

## *Descendants of Charles Johnston*

### *Charles was youngest child of James Johnston and Mary Duncan*

*I have deliberately excluded the names of family members who are alive today and whose privacy would be compromised by being named on a public website.*

*You know who you are and you know that the writer of these notes treasures each and every one of you.*

1. CHARLES<sup>5</sup> JOHNSTON (*JAMES WILLIAM<sup>4</sup>, JOHN<sup>3</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>2</sup>, WILLIAM<sup>1</sup>*) was born 7 February 1860 in St Cyrus, near Montrose, Scotland, and died 2 April 1931 in Tillisole, Kinnaird, Farnell, near Montrose, Scotland. He married MARGARET ANN FOTHERINGHAM 6 December 1889 in St Cyrus Parish Church, near Montrose, Scotland, daughter of WILLIAM CARNEGIE and HELEN FOTHERINGHAM. She was born 24 May 1862 in Inverbervie, Angus, Scotland, and died 5 November 1923 in Balwylo, Bridge of Dun, near Montrose, Scotland.

More About CHARLES JOHNSTON: Also known as Chae or Charlie.

Occupation 1: 1889, Salmon Fisher at St Cyrus.

Residence: 1901, Dam Cottage, Balwylo, Dun, Near Montrose.

Occupation 2: 1906, Gardener/Gamekeeper at Balwylo which was part of the House of Dun Estate near Montrose which is now a National Trust property.

Occupation 3: 1924 to 1931, Rabbit Trapper on the Kinnaird Estate near Montrose which neighbours the House of Dun Estate. Having worked on the House of Dun Estate for 20 odd years he found himself out of a job and homeless at the end of 1923 when a new estate manager came to power. Despite the fact his darling wife had just died and he had nowhere to go plus three children still fairly dependent upon him, he was told to be out of his cottage by Christmas 1923. Because of the high regard in which he was held locally, the gamekeeper at Kinnaird Estate, Mr Findlay I believe, made a particular plea to the Earl of Southesk and Charles was offered the cottage at Tillysole with the job of rabbit trapper. At some point in the next few years he was given the honour of opening the gates at Kinnaird when King George V and Queen Mary came to visit.

Charles was a man of enormous integrity, very humble and always willing to give credit to others. His favourite phrases included, "It's very nice to be important but more important to be nice." He believed that there is "aye a muckle slipperly stane at ilka buddies door". In other words don't gloat about your neighbour's downfall as there will be a big stone your family will fall over. Those of you descended from Johnston stock will raise a smile at the fact he believed "a good nose can save a face". This particularly applied when he was accidentally shot in the face during a grouse shoot and when for reasons unrecorded he fell flat on his face, probably in the company of his stepfather in law William Moug who was a huge friend.

More About MARGARET ANN FOTHERINGHAM (or CARNEGIE)

Her father being called Carnegie she was entitled to be called by either name. Usually she was known by FOTHERINGHAM. Margaret wrote poetry of a very high standard and was a close friend of the famous Scottish poet Violet Jacobs whose family descended from William IV and lived at House of Dun. Violet would visit for a cup of tea and some cake and share her poetry with Margaret who would be called upon to comment on and sometimes correct the grammar of the old Lallans tongue in which Violet sought to write. For our family it was always a wonderful thing to read Violet's poetry and "hear" Margaret's voice. I wish I had known my grandma because she passed on so much of herself to grandchildren she never knew.

Children of CHARLES JOHNSTON and MARGARET FOTHERINGHAM are:

- i. JESSIE MARY<sup>6</sup> JOHNSTON, b. 1 May 1890, St Cyrus, near Montrose, Scotland; d. 25 February 1963, Glasgow, Scotland; m. LAUHLAN MCINTOSH, 1922, Bonhill and Renton, Dunbartonshire, Scotland; He died about 1957, Glasgow, Scotland.

More About JESSIE MARY JOHNSTON: (Jessie)

Occupation: Before marriage, Lady's maid for Lady Kilmany, Fife. She was incredibly beautiful and gracious. Her employer adored her and would give her clothes which were only just out of fashion and fitted her superbly. When she was able to come home and her father would pick her up from Dun Station in the trap or dog cart, local youths would run alongside throwing her flowers and calling her "The Duchess".

Jessie and Lauchlan had four children all of whom are now deceased and of beloved memory.

- ii. CHARLES JOHNSTON, b. 25 December 1891, Balwyllo, Dun, Near Montrose, Scotland; d. 19 October 1945, City hospital, Aberdeen; m. MARY ANN MCGREGOR; b. Abt. 1885, Perhaps Wooler, England; d. 17 December 1945, The Kennels, Fetteresso, Stonehaven, Scotland.

More About CHARLES JOHNSTON: Known by his family as Chae.

Occupation: Gamekeeper, also served in WW1 when part of his duties was as blacksmith to war horses. He died of leptospirosis which he contracted when clearing rats from a neighbouring prisoner of war camp at the end of WW2.

More About MARY ANN MCGREGOR:

She met Chae when he was working as a Water Bailiff on the River Tweed. Perhaps he lodged with other Johnston family members in that area as many were at Glanton and Tweedmouth etc. Her death was registered: 18 December 1945 by her brother in law Heb Johnston. She died only two months after her dearly loved husband leaving two children to mourn, Georgina and Charles McGregor Johnston both now deceased and sadly missed.

- iii. MARGARET HELEN FOTHERINGHAM JOHNSTON, b. 1893, Dun, Near Montrose, Scotland; d. 1929, St Nicholas, Aberdeenshire; m. EWAN GIBB in 1916, Brechin, Angus. Ewan was born 29 September 1888 and died 29 April 1972, Kincardineshire, Scotland. Maggie died aged 36 leaving three young children. She was a deeply devout woman and would be proud to know her family follows her example.

More About EWAN GIBB:

Died 2: 29 April 1972

Military service: POW Salonika, 1st World War

Occupation: Drainage Contractor. He used to joke that digging battlefield trenches had been the best apprenticeship.

Property: Owned row of 3 cottages, Luthermuir, Kincardineshire. His sister Betsy lived in one of them, her husband Charles Wallace having died in WW1 leaving her with a young son.

When Ewan re-married it was to his sister in law Betty who had come to help him look after his young family whom she adored. They lived next door to Ewan's sister Betsy at Muirton Cottage, Luthermuir. Ewan was a wonderful addition to the Johnston family, a real gentleman but so warm. He loved his family and all of the extended clan.

- iv. JANE DUTHIE JOHNSTON, b. 2 March 1896, Dun, Near Montrose, Scotland; d. 4 June 1978, Galashiels, Scotland; m. PERCY BRYANT, 31 December 1920, Forres, Scotland; b. 22 June 1894, Leeds, England; d. 22 November 1975, Dundee, Scotland.

More About JANE DUTHIE JOHNSTON also known as Jean.

Occupation: During WW1 Jean was a Tram Conductress in Dundee. Percy was a passenger on the tram one day and that is how they met. Jean was very much the matriarch of the family, everyone looked to her for wisdom. She was a real home maker, enjoying keeping her house spotless and ensuring there was always home baking to be enjoyed. She was the one whom people looked to in time of trouble. She looked after a nephew for a time and when a brother's wife was taken seriously ill after childbirth Jean took in the week old child and cared for her until the invalid returned. Jean and her husband Percy had two children of their own.

More About PERCY BRYANT:

Military service: Bet. 1914 - 1918, Royal Navy, Wounded at Arras in 1916. A very keen and successful bowler. For many years he was secretary of the Maryfield Bowling Club.

He worked most of his life in senior clerical posts in industries in Dundee.

- v. ELIZABETH MOUG JOHNSTON, b. 28 June 1898, Dun, Near Montrose, Scotland; d. 3 October 1960, Luthermuir, Nr Laurencekirk, Kincardineshire, Scotland; m. EWAN GIBB, 18 August 1933,

Luthermuir, Nr Laurencekirk, Kincardineshire, Scotland; b. 29 September 1888; d. 29 April 1972, Kincardineshire, Scotland..

More About ELIZABETH MOUG JOHNSTON: Also known as Betty.

Burial: Marykirk Old Burial Ground, Kincardineshire

Occupation 1: Domestic Servant

Occupation 2: Bet. 1914 - 1918, Tram Conductress, Dundee

After the death of her sister Maggie, Betty went to help Ewan Gibb bring up his three children. She and Ewan were married very happily for 27 years before she died of a stroke. As was typical of her she was laughing at something silly at the time. She was huge fun and memories are full of laughter.

- vi. ANN JOHNSTON, b. 1900, Dun, Near Montrose, Scotland; d. 6 June 1971, Burbage, Marlborough, Wiltshire, England; m. DONALD HARMON, Abt. 1925; b. Abt. 1900, England; d. September 1978, Burbage, Marlborough, Wiltshire, England.

More About ANN JOHNSTON: Otherwise known as Nan.

Occupation: 1920, Nurse in a hospital near Croydon, Surrey which cared for the mentally ill. Nan has descendants living in the Burbage area.

- vii. JAMES NICOLL JOHNSTON, b. 1 July 1904, Dun, Near Montrose, Scotland; d. 8 January 1983, Newtyle, Angus, Scotland; m. LENA LAWRENCE, Abt. 1936, Scotland; b. 15 October 1904, Kincardineshire, Scotland; d. 3 September 2001, Scotland.

More About JAMES NICOLL JOHNSTON:

Burial: Newtyle, Angus

Occupation: Gardener for many years at an estate near Newtyle. He was always full of mischief and there was never a dull moment when he and Heb got together.

Jim and his lovely wife LENA had two daughters Elspeth and Ethel both deceased and greatly missed.

- viii. HERBERT JOHNSTON, b. 3 July 1906, Balwyllo, Bridge of Dun, Near Montrose, Scotland; d. 29 August 1979, 8C Dudhope Court, Dundee, Scotland; m. MARGARET MCKINVEN, 14 November 1936, The Manse of Wishart Memorial Church, Dundee, Scotland; b. 27 May 1910, Gayfield Place, Campbeltown, Argyll, Scotland; d. 23 October 1987, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee, Scotland.

More About HERBERT JOHNSTON:

Date born 2: 3 July 1906

Hobbies: Musician, countryman, keen bowler, a real family man. Devoted to his wife, to his two daughters and their husbands and children. He loved the company of his broader family and committed his life to the welfare of others.

Occupation: Bet. 1924 - 1966, Psychiatric Nurse at Westgreen Hosp., Liff

When Heb tried to get into the police service and failed on health grounds it was his sister Nan who suggested he applied to be trained in psychiatric nursing as she felt he was a caring and gentle person well suited to the task. He began his training at what was then called "Westgreen Lunatic Asylum" outside Dundee and continued to work there for 42 years. When he retired he was Assistant Chief Male Nurse.

More About MARGARET MCKINVEN:

Occupation: Head Laundress at Westgreen then auxiliary nurse firstly in the geriatric wards and then at a special unit for disturbed children. Having no siblings of her own, Peg really enjoyed the warmth of Heb's family. There was always a warm welcome waiting at Westgreen.