ TAHO: ED 238; ED 2/5 File 658.

¹⁰⁵ Examiner: Saturday 31 January 1885 Supplement pg 1.

¹⁰⁶ Advocate: Ulverstone State School, Some Early History by H.A. Nicholls., Monday 29 December 1924 pg 8.

In 1892 Frederick held a position on the executive of the Ulverstone Farmers Club and was vice president of the Ulverstone Dramatic Society.¹⁰⁷ He was founder secretary of the Ulverstone

Orchestral Society formed in June 1898.¹⁰⁸ He played the violin himself and often performed at local concerts. In 1897 an advertisement for the Ulverstone Grammar School, conducted by Mr G.A. Gurney, offered Frederick's services as a teacher of the violin.¹⁰⁹ He also took part in local theatrical productions.



Photo left: Frederick and Louisa in the garden at Sea View.

For over twenty years Frederick conducted the school until the authorities contrived his removal in 1904. The Inspector of Schools, Mr Brockett, was convinced that a change in the management of

Ulverstone was in the best interests of both the school and Mr Finch'. The school had out grown him; his outmoded methods caused concerned parents to send their children to the Convent with a resulting decrease in school fees.¹¹⁰

Frederick controlled the school for 24 years, a record up to that time. The Board tried to have him removed in 1902 but weren't able to overcome his objections until 1904 when he was transferred to St Marys after living 24 years in Ulverstone. The usual presentations were made: 'a handsome inkstand' for Frederick, a 'pair of silver salt cellars and spoons' for Louisa who was

¹⁰⁷ Examiner: Saturday 16 January 1892; Saturday 27 February 1892.

¹⁰⁸ North West Post: Saturday 9 April 1904, pg 2 c5.

¹⁰⁹ North West Post: Saturday 13 February 1897.

¹¹⁰ TAHO: ED 2/5 File 658. See also ED 45/47 and ED 238.

still teaching at the school. The congregation of Holy Trinity Church presented Frederick with a purse of sovereigns in appreciation of his long association with the church and choir.¹¹¹

In 1907 Louie was living at *Koromiko*, Beaconsfield with the children and running an apple orchard there while Frederick taught at St Marys until 1908. At the end of 1908 he was sent to Beauty Point where he remained until 1921, his appointment lapsing due to his age (he was 70 years of age).¹¹²

Meanwhile, Frederick was heavily involved in the orchard, and both he and Louie were also supporting the church at Beaconsfield and involving themselves in the social activities of the town. Both were exhibitors at the local Beaconsfield Show. Family visited on many occasions and they also spent time at *Sea View*:

Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Finch, of Beaconsfield, accompanied by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Finch, of Melbourne, are spending a holiday at Ulverstone, and are staying with Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Hunter, "Seaview." Mr. Finch, sen., will be remembered by hundred locally, as in 1880 he was appointed to the charge of the local State school, where he remained as head teacher until 1904, when he left the district. Thus dozens of residents received their education under the direction of Mr. Finch, and during the past few days he has renewed very many old acquaintances. Yesterday morning he visited the school and was greatly struck by the spacious accommodation, the very modern desks and conveniences for instructing the children, the lofty rooms and the general appearance of the school premises, which spoke volumes for the care by the staff and by the Education Department. Mr. Finch was able to revisit the old school building in which he taught, as it is still occupied by a couple of classes.¹¹³

With the onset of the Great War Frederick and Louisa suffered the loss of their middle son, Colin:

The news that Sapper Colin A. Finch was killed in action in France, on September 20, was conveyed to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F.A. Finch, of "Koromiko," Beaconsfield, by the Rev. Mr. Harrison. Sapper C.A. Finch was educated at Trinity Grammar School Kew, Melbourne, and entered the service of the Royal Bank, Melbourne. Wishing to join his parents in orcharding, he left the bank, and determined to go through a course of study at the State Agricultural Farm. From there he enlisted, and after six months' training, was sent to Egypt, whence he was invalided home to England. Later, at his earnest request, he was sent to France, where he made the supreme sacrifice.¹¹⁴

Frederick died 30 August 1935 at Beaconsfield:

¹¹¹ North West Post: Saturday 9 April 1904, pg 2 c5; Advocate: Saturday 2 April 1904 pg 2.

¹¹² TAHO: Ed 238.

¹¹³ Advocate: Saturday 30 April 1927 pg 4.

¹¹⁴ Examiner: Saturday 13 October 1917 pg 4.

Mr. Frederick Augustus Finch died at his residence, Krometio [sic], Beauty Point Road, on Friday morning, at the age of 84 years. Mr. Finch was a well known and highly respected resident of the district, and he had resided at Beauty Point for the past 28 years. He had been in ill-health for the past three years. He was the second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Finch. At the age of seven years, with his parents, he sailed from England to New Zealand on the sailing vessel Mariner, the voyage taking six months. The family settled in New Zealand in 1858. In 1880 Mr. Finch came to Ulverstone, Tasmania, and was head teacher at the State School at Ulverstone for 25 years. He married Louisa Elizabeth, the sixth daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. McDonald, of West Ulverstone [sic]. Mr. Finch was also head teacher at St. Marys and Beauty Point State Schools

On his retirement from the Education Department he was actively engaged in orcharding, and settled on his property, near Beauty Point. Music was Mr. Finch's chief recreation. He was a talented violinist, and also played the viola, and formed several orchestras in districts in which he resided. For a number of years he was a member of the Holy Trinity Church choir, Beaconsfield...¹¹⁵

There were three children: sons, Edwy, Colin, and Malcolm.

For the first time I have found that, like her unmarried sisters, Louisa also liked to travel:

Mrs. L. E. Finch, with her sister, Miss [Emma] McDonald, arrived back from a tour in England and Europe, by the S.S. Orion.¹¹⁶ After spending a few days with her son at Werribee and sisters, Mrs Israel and Miss Mary McDonald at the home of Mrs. Israel, East Kew, Victoria (where her sister is remaining for some time before coming to Tasmania) Mrs. Finch returned to her home at Koromiko, Beauty Point Road. Mrs. Finch spent three weeks with her sister in Devonshire, and from there they visited the beautiful seaside place, Bournemouth. They went on to Interlaken, in Switzerland, in which lovely country they spent a very enjoyable month. Returning to Paris, they visited the War Memorial at Villers Bretonnaux. They failed to find any familiar names on the lists of the different battalions. Mrs. Finch's son's name is on Menin Gate. Next day, with a large party from their hotel, they visited Versailles. Leaving her sister in Paris, Mrs. Finch went via train to St. Malo, and from there by steamer to Jersey, in the Channel Islands, and spent ten days there with old friends from Tasmania, Mr. and Mrs. Hobley. Mr. Hobley was the chief engineer in the Tasmania mine, in Beaconsfield. To show the keeping quality of Sturmer apples, Mrs. Finch took some, that had been with her on her travels, up to Mr. and Mrs. Hobley. The apples were still sound and good flavoured, though only put in the ship's cool chamber after leaving Fremantle. Some Josephines and Comice pears also carried and kept remarkably well. Returning to London from Jersey, Mrs. Finch had her first experience of flying, and enjoyed it. Oxford was the next place visited, at the invitation of some friends made on the steamer Orford. As the students

¹¹⁵ The Mercury: Tuesday 3 September 1935 pg 10.

¹¹⁶ Findmypast: Passenger lists leaving UK 1890-1960: Louisa left London on 10 October 1938. She was 71 years of age.

were on vacation, only the dining halls of the universities could be seen, but the magnificent cathedral churches and chapels were all open to tourists. The excursions by steamer on the Thames, passing the college barges and through the Iffley Lock, the magnificent reflections and scenery, all combined to make most enjoyable outings. Next, came Glasgow and its wonderful exhibition. The Australian pavilion was very representative and well patronised, and should result in good business. The opals attracted much attention, and the apples sold in 6d packets of 1lb. (Democrats and Granny Smiths) were in very good condition, and had good flavour. There was a keen demand for other products—bacon cured in Glasgow, sliced and wrapped in 6d packets, had a great sale. Another country had a very fine display of minerals, those of chrome and asbestos being mentioned as much in demand at a high price. Dunoon, a very beautiful summer resort, reached by a short train journey from Glasgow, and across the Clyde, was next visited, and proved most enjoyable, with its lovely scenery, motor and river trips, one of the latter being up the Clyde, where the giant liner Queen Elizabeth was seen ready for launching. Birmingham was next visited, where members of the hotel staff were being fitted for their gas masks, and the dread of war was great. The greatest thrill of the tour was through the courtesy of the Agent-General, who presented Mrs. Finch and Miss McDonald with tickets that enabled them to be present in the House of Commons when the vote on the Prime Minister's Peace Treaty was discussed. Mrs. Finch is glad to be back in her quiet home on Beauty Point. ”¹¹⁷

I wonder if they arrived in England in time to meet Kit for the last time? No mention of her death is made. Perhaps they were only in time to deal with the probate of her estate. How poignant a moment it must have been for this mother to see the memorial to her soldier son who died at Ypres. What a bold old lady she must have been!

¹¹⁷ Examiner: Wednesday 30 November 1938 p3 Women's Supplement

GEORGE EDWARD McDONALD, Grandson

Birth: 13 Nov 1868 Place: River Leven
Baptism: 10 Jan 1869 Place: Forth & Leven C.E.
Death: 31 Aug 1956 Place: Nambour Hospital, Queensland Age: 87
Burial: 3 Sep 1956 Place: Townsville Cemetery, Queensland, C.E.
Occupation: Farmer (1901 1903 1907) Sugar Cane Farmer
Residence: Melbourne; Armidale, Vic.; Sea View, River Leven (1903)
Queensland (1908-1956)
Father: GEORGE McDONALD (1832-1875)
Mother: MARIA EMILY TATLOW (1836-1911)

Named George McDonald at birth. Informant of birth was George McDonald junr, Inn Keeper, River Leven. [RGD 1424 Port Sorell.]

Attended Horton College January 1884-1885, aged 15 years. See NS 588/1 No. 636.

Baptised George Edward McDonald.

Member of Mistletoe Lodge, Latrobe Bank Clerk, aged 20, single, of Ulverstone. [ML 3/5/1889]

Living William Street, Melbourne at time of marriage. Witnesses to marriage were Mabel Tatlow and W.E. Tatlow. [VIC RGD 6138]

1899 Cottage, Ulverstone, Free Hold. [ER]

"A Petition for the liquidation of the affairs of G.E. McDonald, of Ulverstone, farmer, has been filed. The liabilities have been stated at £370." [North West Post 17 December 1904] Left Tas. for Qld November/December 1908.

Had a cane farm at Home Hill, near Ayr, Queensland. Later farmed by sons Colin and Owen. Farmed at Cooroy then had a cotton farm at Rockhampton. Later he farmed near Townsville. [Mrs Jean Boden 23 Jan 2000]

"Deaths. McDonald, George Edward, late of 6 Armstrong Street, Hermit Park, Townsville. - Passed peacefully away at Nambour District Hospital on 31 August 1956." [Courier Mail, Saturday 1 September 1956 p19]

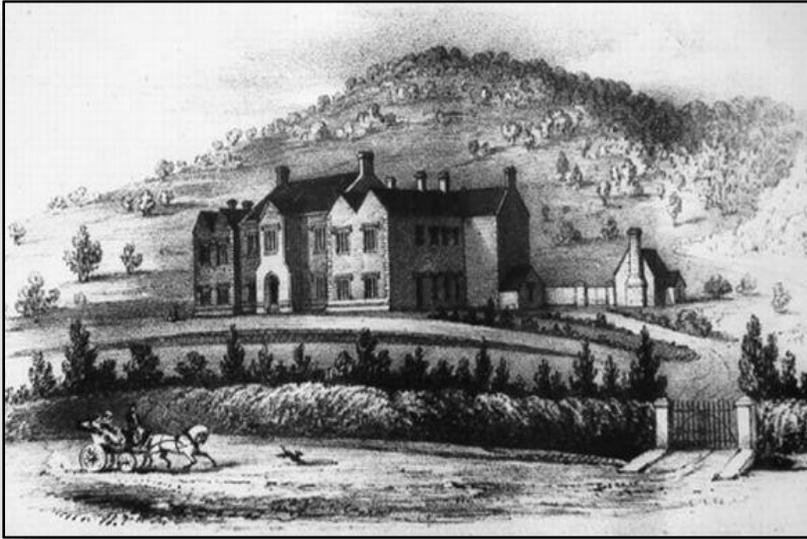
Cause of death Myocardial failure. Cerebral degeneration. Senility. Dr A.W. Eklund. [QLD RGD 8082]

Spouse: KATE SMITH

Birth: 8 Jan 1871 Place: Shepparton, Victoria
Death: 16 Jul 1951 Place: Townsville, Queensland Age: 80
Occupation: Domestic duties
Father: Dr JAMES SMITH (ca1826-1884)
Mother: MARGARET GRANT (ca1830-1920)
Marriage: 1 Nov 1892 Place: St Matthew's Church, Prahran, Victoria, C.E., by Lic.

Children: HUBERT ROY [Roy] (1893-)
DORIS MABEL (1894-1980)
GEORGE IRVING (1897-1991)
KATHLEEN MARY (1899-1995)
HECTOR LEIGH (1901-1976)
RONALD JAMES (1903-1951)
JEAN (1905-2000)
KENNETH WILLIAM (1907-)
NEIL LAWRENCE [Peter] (1909-1992)
OWEN ARCHER (1912-1992)
COLIN MUNRO (1914-1984)

George baptised George Edward on 10 January 1869) was born at Ulverstone in 1868 and left the local school at the end of 1883 to further his education at Horton College, Ross.¹¹⁸ At the age of twenty he was employed by the local bank, but gave this up to take up farming.¹¹⁹



In the early 1890s he was farming the family property at *Sea View*. As a fancier and breeder of purebred Berkshire pigs he imported several champion animals from the mainland, and in 1891 went into the business of producing bacon on a large scale.

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His efforts in getting the land into production were looked upon somewhat sceptically by onlookers, as the sandy soil of the paddocks near the main road was not considered to be worth the bother. But George obviously thought it worth the effort as he carted stable manure and kelp preparatory to planting potatoes.¹²⁰

George married Kate Smith of Windsor, Victoria at Prahran on 1 November 1892. Kate was the daughter of a medical man, Dr James Smith, and Margaret, nee Grant. Dr Smith was born in Dundee Scotland circa 1826 and graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow, in April 1852. He came to Tasmania in the *Broomielaw* (1857), acting as Ship's Surgeon for the voyage.¹²¹

His time in the colonies was divided between Victoria and Tasmania. While in Tasmania he lived and practiced at Stanley where he was famed for his skill in the field of obstetrics.

Dr Smith had two daughters, Mabel and Kate. Mabel married one of George's cousins, Walter Edward Tatlow, and it is probably this family connection which eventually led to the marriage of George and Kate.¹²²

¹¹⁸ TAHO: NS58/1 Records of Horton College; Ulverstone State School Admission Register No. 328.

¹¹⁹ Records of the Mistletoe Lodge, Latrobe Friday 3 May 1889.

¹²⁰ Coastal News: Saturday 9 May 1891; North West Post: Thursday 25 June 1891.

¹²¹ TAHO: CB7/12/12 p115 Arrival of the *Broomielaw* April 1857.

¹²² North West Post: Tuesday 21 June 1892. Also, hearsay: Mrs M. Flack, a descendant of Walter Tatlow.

George Edward's prospects had taken a bad turn when a petition for the liquidation of his affairs was filed in 1904. Liabilities were stated at £370.¹²³

George McDonald left Tasmania with his wife and eight young children to live in Queensland late in 1908. He had purchased land 80 miles north of Brisbane.¹²⁴

A news item¹²⁵ in the *Advocate* mentions George as a cotton grower in Queensland:—

Interest in cotton growing is increased by the exhibition of a sample in the window of Mr. A. S. Lakin's shop, which was grown, by Mr. G. E. McDonald on his property in Queensland. Mr. McDonald is known to many Ulverstone residents, having been a member of the staff of a local bank (then the Commercial of Tasmania some years ago.

The death occurred in the early hours, July 16, of Mrs. Kate McDonald, at her residence, No. 6 Armstrong Street, Hermit Park. She was in her 81st. year. The late Mrs. McDonald was born near Shepparton, Victoria, and was the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. Smith, who were connected with the Henty Brothers, the first direct white settlers in Australia. At an early age, her parents took up residence in Tasmania for some years. After marriage in Melbourne in 1890 to Mr. G. E. McDonald, the couple settled in the Riverina district of New South Wales, later returning to Ulverstone, Tasmania. In 1908, the McDonald family came to Queensland to reside at Cooroy, later to live at Murgon, where, during the first World War, Mrs. McDonald became an energetic supporter of welfare activities, being President of the Red Cross Society. After residing at South Yaamba, near Rockhampton for some years, the family became interested in the sugar cane industry, residing for some years near Mackay and later at Home Hill, finally retiring in Townsville in 1939. On November 1, 1950, Mr. and Mrs. McDonald celebrated their diamond wedding. The late Mrs. McDonald was of a retiring disposition, devoting herself to her husband and family. She is survived by seven sons, Roy, of Brisbane, George, of Mackay, Hector of Cairns, Ken and Owen, of Home Hill, Neil and Colin, Townsville, three daughters, Mesdames C. F. Moulard, Home Hill, V. J. Milroy, Rockhampton, C. H. Boden, Georgetown, 19 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. One son, Ronald, predeceased her on June 28 of this year.¹²⁶

George died at Nambour in 1956 and his occupation was given as retired Cane farmer. Three children were born in Queensland.

Young Malcolm Finch collected postcards and his aunts and uncles and cousins, delighting in this novel form of letter writing, filled his albums to overflowing. The messages are now without meaning but the scenes of seventy or eighty years ago are still full of interest.

¹²³ North West Post: Monday 17 October 1904 pg 3.

¹²⁴ North West Post: Monday 23 November 1908 pg 3 c1.

¹²⁵ Advocate, Thursday 22 November 1923 pg 4.

¹²⁶ Townsville Daily Bulletin: Friday 27 July 1951, pg 2.

On one such card (below) George's eldest daughter, Doris, describes a Vice-Regal visit at Cooroy to her cousin as follows:



Sir T. Gibson Carmichael, [Governor of Victoria] Lady Dudley, [wife of the Governor- General] and Lady Carmichael holding Ken's hand then Jean Myself and missing two comes Kathleen. George's cap just visible over Lady C's right shoulder. Mother and Mrs Tullarton (a neighbour of ours and friend of mother's from Scotland) in background). Hec and Ron amongst the ruck. Dad and I am still in charge. getting on famously with household work. Love & kisses Doris.

The following appeared in the press:

The Countess of Dudley accompanied by Sir Thos. Gibson-Carmichael (Governor of Victoria), Lady Carmichael, Mrs. Hore-Ruthven, and Captains Boyle and Gilliat, A's.D. C., arrived by the noon train to-day (our Cooroy correspondent advised last night) No notice of their visit was received till this morning, but notwithstanding a large number of residents attended to give them a welcome, and Messrs. Bolton (head teacher) Livingston, and Boden (president and secretary of the School Board Committee) had the children ranged up on the station platform to give the party a hearty welcome. Little Miss M'Donald presented her Ladyship with a bouquet of flowers. After con-versing with several of the children, three cheers were called for her Ladyship and Sir T. Gibson-Carmichael, and three for the rest of the party. The party then fraternised with the residents, and made themselves quite at home with several "bullockies," who happened to be in with their teams loaded with pine logs. Her Ladyship had quite a long chat with Bullocky Stirling, who gave a most graphic account of the work, Lady Dudley asking questions in quite colonial fashion. Two coaches from Tewanin—Mr. Tait's mail coach and Mr. Stedford's buckboard—were commissioned to take the party for a trip along the new Tewanin road, so that the

visitors could see the phase of life the selectors of this part of the country have to meet with in their endeavour to carve out a home for them-selves. Mr. Carroll (station-master), with his assistant (Mr. Grant) decorated the station with fern, fronds and palms. The vice-regal party left on the return journey by the 3 p.m. train. Lady Dudley ex-pressed a wish to again visit the locality, and said she had very much enjoyed the trip. Three hearty cheers were given as the train moved off.¹²⁷

¹²⁷ Brisbane Courier: Wednesday 4 August 1909, pg 4.

FRANK ARCHER McDONALD, Grandson

Birth: 25 Mar 1871 Place: River Leven
Baptism: 26 Mar 1871 Place: Forth & Leven C.E.
Death: 5 Aug 1941 Place: Residence, Sea View, West Ulverstone Age: 70
Burial: 6 Aug 1941 Place: Ulverstone Cemetery [Headstone]
Occupation: Customs Clerk (1898) Commonwealth Civil Servant (1904)
Residence: River Leven; Hobart (1898) Risdon Road, Hobart (1904 1907)
Father: GEORGE McDONALD (1832-1875)
Mother: MARIA EMILY TATLOW (1836-1911)

Informant of birth was father, George McDonald, Inn Keeper, Leven. Mother was Maria Emily McDonald, formerly Tatlow. [RGD 1342] Date of birth on Baptism was given as 25 February 1871. [C.E. p18] Name at baptism appears to be Frank Anthony. [C.E. 72]

Witnesses to marriage to Annie Wilkins were John Richards Noake and William Nevin Tatlow Hurst [cousin]. [RGD 944]

On second marriage he stated he was a Commonwealth Civil Servant, aged 33 years. Gave his birthplace as Ulverstone and his address as Risdon Road, Hobart. Parents given as George Edward McDonald, deceased, and Maria Emily McDonald. Witnesses to this marriage were W.N. Hurst and LE. Hurst. [Marriage Register entry No. 117]

Cause of death was cerebral haemorrhage. Informant of death was J.C. Harman, Undertaker, Ulverstone. See Advocate 6 August 1941 for death notice. For burial see Trinity Church Cemetery Register entry No. 636. Private funeral. See Examiner 15 August 1941 for obituary.

Spouse 1: ANNIE EDITH WILKINS

Birth: 6 Feb 1875 Place: Launceston
Baptism: 25 Mar 1875 Place: Holy Trinity Church, Launceston, C.E.
Death: 26 Jul 1898 Place: Mia Mia, Mona St, Battery Point, Hobart Age: 23
Burial: 27 Jul 1898 Place: Ulverstone C.E. [Headstone]
Occupation: Domestic Duties (1897) Wife of Customs Clerk (1898)
Father: DANIEL WILKINS
Mother: ANN RICHARDS
Marriage: 20 Oct 1897 Place: Holy Trinity Church, River Leven, C.E., by Lic.

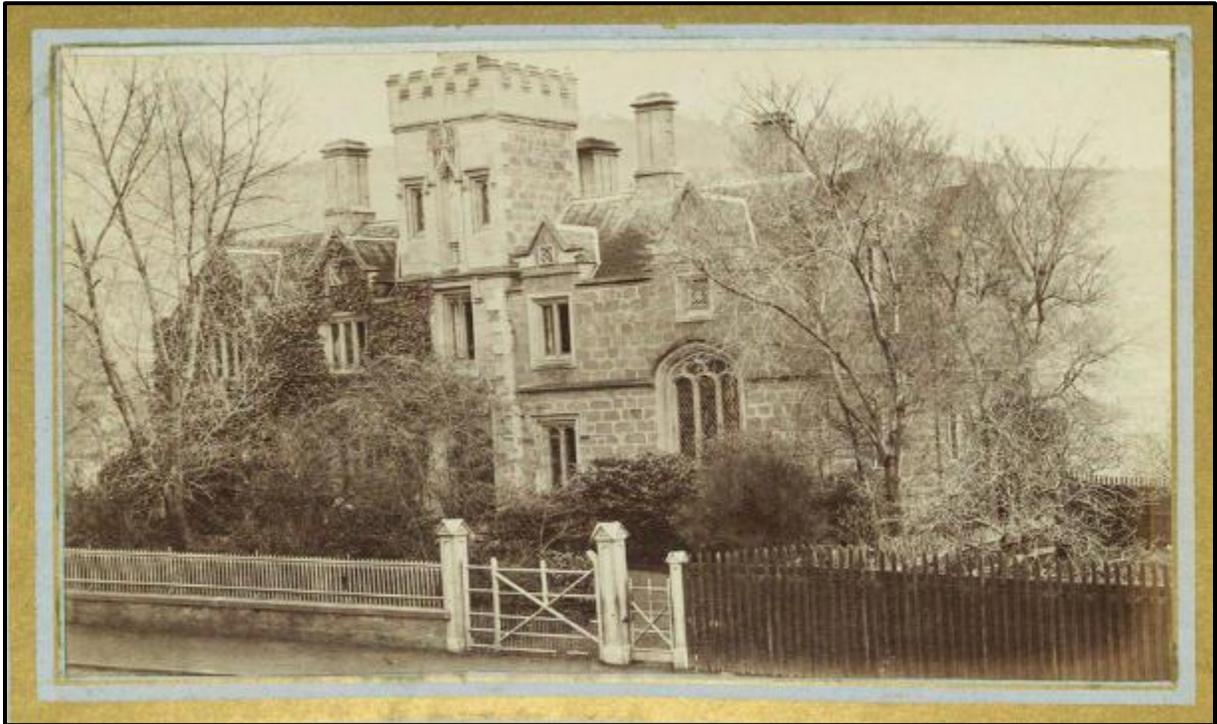
Children: UNNAMED FEMALE (Died as Infant) (1898-1898)

Spouse 2: VICTORIA MARGARET [Margaret] DONOVAN

Birth: ca1874 Place: Wattle Hill, Sorell District
Death: 26 Apr 1944 Place: 40 Newham Grove, Carnegie, Victoria Age: 70
Burial: 27 Apr 1944 Place: Springvale Crematorium, Victoria
Occupation: Cashier (1904) Home Duties (1944)
Father: EDWARD DONOVAN
Mother: HONORA MULLANE
Marriage: 16 Mar 1904 Place: St George's Church, Battery Point, C.E., by Lic

Children: GWENETH MARGARET (Twin, died as an infant) (1904-1905)
MARGARET EMILY (Twin) (1904-1958)
CONSTANCE [Connie] EILEEN (1907-1998)
ALAN (1909-1978)
FRANK LEVIN (1911-1994)

Frank Archer, the youngest of the three sons of George and Maria Emily McDonald was born at Ulverstone in 1871. After completing his schooling at Ulverstone he spent some time at Hutchins School, Hobart from July 1886.¹²⁸



Hutchins School 1880.¹²⁹

As a young man of 16, Frank joined the Public Service in Hobart, starting out in Treasury, a decision no doubt influenced by his brother-in-law John Israel. He was later a Statistical Clerk in the Customs Department and then transferred to the Audit Department where John Israel was carving out an illustrious career.

Having lived all his life near a river and then engaging in a profession strongly linked to ships and the sea, it is little wonder that Frank showed great prowess as an oarsman, becoming a member of the Derwent Rowing Club.

He was a member of the successful southern eight at the Hobart Regattas of 1893 and 1898. He won the Maiden Sculls in 1892 and the Alexandra Sculls in 1892, 1896, and 1897.

Frank was awarded the Royal Humane Society Bronze Medal for saving 15-year-old John Bennett of Sandy Bay from drowning in the Derwent River on 16 December 1893. Frank, who had been sculling on the river, jumped from his boat and supported the lad, who had been thrown into the water from a capsized yacht, until picked up by the crew of a steam launch which had

¹²⁸ TAHO: NS36 p120 Hutchins School Registers; Ulverstone State School Admission Register entry No. 332.

¹²⁹ Libraries Tasmania Online Collection: LPIC13/1/59 Photograph Album Anson Bros. photographers

come to rescue the party. The medal was bequeathed to his eldest surviving son in his will dated 17 March 1926.¹³⁰

Frank married twice. His first marriage, as a 26-year-old, was in 1897. The *Examiner* reported:

A very pleasing ceremony was performed in the Holy Trinity Church at 11 o'clock on Wednesday morning [20 October] when Miss Annie Wilkins step-daughter of Captain W. Noake of this town was united in matrimony to Mr Frank McDonald youngest son of Mrs M.E. McDonald of Sea View, Ulverstone. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend De Coetlogon. The church which was decorated with ferns and flowers of all description was filled to excess, many being unable to gain admittance. The bride, who was dressed in a white silk dress with the usual orange blossom looked charming and was given away by her brother Captain J.R. Noake.

*Misses Findlay and Kate McDonald acted as bridesmaids. Mr Drake from Hobart, acted as best man. The large number of people who were there to witness the ceremony was no doubt accounted for by the great interest which the bride has taken in church matters, and she will be greatly missed in the district. The bridegroom is also well known in Hobart where he is employed in the Customs Department. He is also a leading member in aquatic circles in that city, where he is captain of the Rowing Club. The couple left in the afternoon train for Hobart, when a large number of friends assembled on the station to see them off.*¹³¹

The North West Post [23 October] adds:

The bride looked charming in an exquisitely made white silk dress with rucked sleeves trimmed with white chiffon, and moiré sash with orange blossom...After the wedding breakfast, to which about twenty sat down, the happy couple left for Hobart by the midday train, the bride's travelling dress consisting of navy-blue coat and skirt with cream silk vest a la mode and white sailor hat...

Within twelve months the following newspaper notices made melancholy reading: first the birth and death of a daughter—

On the 17th July [1898] at Mia Mia, Mona Street, Battery Point, Hobart the wife of F.A. McDonald of a daughter, stillborn...

Then the agonising death of a much-loved wife from the effects of a gastric ulcer, peritonitis, and a premature confinement:

On July 26th, 1898 at her late residence Mia Mia, Battery Point, Annie Edith the beloved wife of F.A. McDonald and youngest daughter of Mrs Noake of Ulverstone. Aged 23 years...Quite a gloom was cast over the town this morning when it became

¹³⁰ Royal Humane Society: *Annual Report* Case 1332 1894.; *Examiner*: Wednesday 27 January 1892; *Advocate*: Thursday 15 August 1941.

¹³¹ *Examiner*: Saturday 23 October 1897.

*known that Mrs Frank McDonald of Hobart, formerly a resident of this town had breathed her last...*¹³²

The flags on the shipping were all half-masted. It must have been a sad scene as the family congregated at the Ulverstone Cemetery for the funeral of Annie.

Frank married a second time at Hobart in 1904 at St George's, Battery Point, the Mariners Church, an appropriate choice for a Customs man. There were two sons and two daughters from this marriage by his wife Margaret Donovan.¹³³ The eldest children were twin daughters born at the end of 1904.

In 1926 Frank was living at Black Rock in Victoria and worked in the Victorian Civil Service. After retiring about 1930, Frank returned to his old home, *Sea View*.

His youngest son was a member of the first contingent of the A.I.F. to leave Australia during World War II.¹³⁴

Frank died at *Sea View* in 1941. His widow, Margaret, died on 26 April 1944 at the home of their daughter, Mrs Rowe, Ormond Victoria.¹³⁵

¹³² Examiner: Thursday 28 July 1898; North West Post: 28 and 30 July 1898.

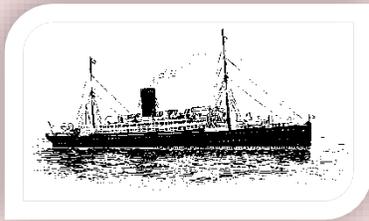
¹³³ Advocate: Wednesday 3 May 1944.

¹³⁴ Advocate: Friday 15 August 1941.

¹³⁵ Ibid.

KATE MARIA McDONALD, Granddaughter

Birth:	27 Jan 1873	Place: River Leven
Baptism:	7 Apr 1873	Place: Forth & Leven, C.E.
Death:	18 Mar 1938	Place: Halsdown House, Exmouth, Devonshire, England, Age: 65
Residence:	Ulverstone, Tasmania; Devon, England (1936)	
Father:	GEORGE McDONALD (1832-1875)	
Mother:	MARIA EMILY TATLOW (1836-1911)	



Informant of birth was father, George McDonald, Licensed Victualler, Leven. [RGD 1365]

Will:

'Kate McDonald of Rock Mansions Budleigh, Salterton Devonshire spinster died 18 March 1938 at Halsdown House Exmouth Devonshire Administration Exeter 17 June to Emma McDonald spinster £800/18/6.' [Probate Index]

The Administration refers to 'Emma McDonald of Rock Mansions, Budleigh, Salterton as a spinster, the lawful sister of

the whole blood and one of the persons entitled to share in the estate of the said intestate.' It would be a great coincidence if this was not this Kate McDonald.

Death found in GRO Index March Quarter 1938 Devon Central 5b 54. Age given as 65 years which coincides with birth year of 1873.

Check Advocate April 1938 - there is something published but I do not know the exact date.

Did not marry. No known issue.

Kate Maria, born at River Leven in 1873, was the youngest child. She was two years and ten months old when her father died in 1878. Educated at a private school until the age of nine, she was enrolled at the state school in April 1882 where she continued to sixth grade in 1887.¹³⁶

Little more is known about her excepting that she won a prize for a painting in oils (a still life of fruit and flowers) at the Leven Exhibition in September 1897.¹³⁷

Kit was living in England in 1924 and up until at least 1936 when her brother William died. In 1931 she returned home briefly with her sister Emma, travelling on the *Strathnaver*, leaving London on 30 September, and all six sisters gathered at *Sea View*, together for the first time in twenty years.¹³⁸ Kate returned to her home in the south of Devon where she was joined by her sister Emma, and died there in 1938.¹³⁹

¹³⁶ Ulverstone State School Admission Register: Entry No. 392.

¹³⁷ Examiner: Friday 17 September 1897; North West Post: Thursday 16 September 1897.

¹³⁸ Advocate: Thursday 31 December 1931.

¹³⁹ <https://www.gov.uk/search-will-probate>: Probate Index 1938.