

JAFFRAY 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.

Alexander JAFFRAY was born at 4.30pm 11 February 1861 in Corsekellie, Lonmay, Aberdeen, Scotland to **John JAFFRAY**, crofter and **Martha JAFFRAY**, who were married 22 January 1848 in Lonmay, Aberdeen, Scotland.

Alexander JAFFRAY, shepherd on contract to the Falkland Islands Company Ltd, was a passenger on board the *Memphis* leaving the UK 15 September 1884. [FIC C2, desp 653]

Alexander JAFFRAY was married to **Margaret Milne SUMMERS** (*not in Falkland Islands*). Alexander started work for the Falkland Islands Company Limited in Lafonia 18 May 1901 on a monthly salary of £6-0-0. He paid £15 31 March 1902 for his wife's passage from England.

Alexander, age 72 and retired, died 2 January 1934 at Walker Creek and is buried at Darwin. Margaret, age 56, died 4 September 1934 from heart failure, and is buried at Darwin.



Children of Alexander and Margaret JAFFRAY:

1. **Margaret Milne Summers JAFFRAY** born 26 December 1900 at Rattray Head, Crimond, Scotland and baptised 31 July 1903 by Christ Church Cathedral Margaret was married to **Silas NEWMAN**, cook, 19 July 1918 at the Cookhouse, North Arm by Governors Licence by Alex Moir, Deputy Registrar. The witnesses were Maggie Jaffray and Henry Hollen. Silas' father was recorded as Frederick Newman, carpenter, and Margaret's father was recorded as Alexander Jaffray, shepherd.

Wedding Bells at North Arm.

The quiet settlement of North Arm, erst-while the peaceful abode of old bachelors, is now distinguishing itself by the number of marriage celebrations. It however specially excelled itself with two interesting weddings on consecutive days. On the 18th. Miss Nellie McCarthy daughter of that genial Irishman "Mike" was married to John McPhee, and on the 19th. Miss Maggie Jaffray to Silas Newman by the Deputy Registrar Mr. A Moir. Despite the fact that the weather clerk was unpropitious and the guests had to cross rivers which had overflowed their banks there was quite a large gathering.

Fortunately we are beyond the eagle eye of the Food Controller, and everything that could add to creature comforts was there in abundance.

Miss Maggie Jaffray was dressed in white silk, as were the bridesmaids, Miss Mary Jaffray and Miss Ivy Jay. Mr. Alex Jaffray undertook the duties of bestman. The wedding breakfast gave ample proof of Mrs. F. Jennings' skill as a cook. Another enjoyable dance followed which was kept up until the small hours of Sat. morning when a few of our visitors left for home but the majority stayed for the dance that evening.

The happy couples were the recipients of numerous presents from their many friends in the camp.

[COMMUNICATED.]

FI Magazine October 1918



Silas age 59



Margaret age 53

Margaret and Silas emigrated to the UK in 1954. Silas was 5 foot 6 inches tall with grey eyes and dark hair and Margaret was 5 foot 1 inch tall with blue eyes and dark hair.

2. **Alexander JAFFRAY** born 24 May 1903 at Mappa, Darwin and baptised 31 July 1903 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Alexander worked as a boy in Lafonia for the FIC Ltd 1 December to 31 December 1913 on a monthly wage of £2-0-0. Alexander, a shepherd, was married to **Davidina Dickson MORRISON** (*sister of Rebecca*) 22 July 1927 at Darwin Harbour by Special Licence by Alexander Moir Deputy Registrar & JP. The witnesses were Donald J Morrison and Elizabeth Cartmell. Alexander's father was recorded as Alexander Jaffray, shepherd, and Davidina's father was recorded as Roderick Morrison, shepherd. Robert Cartmell brought a slander case against Davidina JAFFRAY and was awarded £25 and costs. [Penguin 11 Apr 1930] Alexander, age 62 and a labourer, died 2 June 1965 in Stanley and was buried at 2pm 5 January 1965 in Grave T2023. Davidina, age 61 and a widow, died 30 September 1969 and was buried 3 October 1969 in Grave T2024.

3. **John Summers JAFFRAY** (twin) born 16 September 1904 at Adventure Sound and baptised 26 October 1905 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. John, a shepherd, was married to **Rebecca Dickson MORRISON** (*sister of Davidina*) 5 August 1938 at The Hall, Goose Green, East Falkland by Registrar General's Licence by D M Honeyman, Registrar. The witnesses were John Summers Jaffray and Marion Sarah Ellen Morrison. John's father was recorded as Alexander Jaffray, deceased, and Rebecca's father was recorded as Rory Morrison, shepherd.

W E D D I N G

On Friday August 5th in the Hall at Goose Green, the Marriage of John Thomas Jaffray, and Rebecca Dickson Morrison was solemnized by Mr D.M.Honeyman J.P.

The Bride, given in marriage by her father, Roderick Morrison, wore a gown of Ivory satin with a head dress of Rose blossoms, and a rayon net embroidered veil, and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums. The Bridesmaid was Marion Morrison, who was dressed in turquoise blue satin. There were two small bridemaids - Rose Morrison and Rose Jaffray, who looked very becoming in dresses of pink crepe de chine. Mr William Jaffray acted as Best Man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mr & Mrs Alex Stewart. In the evening a dance was held in the Hall at Goose Green. We extend our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to the bride and groom.

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John age 65



Rebecca age 52

John and Rebecca went on holiday to the UK in 1970. John was 5 foot, 10 inches tall with grey eyes and grey hair. Rebecca was 5 foot, 4 inches tall with grey eyes and grey hair. John, age 71 and a farm worker, died 21 May 1976 in Stanley and was buried 24 May 1976 in Grave U1871. Rebecca, age 70, died 29 June 1988 and was buried 5 July 1988 in Grave U1872.

4. **William JAFFRAY** (twin) born 16 September 1904 at Adventure Sound. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. William, age 2 days, died 18 September 1904 at Hope Cottage from a gastric ulcer and is buried at Darwin.
5. **William JAFFRAY** born 10 June 1908 at Mappa, Lafonia. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. William, age 61 and retired, went on holiday to the UK in 1970. William, age 85 and a pensioner, died 9 July 1993 and was buried 12 July 1993 in Grave V3197.



William age 61

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William went on holiday to the UK in 1970. He was 5 foot 10 ½ inches tall with blue eyes and fair/greying hair.

6. **Mary JAFFRAY** born 15 September 1911 at Mappa, Lafonia and baptised 20 September 1911 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Mary, age 13, died 13 October 1924 from whooping cough and broncho-pneumonia and is buried at Darwin.

Mr. & Mrs. Jaffray & family wish to thank Mrs. Bain & Mrs. Cartmell Senr. for their kindness to them at the time of the death of their daughter Mary. They also thank all the people for the beautiful wreaths that were sent.

Mr. & Mrs Jaffray also desire to express their gratitude to Mrs. Finlayson and Mr. Campbell for their kindness and attention to their eldest son during his illness at Walker Creek.



DESCENDANTS OF ALEXANDER & MARGARET STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS