

BARNES FAMILY

NB: The following is prepared from Falkland Islands Registers and files – there may be other family born outside the Falklands. Unless stated otherwise, all dated births, deaths and marriages occurred in the Falklands and all numbered graves are in Stanley Cemetery. Any variations which may occur in the spellings of names are recorded as written in the records at the time.

Arthur James “Famous” BARNES was born circa 1863 in Great Yarmouth, England to **Isaac BARNES** and ? **BARNES** formerly ?.

According to his obituary Arthur came to the Falkland Islands as a boy circa 1877.

Arthur, an English shepherd living at Salvador, was married to **Margaret BONNER** 1 October 1886 at Port Sussex according to the rites & ceremonies of Church of Scotland by Governor's Licence William Hill Philip Minister. The witnesses were John Bonner and Alice Bonner. Arthur's father was recorded as Isaac Barnes, sergeant major, and Margaret's father was recorded as Samuel Bonner, overseer.


By April 1917 Margaret had been lodged in the lunatic asylum in Montevideo. [FIC/EG/1917]
Margaret died in the asylum in Montevideo and was buried there 4 April 1918. [FIM May 1918]

Arthur, age 77 and retired, died Tuesday 15 October 1940 in King Edward Memorial Hospital and was buried 16 October 1940 in Grave J1169. [Obituary FI News Weekly 17 Oct 1940]



FIRST GENERATION

Children of Arthur and Margaret BARNES:

1. **Silvester BARNES** born 3 October 1888 in Stanley and baptised 9 December 1888 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Silvester started working for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in Lafonia 30 November 1903 as a boy receiving £3-0-0 a month, finishing 5 September 1905. Silvester, a labourer, was married to **Elizabeth Inglis AITKEN** 12 July 1910 in Christ Church Cathedral by Edward J Seymour, Chaplain & Hon Canon. The witnesses were Richard Aitken, Hannah Elizabeth Agnes Aitken and Alexander McIntosh Barnes. Silvester's father was recorded as Arthur James Barnes, shepherd, and Elizabeth's father was Richard Aitken and his occupation was recorded as gardener. Sylvester was placed on the blacklist for one year from 5 February 1930. [Penguin 6 Feb 1930] Elizabeth died 3 July 1939, age 49, of pulmonary tuberculosis and was buried 5 June 1939 in Grave K1135. Sylvester, age 72 and a caretaker, died 19 May 1961 in Stanley and was buried 23 May 1961 in Grave Q1696.
2. **Alexander McIntosh BARNES** born 27 April 1890 at Two Sisters and baptised 18 May 1890 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Was still in the Falkland Islands for his brother's wedding in 1910. Went to Australia prior to 1919?
3. **Arthur James BARNES** born 5 July 1891 and baptised 18 September 1891 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Arthur started working for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in Lafonia 13 August 1906 on £3-0-0 a month, finishing 20 August 1908. He worked for them again in Lafonia from 21 February 1913 to 28 April 1913 on a monthly wage of £5-0-0. Arthur left the Falklands in 1941 on the *Lafonia*. Arthur was married to **Mary KING** of Hull, Yorkshire 1 January 1944. In October 1945 he was in Canada. [FI Weekly News 25 Oct 1945] Arthur, age 68 and a shepherd, died 19 August 1959 at Salvador and was buried 23 August 1959 in Grave S1643. A photograph of a rectangular gravestone for Arthur James Barnes. The stone is light-colored with a dark border and contains the following text: 'ARTHUR JAMES BARNES', 'BORN JULY 5 1891', 'DIED AUG 19 1959', and 'AGED 68'. The stone is set in a grassy area with some moss and small plants around its base.
4. **Francis Edward "Frank" BARNES** born 10 February 1893 and baptised 10 February 1893 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Frank was married to **Ethel PARKER** (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Francis, Ethel and their son Aubrey arrived in the Falkland Islands 8 December 1919 on board the *Orcoma*.
5. **Frederick William BARNES** born 2 July 1894 in Stanley and baptised 24 September 1894 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Frederick, a mariner, was married to **Euphemia WATSON** 3 March 1925 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were J S Barnes and Emma Jane Watson. Frederick's father was recorded as Arthur James Barnes, labourer, and Euphemia's father was recorded as William Henry Watson, carter. Frederick and Euphemia later divorced and she married **William John PERRY** 21 July 1962. Frederick, age 86 and retired, died 6 May 1981 in Stanley and was buried 8 May 1981 in Grave V1964.
6. **Samuel John "Jack" BARNES** born 21 April 1896 at Port Sussex and baptised **Samuel John Bonner BARNES** 10 September 1896 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. **John Samuel BARNES** was married to (1) **Winifred Anne CAREY**, school teacher, 26 June 1930 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by F S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Andrew Roger Peck and Cathleen Mary Smith. John's father was recorded as Arthur James Barnes, labourer, and Winifred's father was recorded as David Carey, deceased. Winifred died 2 March 1945 from chronic pulmonary tuberculosis, age 38, and was buried 4 March 1945 in Grave P1296. In 1946 John travelled to the UK & British Colonies to study labour problems.

Jack was married to (2) **Mabel Annie KING** née **SARNEY**, widow, 25 February 1950 at Christ Church Cathedral by R G R Calvert MA, Senior Chaplain. The witnesses were Gordon Arthur Howkins and Olga Annie Howkins. John's father was recorded as Arthur James Barnes, deceased, and Mabel's father was recorded as Harry Sarney, deceased. John, age 69 and a contractor, died 6 June 1965 in Stanley and was buried 9 June 1965 in Grave T2025. [Biography, D Tahtam's Dictionary of Falklands Biogrpahy] Mabel died 26 July 1981 in Stanley, age 85, and was buried 30 July 1981 in Grave V1967.

7. **Ivy Clara BARNES** born 9 January 1898 at Pasa Manear, Teal Inlet and baptised 7 February 1898 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Ivy, a caretaker, went to England in 1948 to visit relations.
8. **Robert George "Bob" BARNES** born 16 January 1899 and baptised 6 March 1899 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Robert, age 32, accidentally drowned off Upper William Island when the boat he was in overturned 3 January 1931. Robert's body was found the next day and he was buried 7 January 1931 in Grave J1014. [Obituary Penguin 5 Jan 1931; Inquest Penguin 7 Jan 1931]
9. **Hilda BARNES** born 7 April 1900 in Stanley and baptised 20 November 1900 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Hilda was married to **Victor Hubert Maxwell ATKINS**, clerk, 24 January 1925 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Markham James Luxton and Betheda Elizabeth Barnes. Hilda's father was recorded as Arthur James Barnes, labourer, and Victor's father was recorded as William Maxwell Atkins, foreman. Victor, a retired clerk, died 30 June 1968 in Stanley and was buried 3 July 1968 in Grave T2105. Hilda died 9 March 1977 in Stanley, age 77, and was buried 1 March 1977 in Grave T2106.
10. **Dwenda Ellen BARNES** born 19 December 1901 and baptised 22 June 1902 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Dwenda was married to **Irvine MOONEY**, mariner, 23 February 1925 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by M Craigie-Halkett, Registrar General. The witnesses were Robert George Barnes and Muriel Olive Bonner. Dwenda's father was recorded as Arthur James Barnes, general workman, and Irvine's father was recorded as Robert Mooney, farmer. Dwenda and Irvine went to Montevideo on business 24 April 1925 on the Pythia.
11. **Betheda Elizabeth BARNES** born 19 September 1908 in Stanley and baptised 15 November 1908 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Betheda was married to **Norman David Fairweather KENNY**, horsetamer, 24 December 1930 at Christ Church Cathedral by Fredk S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Edward Louis Ashley and Muriel Olive Bonner. Betheda's father was recorded as Arthur James Barnes, labourer, and Norman's father was recorded as David Kenny, labourer. Betheda died 8 September 1934 from meningitis and is buried in Grave K1071. Norman died 21 January 1974, age 70, at Stanley and is buried in Grave U1815.



DESCENDANTS OF ARTHUR & MARGARET STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS