

WILKINS 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.

Edward WILKINS, of full age (21 or over) and a baker living in Stanley, was married to **Mary PHILIPS**, of full age and a servant, 1 April 1877 in Trinity Church according to the Rites of the Established Church by Special Licence by Lowther E Brandon Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were William Russell and Fanny Kelway. Edward's father was recorded as George Wilkins, shoemaker and Mary's father was recorded as Samuel Philips, farmer.

In the Falkland Islands Magazine of September 1890 Edward Wilkins of Stanley Bakery advertised lodgings for Camp men and wrecked seamen. In 1897, 1899, 1900 and 1901 Edward Wilkins was appointed a member of the Board of Health.

On 20 April 1899 Edward lodged his will bequeathing all of his estate to his wife Mary and on her death equally to his surviving children. [Reg Vol IV, pg 265] Edward, Mary and their two daughters departed for London 19 May 1899 on board the *Lavinia*. They appear to have returned at some point as on the 29 of March 1901 Edward was living in Stanley and he sold his house and property, being Crown Grant 119, to George Patterson Smith for £220. [Reg Vol IV, pg 301] On the 11 December 1901 Edward Wilkins bought Crown Grant 28 from Elizabeth Smith for £300. On 3 July 1902 Edward bought Crown Grant 27 on Fitzroy Road from Agnes Williams for £375. On 20 April 1904 Edward purchased Crown Grant 29 from Lavinia Percich for £350. On 31 December 1904 Edward purchased Crown Grant 353 behind Christ Church Cathedral (*later the site of the Senior School*) for £320. On 16 January 1905 Edward gave George Turner his Power of Attorney to collect his rents, etc in his absence. [Reg Vol V, pg 10, 15, 88, 128-129, 130]

Edward, Mary and their two daughters departed for Liverpool 3 February 1905 on board the *Oropesa*.

On 15 November 1910 Edward now of Dawlish, Devon, England, gave George Turner his Power of Attorney to sell his property and on the 31 March 1911 Crown Grant was sold on behalf of Edward Wilkins to William C McDaid for £350. On 11 December 1911 Edward, who was still living at Dawlish, gave his son Henry Court Wilkins Power of Attorney to sell all or either of his properties in Stanley. On 28 June 1912 Mary Wilkins of Reit Olei, Hatcher Street, Dawlish, Devon, widow of Edward Wilkins, gave a Power of Attorney to Henry Thomas of Stanley to sell all property due to her and on 30 November 1912 he sold on her behalf to John Lehen Crown Grant 29 for £375, Crown Grant 28 for £375 and Crown Grant 27 for £500. [Reg Vol VII, pg 26-30, 68-70, 108-116]

Mary PHILLIPS, servant to Mr Blake's daughter, travelling with Governor Callaghan's servants, passenger per *Guadiana*, leaving England March 1876. [FIC, LO-St 1867-1877, desp 499] Mary most likely travelled from Montevideo to the Falkland Islands on board the *Black Hawk*, a 110 schooner which brought the mail, general cargo, specie for the Government and 12 passengers, arriving in Stanley 17 June 1876.

FIRST GENERATION

Children of Edward and Mary WILKINS:

1. **Edward William "William" WILKINS** born 20 December 1877 in Stanley and baptised 21 December 1877 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as baker. William left for Punta Arenas 11 June 1896 on board the ss *Memphis*.
2. **Walter Samuel "Samuel" WILKINS** born 1 December 1878 in Stanley and baptised 30 March 1879 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as baker. Samuel departed for Punta Arenas 23 June 1894 on board the *Abydos*. He travelled to Valparaiso on board the *Modestia* (*he may have stopped at Punta Arenas*) and arrived back from Chile 3 April 1901 on board the *Liguria*. Samuel worked for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in the North Arm area from 3 October 1901 to 16 May 1902 on a monthly salary of £5-10-0. He travelled to Hill Cove 22 August 1902 on board the *Fortuna*, returning to Stanley 11 September 1902. Samuel departed for Liverpool 21 April 1908 on board the *Ortega*, arriving back on the same vessel 21 October 1908. Samuel left for Liverpool 9 July 1913 on board the *Oropesa*. He was married to **Louisa RADFORD** (*not in the Falkland Islands*) sometime before August 1914. Samuel was appointed a police constable in 1924. Louisa died 17 November 1926, age 47, from acute pneumonia and was buried 21 November 1926 in Grave J951. Samuel, a constable, and his two sons emigrated to the UK in 1927. On his passport application he states his height as 6 foot and eye and hair colour as grey.
3. **Henry Court WILKINS** born 16 July 1880 in Stanley and baptised 8 August 1880 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as baker. Henry and his brother George arrived in Stanley 27 October 1891 on board the *Herodot* from Monte Video and Europe. Henry left Stanley 5 November 1897 for Darwin on board the *Fortuna* and worked for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in Camp from 9 November 1897 to 14 March 1898 on a monthly salary of £3-0-0. On 16 March 1898 Henry arrived in Stanley from Bleaker Island on board the *Hornet*. Henry, a labourer, was married to **Eleanor Jane JONES** 4 January 1911 in Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by Edward J Seymour, Chaplain & Hon Canon. The witnesses were John William Jones and Mabel Eleanor Hardy. Henry's father was recorded as Edward Wilkins, baker, and Eleanor's father was recorded as John Jones, mariner. Henry, a labourer, died 18 January 1942 and was buried 20 January 1942 in Grave L1205. Eleanor died 2 May 1953, age 83, and was buried 5 May 1953 in Grave 1509. No record of any children born in the Falkland Islands.
4. **George WILKINS** born 4 June 1882 in Stanley and baptised 9 July 1882 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as baker. George and his brother Henry arrived in Stanley 27 October 1891 on board the *Herodot* from Monte Video and Europe. George departed for Liverpool 28 May 1906 on board the *Gaelic*. In January 1920 George travelled to Rio Grande, Tierra del Fuego. On 27 October 1933 he travelled to Douglas Station on the *Lafonia* and on 27 October 1936 he travelled to Patagonia. George, a camp hand, died 29 May 1938 from a cerebral embolism, and was buried 2 June 1938 in Grave K1120.

5. **Emily Mary WILKINS** born 18 October 1885 in Stanley and baptised 25 November 1885 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as baker. Emily departed for London 19 May 1899 on board the *Lavinia* with her parents and sister. They appear to have returned at some point as they departed for Liverpool 3 February 1905 on board the *Oropesa*.
6. **Hannah Priscilla WILKINS** born 22 December 1887 in Stanley and baptised 1 April 1888 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as baker. Hannah departed for London 19 May 1899 on board the *Lavinia* with her parents and sister. They appear to have returned at some point as they departed for Liverpool 3 February 1905 on board the *Oropesa*. On 11 December 1911 Hannah witnesses her father's Power of Attorney as Hannah Priscilla West of Reit Elei, Hatcher Street, Dawlish, Devon, England. [Reg Vol VII, pg 70]

SECOND GENERATION

Children of Walter and Louisa WILKINS:

1. **Samuel Edward Radford WILKINS** born 23 August 1914 and baptised 13 December 1914 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Emigrated to the UK with his father and brother in 1927.
2. **George Radford WILKINS** [REDACTED]