

BLACKLEY 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.

John BLACKLEY, shepherd, married **Katherine WELSH** 26 March 1868 at St John's, Dalry, Kirkcudbrightshire, Scotland.

John died in 1901 and was buried at Port San Carlos. Katherine died 8 June 1907 and is buried in Grave I671.

John's children from his previous marriage were:

1. **John BLACKLEY** born circa 1850 in the UK. *A John BLACKLEY, age 67, British, died 7 March 1914 and is buried in Grave F769 – this would mean that he was born circa 1847/8 so might be the same person. The death notice in the paper records him as being age 71 which would put his date of birth as being circa 1843.*
2. **Adam BLACKLEY** born circa 1852 in the UK.
3. **Agnes BLACKLEY** born circa 1854 in the UK.
4. **James BLACKLEY** born 26 March 1856 in the UK.
5. **Mary BLACKLEY** born 6 March 1859 in the UK.
6. **William BLACKLEY** born 21 September 1861 in the UK. William, a minor & gaucho from Scotland was married to **Fanny SMITH**, minor, 16 September 1881 in Darwin Church on Registrar's certificate according to the Presbyterian form A Yeoman Minister. The witnesses were James Smith and John Blackley. Both William and Fanny were resident at Darwin at the time. William's father was recorded as John Blackley, shepherd and Fanny's as James Smith, labourer. William worked in the North Arm section for a number of years before emigrating to Patagonia where he worked for Messrs Hamilton and Saunders at Palaikie. Shortly after his arrival in Patagonia his house burnt down during the night and the family escaped with only what they were sleeping in. [CM Mar 1901] William drowned in the river Chico, Palaikie, Patagonia, 5 October 1904, his body was recovered 8 October 1904 and he was buried at Palaiki. [Obituary CM Xmas 1904]

Adopted Children of John & Catherine BLACKLEY:

1. **Annie L McKENZIE** born circa 1877 (not in Falkland Islands). In the letter of consent to her marriage dated 20 November 1896 and signed by John & Cate Blackley, they describe her as their ward and granddaughter. Annie was married to **Hector Augustus McDONALD**, age 35, 25 November 1896 by Patrick O'Grady of St Mary's Church, Stanley, Falkland Islands. Her age was listed as 19 and her father as **Jacob McKENZIE**. The witnesses were William John Allen and Emily Jane Allen.
2. ? Girl

FIRST GENERATION

Children of William and Fanny BLACKLEY:

1. **John BLACKLEY** born 16 January 1882 at Darwin. John married **Mary ROBSON** (*not in the Falkland Islands*). John, a private in the Royal Army Service Corps, died from pneumonia 3 January 1919 and is buried in Caerlaverock Parish Churchyard, Dumfriesshire, Scotland. His wife was living at 20 Smith Street, Hillhead, Glasgow at the time.
2. **Jessie BLACKLEY** born 22 July 1883 at Elephant Beach and baptised 9 September 1883 by the United Free Church (Tabernacle) at Darwin. Jessie, living at Palnaike, Patagonia, was married to **George Louis ALLEN**, widower, sheep farmer of Ciaike, Patagonia, 11 February 1905 in the house of J C Robins Esq in the Parish of St James' Punta Arenas according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England by Edwin Coupland Aspinall. The witnesses were Herbert George Robins and Mary Blackley.
3. **Mary Jane BLACKLEY** born 15 August 1885 at Hawk Hill and baptised 22 December 1885 by the United Free Church (Tabernacle) at Egg Harbour.
4. **James BLACKLEY** born 19 November 1887 at Hope Cottage, Lafonia and baptised 1 September 1888 by the United Free Church (Tabernacle) at Darwin. James drowned in the River Chico, Palaikie, Patagonia, 6 October 1904 while looking for his father. His body was recovered 11 October 1904 and he was buried at Palaikie. [Obituary CM Xmas 1904]
5. **William BLACKLEY** born 26 December 1890 at Hope Cottage, Lafonia and baptised 5 February 1891 by Holy Trinity Church.
6. **Adam Kiln BLACKLEY** born 14 June 1893 at Hope Cottage, Lafonia and baptised 14 September 1893 by Christ Church Cathedral. Placed on the roll of honour May 1917 [CM May 1917]. Adam, a shepherd, was married to **Janet Agnes Mary HEWITT** 1 August 1924 at Darwin Harbour by Governor's Licence by Alex Moir, Deputy Registrar & JP. The witnesses were John McLeod and violet Margaret Middleton. Adam's father was recorded as William Blackley, deceased shepherd, and Janet's father was recorded as David Hewitt, deceased. Adam, a retired farm foreman, died 6 October 1971 at Stanley and is buried in Grave U2174. Janet died 10 October 1990, age 88, and is buried in Grave V3146.
7. **Samuel Anderson BLACKELY** (twin) born 20 July 1896 at North Arm and baptised 3 September 1896 by Christ Church Cathedral. Married **Isabella ?** (*not in the Falkland Islands*)
8. **Fanny Agnes BLACKELY** (twin) born 20 July 1896 at North Arm and baptised 3 September 1896 by Christ Church Cathedral.
9. **Catherine Ann BLACKELY** born 16 January 1898 and baptised **Caroline Ann BLACKELY** 24 January 1898 by Christ Church Cathedral at Mappa.
10. **Thomas Charles BLACKLEY** born 22 May 1900 at Pali-aikie, Patagonia and baptised 1 February 1901 by the Patagonia Church.
11. **Grace BLACKLEY** born 20 January 1902 at Pali-aikie, Patagonia and baptised 24 November 1904 by the Patagonia Church

Children of Annie and Hector McDONALD:

1. **Flora McDONALD** born 16 September 1897. Informant May Allan. Her father is recorded as a shepherd.

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM & FANNY STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS