

BELL 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. Various spellings of names are recorded as written at the time.

ANDREW BELL:

Andrew BELL, age 23 and a shepherd, his wife **Mary BELL**, age 23, and his son **James BELL**, age 5 months, left Cardiff on board the *Paula* 20 February 1864. [H21] Andrew started work for the Falkland Islands Company Limited in the Lafonia area 19 May 1864 on a monthly wage of £3-15-0. By March 1873 his monthly wage was £6-0-0. [FIC "D", pg 303-305] Andrew was living at Laguna Isla 14 October 1870. *"When I mention a flock of ewes at Laguna Isla tended by Andrew and James Bell (I see that I omitted to include these among the rest) ... The Bells are useful men, and I am, in fact, say of all the shepherds that they are superior set to what they need to be, showing more attention to their work, and giving far less trouble."* [FIC/D2, pg 651]

Mary, age 60 and British, died 9 November 1900 in Stanley and was buried 11 November 1900 in Grave I 639. Andrew, age 66 and a British shepherd, died 7 July 1908 in Stanley and was buried 8 July 1908 in Grave I 695.

JAMES BELL:

James BELL, age 21, left London on board the *Matilda* 17 November 1866, arriving in Stanley 22 January 1867. [H22; D12, pg 378] He is mentioned in an FIC despatch as living at Laguna Isla with **Andrew BELL** (see above) so appears to be a brother. James started work for the Falkland Islands Company Limited in the Lafonia area January 1867 on a monthly wage of £3-10-0 and by June 1873 his monthly wage was £5-8-4.

Children of Andrew and Mary BELL:

1. **James BELL** born circa September 1863 in Scotland? James, age 5 months, left Cardiff on board the *Paula* 20 February 1864 with his parents. [H21] James, age 23 and a shepherd living at Teal Inlet and Stanley, was married to **Caroline DESPREAUX**, age 20 and living in Stanley, 31 December 1885 in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Samuel Hyslop and Maria Nesbut Hyslop. James' father was recorded as Andrew Bell, manager, and Caroline's father was recorded as Louis Eugene Despreaux, shepherd. Caroline signed with an X. James, age 35 and British of Teal Inlet and Stanley, died 21 June 1898 in Stanley from meningitis and was buried 22 June 1898 in Grave I 638. Caroline Bell, widow of Stanley, advertised in the Falkland Islands Magazine of November 1900 for more work, either charring, washing, etc, by the day or plain sewing. Caroline, age 72, died 24 February 1941 and was buried in Grave M 1178.

FIRST GENERATION:**Children of James and Caroline BELL:**

1. **Mary Margaret Elizabeth BELL** born 26 October 1886 at Evelyn Station (*Teal Inlet*) and baptised 3 March 1887 by the United Non-Conformist Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Mary, age 43, emigrated to the UK in 1930.
2. **Alice Jane Eliza BELL** born 21 December 1887 at Evelyn Station (*Teal Inlet*) and baptised 2 March 1889 by the United Non-Conformist Church, Darwin. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer.
3. **Jessie Helen BELL** born 16 March 1889 at Evelyn Station (*Teal Inlet*) and baptised 1 July 1890 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Jessie travelled to Punta Arenas, Chile in 1920. Jessie, age 35 and a cook, went on holiday to Punta Arenas, Chile in 1924. Jessie, age 69 and a spinster, died 24 March 1958 in Stanley and was buried 26 March 1958 in Grave S 1608.
4. **Wilhilmina "Minnie" BELL** born 16 April 1890 at Teal Inlet and baptised 1 July 1890 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Wilhamina, age 13 years & 4 months, died in Stanley 26 August 1903 from embolism with cardiac failure and was buried 29 August 1903 in Grave I 640.
5. **Caroline Elizabeth BELL** born 21 October 1891. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Caroline, age 9 months & 10 days, died 31 July 1892 from convulsions at Teal Inlet and is buried there.
6. **Andrew James Robert BELL** born 24 May 1893 in Stanley and baptised 7 August 1893 by Christ Church Cathedral. His godparents were recorded as his parents and Harriet Ann Elizabeth Thompson. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Andrew, age 3 months, died 26 August 1893 and was buried 29 August 1893 (*no death or grave record*).
7. **Daisy Jane BELL** born 7 September 1894 in Stanley and baptised 7 January 1895 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as carter. Daisy, age 5, died 7 December 1899 was buried 10 December 1899 in Grave I 642 (*no death record*).
8. **Gertrude Violet BELL** born 20 June 1897 and baptised 20 September 1898 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Gertrude travelled to Punta Arenas, Chile on the ss *Potosi* in 1919. Gertrude, age 24 and living in Punta Arenas, was married to **Henry WILLIAMS**, age 27 and a shepherd living in Punta Arenas, 15 December 1921 in St James Church, Punta Arenas according to the laws of the country and the Church of England after civil ceremony by John Williams, British Chaplain. The witnesses were Vincent Summers and Charles Corcoran. Henry's father was recorded as Ralph Williams, poultry dealer, and Gertrude's father was recorded as James Bell, deceased.

SECOND GENERATION:

Children of Alice BELL (2):

1. **William Alexander Ryan BELL** born 3 May 1905 in Stanley and baptised 5 June 1905. His godparent was recorded as Mary Gleadell. His father was not recorded and his mother's occupation was recorded as domestic servant. William, age 16 months died in Stanley from rickets and convulsions and was buried 23 September 1906 in Grave C 259.

Children of Gertrude (8) and Henry WILLIAMS:

1. **Victor Ian Edwin WILLIAMS** born 19 September 1922 in Punta Arenas, Chile and baptised 1 October 1922 by St James Church, Punta Arenas. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
2. **Leander Carolina WILLIAMS** born 2 October 1925 in Magallanes, Chile and baptised 29 January 1927 by St James Church, Punta Arenas. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Leander, age 2 ½ was buried in Patagonia 2 December 1927.
3. **Regina Bell WILLIAMS** born 4 January 1928 in Magallanes, Chile and baptised 28 February 1928 by St James Church, Punta Arenas. Her father's occupation was recorded as manager.