

McASKILL/MacASKILL/McCASKILL 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.

Donald McASKILL, his wife **Catherine McASKILL** and their children **Donald McASKILL**, **John McASKILL** and **Katie McASKILL** arrived in Stanley on board the *Lion* 3 April 1874. Donald had come to the Falkland Islands to work as a shepherd for Robert Packe. [FIC Des LO-St 1867-1877, pg 465] The family went to Fox Bay on board the *Anne Brooks* which was wrecked at Fox Bay West with them on board.

Children of Donald and Catherine McASKILL:

1. **Donald Smith McASKILL** was born in 1866 in Stornoway, Scotland. Donald, age 23 and a shepherd, was married to **Ellen McKINNON**, age 19, 12 April 1888 in the Service room according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Alexander Hunter and Jessie Cameron. Donald's father was recorded as Donald McCaskill, shepherd, and Ellen's father was recorded as William Johnson, shepherd. According to his obituary, Donald spent most of his life of the West Falkland, coming to live in Stanley in 1922. Donald died 7 August 1936, age 69, and is buried in Grave K1097. [Obituary Penguin 15 Aug 1936] Ellen "Nellie" "Granny McAskill" died 5 July 1969 at Stanley, age 100, and is buried in Grave K1785.
2. **John Alexander McCASKILL** born circa 1866 (*not in Falkland Islands*). John, age 24 and a shepherd at Fox Bay and Port Howard, was married to **Edith GLEADELL**, age 18, 24 March 1890 in the house of Mr D McCaskill Snr Port Howard according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Donald McCaskill and Joseph Butler. Edith's father was recorded as Enoch Gleadell, shepherd.
3. **Catherine Ann "Katie" MacASKILL** born 22 August 1868 (*not in Falkland Islands*). Katie was married, age 22 and living at Port Howard, to **Louis James HALL**, age 24 and a shepherd at Mount Rosalie, Port Howard, 8 September 1890 in the house of Donald MacAskill Port Howard according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Harry Sarney and Flora Sarah Paice. Louis' father was recorded as Arthur Hall, shepherd. Louis, age 73 and a labourer, died 4 November 1939. Catherine, age 77, died 21 June 1947.

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of Donald (1) and Ellen McASKILL:

1. **Christina Catherine McASKILL** born 9 April 1889. Christina was married to (1) **Frederick Arthur GLEADELL**, shepherd, 6 July 1908 in Christ Church Cathedral by C F Mermagen, MA, PhD, Hon Canon Cathedral Chaplain. The witnesses were William Westerling and Sybella Ellen McAskill. Frederick's father was recorded as Edwin Gleadell, labourer. Christina, divorced, was married to (2) **Henry John BONNER**, labourer, 14 August 1925 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by M Craigie-Halkett, Registrar General. The witnesses were V Atkins and A O Sullivan. Henry's father was recorded as William Bonner, carter. Henry went to Montevideo on medical in 1962. He died prior to 1968 (*not in Falkland Islands*). Christina died 8 March 1968, age 78, at Stanley and is buried in Grave T2098.
2. **Sybella Ellen McASKILL** born 28 May 1890. Sybella was married to **William David Noah BETTS**, shepherd, 30 March 1910 at Pebble Island by Special Licence by J Meredith Bate, Assistant Cathedral Chaplain. The witnesses were Ella Esther Elizabeth Betts and Charles Edward Kelway. William's father was recorded as John Cranmer Betts, manager. Sybella died 26 June 1967 at Stanley and is buried in Grave T2075. William died 20 October 1967 at Stanley and is buried in Grave T2076.
3. **Edith Ann "Edie" McASKILL** born 9 September 1893 (twin) at Roy Cove. Edie and Harriet were bridesmaids for the wedding of Edith Betts and John Lyse on Pebble Island 25 May 1902. Edith was married to **John Falkland BIGGS**, general labourer, 10 July 1911 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by Edward J Seymour, Dean & Chaplain. The witnesses were Christina Goss and John Alazia. John's father was recorded as Edward Biggs, deceased gardener. John died 16 October 1967 at Stanley and is buried in Grave L1772. Edith died 26 July 1974 at Stanley and is buried in Grave L1832.
4. **Harriet Mary McASKILL** born 9 September 1893 (twin) at Roy Cove. Edie and Harriet were bridesmaids for the wedding of Edith Betts and John Lyse on Pebble Island 25 May 1902. Harriet was married to **Arthur Alfred FELTON**, mariner, 24 July 1916 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were William Brown Verrill and H E A Verrill. Arthur, a sheep farm manager, died 21 February 1953 and is buried in Grave 1503. Harriet, a domestic, went to the UK and Channel Islands in 1970 to visit relatives and settle.
5. **Donald William McASKILL** born 30 July 1895. Donald, a shepherd, was married to **Susan Blanche JOHNSON** 22 April 1929 at Port Howard, West Falklands by Special Licence by S E E Aylward, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were George Fredrick Johnson and Beatrice Mary Malvina Johnson. Susan's father was recorded as Fredrick George Johnson, foreman. Donald died 19 April 1976 at Stanley and is buried in Grave T2130. Susan died 30 July 1992 and is buried in Grave T2131.
6. **Roderick John McASKILL** born 5 November 1898 at Pebble Island.

Children of Catherine (3) and Louis HALL:

1. **Arthur William HALL** born 28 October 1891. Arthur committed suicide by shooting himself at White Rock, Port Howard 13 October 1942 and is buried at Port Howard.
2. **Sybella Mary HALL** born 1 April 1893 at Port Howard. Sybella was married to **William John HUTCHINSON**, carter, 19 April 1916 at Christ Church Cathedral by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were John James Davis and Gladys Mildred Davis. William's father was recorded as Robert Hutchinson, deceased sailor.
3. **Louisa Annie HALL** born 9 August 1895 at Port Howard. Louisa was married to **Raymond Falkland CAREY**, shepherd, 3 July 1919 at South Harbour, Port Stephens, West Falkland by Special Licence by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were J R Carey and Rose H Hall. Raymond's father was recorded as Charles William Carey, chief constable. Raymond died 22 November 1950, age 57, and is buried in Grave 1439.
4. **Albert Henry HALL** born 21 April 1898 on West Falkland. Albert, a retired engineman in the Power and Electrical Department, died 13 July 1969 in Stanley and is buried in Grave T2138.
5. **Donald John HALL** born 10 September 1900 at Port Howard. Donald, a shepherd, was married to **Ella PERRY** 11 April 1931 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by Fredk S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Bertie Fleuret and Grace Perry. Ella's father was recorded as James Julian Perry, gardener. Donald, a cowman/gardener, died 30 January 1961 at Teal Inlet and is buried in Grave S1690. Ella died 28 December 1968 and is buried in Grave S1782.
6. **Rose Ellen HALL** born 16 August 1903 on West Falkland. Rose was married to **Bertie FLEURET**, shop assistant, 23 December 1929 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by F S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were D J Hall and G H Fleuret. Bertie's father was recorded as Gaston Nicholas Fleuret, butcher. Bertie died 24 March 1953 and is buried in Grave 1507. Rose worked as a sister in the KEMH, Stanley and was awarded an MBE in 1959 in recognition of her devoted attention to her work. She retired in 1963 and emigrated to England. She died in Southampton, England in March 1982.
7. **Henry James "Harry" HALL** born 28 July 1905 at Port Howard. Harry, a farmhand, died 29 June 1930 from shock and haemorrhage after amputation of his right arm by machinery at Port Howard. [Obituary Penguin 3 Jul 1930] Harry was buried in Grave J1004.
8. **George Francis HALL** born 31 May 1909 at Warrah House, Port Howard. George, a handyman, travelled to UK & Australia in 1950.
9. **Walter Basil HALL** born 4 January 1912 on West Falkland. Walter died 6 January 1912 from instrumental labour and cerebral compression and is buried at Port Howard.

DESCENDANTS OF DONALD & CATHERINE STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS