

## RYAN 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.*

**William Andrew “Andrew” RYAN**, age 31, a mariner from County Marindo, Carlow, Ireland married **Jane NIXON**, age 18, working as a domestic in Stanley, 23 July 1868 at Trinity Church Stanley according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by Charles Bull MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Catherine Hellier and Henry Pain. William’s father was recorded as Patrick Ryan, carpenter, and Jane’s as John Nixon, soldier. William, age 48 and a shepherd, died 26 October 1885 of tubercular phthisis (*no Grave number recorded*).

Jane married (2) **James Henry LEWIS**, mariner living in Stanley, 4 June 1896 in the House of Mrs Ryan Stanley according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Edwin Coupland Aspinall Canon of Christ Church Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Arthur Hardy and Emily Hocking. James’ father was recorded as Henry Lewis, mariner and Jane’s as John Nixon, printer and pensioner 55 Regiment. James died 29 March 1903, age 56, of Brights disease of kidneys, and is buried in Grave I652. The informant was J Ryan of Stanley. Jane died 24 March 1907, age 56, of chronic myocarditis, and is buried in Grave A27. The informant was Clara Brown of Stanley.

Jane was born circa 1850 (*not in Falklands*). Along with her parents **John** and **Anne “Annie”** (née **O’CONNELL**) **NIXON** and her siblings **Catherine** and **John NIXON**, she arrived in the Falkland Islands on board the British Barque *Ealing Grove* 12 January 1858 as part of the Falkland Islands Company detachment of Pensioners. John was a private of the 55<sup>th</sup> Regiment. [H14, pg 316]

## FIRST GENERATION:

### Children of William and Jane RYAN:

1. **Edith Ellen RYAN** born 13 September 1869 in Stanley. Her father was working as a seaman at the time. Died 15 September 1869 in Stanley from convulsions (*no grave number recorded*).
2. **Emma Jane RYAN** born 2 October 1870. Her father was working as a seaman at the time. Married **Thomas BURNS**, age 27 and a horsebreaker living in Stanley, 19 August 1886 in the house of Mrs Ryan according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were William Moon and William Stephen Elmer. Thomas' father was recorded as Thomas Burns, painter. Thomas died 4 May 1936 in Stanley and is buried in Grave K1093. [Obituary Penguin 9 May 1936, pg 3] Emma died 22 April 1946 and is buried in Grave K1321.



3. **Mary Ann RYAN** born 14 February 1873. Her father was working as a shepherd at the time. Married **Frank John LANG**, age 28, 13 July 1892 in the Baptist Tabernacle. Mary died 5 April 1916 in child birth and is buried in Grave A806. Mary, age 44, died 5 April 1916 from childbirth, bronchitis & heart failure, and was buried 9 April 1916 in Grave A806. John, age 55 and a British mariner, died 8 August 1916 in Stanley from cirrhosis of the liver, jaundice & heart failure, and was buried 11 August 1916 in Grave A810.

#### Death of Mrs. John Lang.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mrs. Lang of Stanley. Some time previously Mrs. Lang has undergone an operation of a serious nature. From this she appeared to be recovering, and hopes were entertained for her restoration to health. Unfortunately, however, complications set in with the result that she passed to her rest late on Wednesday evening, the 5th. of April. The funeral took place on the following Sunday afternoon. Mr. Lang and his family can rest assured of the deepest sympathy of all their friends in the Falklands. Mrs. Lang died at the age of 44 years.

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4. **Isabella RYAN** born 23 July 1875 at Port Stephens. Her father was working as a shepherd at the time. Married **Harold Hubert HAYES**, age 22 and mate of *Fortuna* 10 April 1900 in the Parish Church according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established

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Church after Banns by me Lowther E Brandon. The witnesses were Catherine Ryan and Annie Ryan. Harold's father was recorded as Hubert Henry Hayes, farmer.

5. **Catherine RYAN** born 19 December 1877 at Teal Inlet. Her father was working as a shepherd at the time and known as Andrew. Married **Carl Wilhelm ENGLUND**, age 25 and a mariner of Stanley & Gotheburg, Sweden 18 April 1901 in the house of James Lewis according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were James Lewis and Annie Ryan. Carl's father was recorded as Herman Englund, tanner.
6. **James Andrew John RYAN** born 14 June 1880 at Teal Inlet. Foreman navy. Married **Ann MYLES** 1 August 1912 at Darwin Harbour by Special Licence by Edward J Seymour, Dean & Chaplain. The witnesses were Mary Myles and John Stanley Ryan. Mary's father was recorded as Thomas Myles, mariner. James died 15 December 1929 at Darwin from heart failure and is buried there.
7. **Anne Weddell RYAN** born 14 December 1882 in Stanley. Married **Elemuel Enos WILLIAMS**, sealer, 25 February 1907 at the house of Mrs James Lewis, Stanley by C R Hall, BA, Assistant Chaplain. The witnesses were Mary Ellen Poppy and Clarissa Sarah Brown. Elemuel's father was recorded as John Edward Williams, fisherman.
8. **John Stanley RYAN** born 15 June 1885. His father was working as a shepherd at the time. Mechanic. Married (1) **Mary MYLES** 29 June 1917 at the Church, Darwin by Banns by C McDonald Hobley, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Thomas Myles, Arthur Earle and Margaret A Morrison. Mary's father was recorded as Thomas Myles, mariner. Mary died 18 October 1926 from tuberculosis and is buried in Grave J948. John married (2) **Anne RYAN**, widow (*sister of Mary & widow of James*), 31 July 1935 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Registrar General's Licence by A R Hoare, Ag Registrar General. The witnesses were Victor Lellman and Margaret Smith. Anne's father was recorded as Thomas Myles, sailor. John died 11 June 1968 in Stanley. Ann died 14 October 1972 in Stanley.



## SECOND GENERATION:

### Children of Emma (2) and Thomas BURNS:

1. **Jane BURNS** born 7 November 1888 at Congo House, Lafonia and baptised 31 March 1889 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Jane was baptised by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church 30 December 1896. Jane was married to **Alfred Harry DUFFIN**, foreman labourer from England, 21 August 1914 at North Arm by Alex Moir, Deputy Registrar. The witnesses were Henry Jennings and Emma Burns. Harry's father was recorded as Thomas Duffin, labourer, and Jane's father was recorded as Thomas Thompson Burns, shepherd. Harry, age 37 and a labourer, Jane, age 34, and Maud, age 7, departed 6 October 1923 for Liverpool on board the Oriana for a holiday in England. Harry, Jane and Maud arrived back 2 July 1924 on board the Ortega from Liverpool. Harry was recorded as being 5' 10" tall with fair hair and brown eyes. Jane was recorded as being 5' 3½" tall with brown hair and blue eyes.



**Harry, age 37**

**Jane, age 34**

Jane, age 60 and from the Falkland Islands, died 7 March 1949 in Stanley and was buried 9 March 1949 in Grave Q1397. Harry, age 70 and from England, died 14 June 1955 and was buried 16 June 1955 in Grave Q1548.

2. **William BURNS** born 8 March 1890 at Congo House, Wharton Harbour, Lafonia and baptised 1 December 1890 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. William was baptised 30 December 1896 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. William, a shepherd, was married to **Martha MacPHERSON** 26 June 1914 at North Arm, East Falkland Islands by Robert Johnson, Minister of Religion. The witnesses were Robert Peter MacPherson and Jane Burns. William's father was recorded as Thomas Thompson Burns, shepherd, and Martha's father was recorded as Peter MacPherson, shepherd. William, age 74 and retired went to the UK in 1965 to visit his family. William, age 76 and a retired shepherd, died 15 October 1966 in Stanley and was buried 18 October 1966 in Grave T2065. Martha, age 89 and a widow, died 20 June 1978 in Stanley and was buried 22 June 1978 in Grave T2066.
3. **Frederick John BURNS** born 5 September 1893 at Wharton Harbour, Lafonia and baptised 28 September 1893 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Frederick, age 3 years & 3 months, died 15 December 1896 from croup and is buried in Grave A687.

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4. **Elizabeth Catherine BURNS** born 16 May 1895 at Wharton Harbour, Lafonia. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Elizabeth, age 5 months, died 27 October 1895 from meningitis and was buried at either Congo House or in North Arm cemetery.
  
5. **Thomas N BURNS** born circa February 1896. Thomas died 28 August 1896, age 6 months, and is buried at Congo House, North Arm (*no birth or death entry in registers*).

***DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM & JANE STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS***