

BOYER 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.

Emile Francois BOYER was born circa 1837 in Avignon, France to **Alexis Francois BOYER**.

Emile was working for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in the Lafonia area from April 1862 to May 1862.

Emile, a 26 year old carpenter of Avignon, France living in Stanley, was married to **Elizabeth Sarah WATSON**, age 15 and living in Stanley, 29 January 1863 at Trinity Church Stanley according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by Governor's Licence by Charles Bull MA Colonial Chaplain. Elizabeth signed with a X. The witnesses were Margaret Dwyer, James Watson and Edward Biggs. Emile's father was recorded as Alexis Francois Boyer, deceased agriculturist, and Elizabeth's father was recorded as James Watson, shepherd.

Emile was a passenger on the *Lotus* when it was wrecked in the Tamar Pass 7 October 1871.

On 18 August 1874 Emile purchased Crown Grant 116 for £25.

Elizabeth, age 35, died 6 June 1883 of peritonitis and was buried in Grave B223, B224 or B225, to the south of her sister Martha. There is no headstone.

Emile died prior to 16 May 1884 (*no record in the Falkland Islands*) which was when James Watson junior, the executor of his will, sold Crown Grant 116 for £22.

FIRST GENERATION

Children of Emile and Elizabeth BOYER:

1. **Cecilia Mary BOYER** born 30 March 1868 at Stanley. Cecilia, age 16, was married to (1) **Michael James MURPHY**, age 21, through St Mary's, 29 April 1884 in St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. The witnesses were John Peck and John Varela. Cecilia's father was recorded as Emile Francis Boyer. Michael, age 30 years & 10 months and a shepherd, died from phthisis 25 July 1893 and was buried on Pebble Island. Cecelia, a widow, was married to (2) **Alfred HOOKINGS**, cook, 20 August 1919 at Douglas Station, East Falkland by Special Licence by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Henry George Jennings and Lillie Short. Alfred's father was recorded as John Hookings, gardener, and Cecilia's father was recorded as Emilia Francis Boyer, carpenter. Cecilia died 21 July 1948, age 80, and is buried in Grave Q1385.
2. **Xavier BOYER** born 24 January 1872 at Stanley. A premature birth and he died 3 hours later. (*no burial record – possibly buried in Section B*).
3. **Marceline BOYER** born 8 January 1873 at the Eagle Hotel, Stanley.
4. **Alexis Xavier "Alex" BOYER** born 12 October 1874 at John Street, Stanley. Alexis worked for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd as second cook at North Arm 3 July 1899 to 30 June 1901. He worked for them again in the Lafonia area from 24 February to 28 April 1913. Alexis, age 72 and a labourer, died 16 July 1947 and is buried in Grave P1346.
5. **Baptiste Benjamin BOYER** born 3 May 1876. Baptiste died 31 May 1885 of Typhus fever and is buried at Tranquilidad, Darwin.
6. **Madeline BOYER** born 17 May 1879 at Stanley. Madeline was married to **Joseph James Williams BUTLER**, a shepherd living at Island Harbour, Walker Creek, in the house of William Gleadell at North West Arm according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain, 21 July 1897 in the house of William Gleadell at North West Arm according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were William Edwin Gleadell and Louisa Edith Gleadell. Madeline signed the marriage certificate with a X. Joseph's father was recorded as Joseph Butler, pensioner RMLI, and Madeline's father was recorded as Emelie Francis Boyer, carpenter. Madeline, age 43, died 9 March 1920 from aortic stenous, asthma & cardiac dropsy and is buried at Hill Cove. Joseph, a widower & shepherd, was married to (2) **Margaret Ligertwood RENNIE**, widow & domestic servant, 29 October 1921 at Roy Cove, West Falkland by Howard Clement, JP for Registrar General. The witnesses were Olai Johnsen and Mabel Clement. Joseph's father was recorded as Joseph Butler, colour sergeant RMLI, and Margaret's father was recorded as Lewis Simpson, clerk. Margaret, age 60 & a domestic servant born 13 February 1878 in Scotland, returned to Aberdeen, Scotland in 1938. Joseph, age 73 & a shepherd, died in Stanley 3 January 1940 and is buried in Grave L1153.
7. **Louisa Mary BOYER** born 29 November 1880 at Stanley. Louisa was married to (1) **George WATSON** (*first cousin*), a labourer, 6 February 1909 at the house of James Watson, Stanley by Special Licence by C Rome Hall, Assistant Cathedral Chaplain. The witnesses were Elizabeth Smith and David Murphy. George's father was recorded as James Watson, retired shepherd, and Louisa's father was recorded as Emilia Francis Boyer, carpenter.

George, age 50 and a shepherd at North Arm, died 14 October 1931 of heart failure following pleurisy. (*Buried at North Arm? No burial or grave record.*) Louisa was married to (2) **John "Jack" "Beetle" BLYTH**, a school cleaner, 30 January 1937 at the house of Alex Blyth, Davis Street, Stanley by Special Licence by Walter Forrest McWhan, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were A L Blyth and E A Peck. John's father was recorded as John Blyth, deceased blacksmith, and Louisa's father was recorded as Emile Boyer. John, age 59 and a labourer, died 9 June 1953 from acute enteritis and intestinal obstruction and was buried 12 June 1953 in Grave 1514. Louisa, age 87 and a widow, died 18 February 1968 in Stanley and was buried 21 February 1968 in Grave T2097.

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SECOND GENERATION

Children of Cecilia (1) and Michael MURPHY:

1. **David John MURPHY** born 20 January 1885 and baptised 14 April 1887 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. David was baptised 28 August 1888 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. David started working for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in their Camp establishment 1 December 1897. David, a shepherd, was married to **Isabella HEWITT** 25 June 1913 at Darwin Harbour by Edward J Seymour, Dean & Chaplain. The witnesses were Charlotte Bowles and Norman L Adam. David's father was recorded as Michael James Murphy, overseer, and Isabella's father was recorded as David Hewitt, shepherd. David, age 39 and a shepherd, died 6 July 1924 from a gastric ulcer and perforation of the stomach and was buried at North Arm. Isabella, a widow, was married to (2) **George James Coppin BUTLER**, shepherd 6 October 1925 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were William S Peck and May Hills. George's father was recorded as Joseph James William Butler, shepherd, and Isabella's father was recorded as David Hewitt, deceased shepherd. Isabella died 18 September 1962, age 68, at Port Stephens (*buried there?*)
2. **Ellen Francis MURPHY** born 3 January 1887 and baptised 14 April 1887 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Francis, age 6 months and 24 days, died 27 July 1887 from bronchitis and was buried on Pebble Island.
3. **James Stanley MURPHY** born 17 September 1888 and baptised 9 October 1888 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. James, age 5 months and 15 days, died 4 March 1889 from convulsions and cerebral hyperaemia and was buried on Pebble Island.
4. **Vida Pebbleena MURPHY** born 11 June 1891 and baptised **Vida Paulina MURPHY** 22 March 1893 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Vida was married to **Frank SMITH**, shepherd, 24 August 1910 in the Tabernacle, Stanley by Robert Johnson, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were David John Murphy and Emily Anderson. Frank's father was recorded as James Smith, deceased, and Vida's father was recorded as Michael James Murphy, deceased. Frank, age 54, died 19 December 1942 at Goose Green and is buried at Darwin. Vida died 12 November 1955 at Darwin and is buried there.
5. **Michael Alexander MURPHY** born 13 August 1892 on Pebble Island and baptised 22 March 1893 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as manager on a sheep farm. Michael started working for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in their Camp establishment 1 December 1903 and finished working for them 11 May 1912.

Children of Madeline (6) and Joseph BUTLER:

1. **Ann Elizabeth Boyer BUTLER** born 6 February 1899 at Walker Creek and baptised 2 March 1899 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Annie was married to (1) **Fredrick Sigismund "Fritz" CLASEN**, shepherd, 29 June 1917 at Crooked Inlet, Hill Cove, West Falkland by Governor's Licence by J Innes Wilson, Registrar. The witnesses were Edward Victor Johnson and Joseph James Williams Butler. Fredrick's father was recorded as Henry Clasen, barber and Annie's father was recorded

- as Joseph James Williams Butler, shepherd. Annie, divorced, was married to (2) **Andrez Pitaluga BONNER**, labourer, 12 August 1941 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by James Erik Hamilton, Registrar General. The witnesses were Doris Marian Summers and Alexander Walter Summers. Andrez's father was recorded as William Bonner, labourer, and Annie's father was recorded as Joseph James Williams Butler, shepherd. Andrez died 9 January 1952 and is buried in Grave 1471. Anne, a housekeeper, went on holiday to the UK in 1969.
2. **Joseph Thomas John BUTLER** born 9 February 1902 at Island Creek and baptised 5 March 1902 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Joseph, age 56 and a shepherd at Teal Inlet, died 27 July 1958 in Stanley and was buried 30 July 1958 in Grave S1615.
 3. **Sarah Martha Eliza Mabel BUTLER** born 21 April 1904 at Island Creek and baptised 11 September 1904 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Sarah was married to **Charles Herbert HARDING**, shepherd, 24 April 1929 at Hill Cove, West Falklands by Banns by S E E Aylward, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Thomas James Goodwin and Lily Edith Maud Butler. Charles' father was recorded as George Harding, deceased, and Sarah's father was recorded as Joseph James Butler, shepherd.
 4. **George John Coppen BUTLER** born 9 December 1905 in Stanley and baptised **George James Coppen BUTLER** 31 December 1905 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as gardener. George, a shepherd was married to **Isabella MURPHY**, widow, 6 October 1925 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were William S Peck and May Hills. George's father was recorded as Joseph James William Butler, shepherd, and Isabella's father was recorded as David Hewitt, deceased. Isabella, age 68, died 18 September 1962 at Port Stephens and is buried there. George, age 67, went to the UK in 1972.
 5. **Daisy Beatrice Louisa Mary BUTLER** born 8 October 1908 at Roy Cove and was baptised 16 July 1909 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Daisy, a domestic servant, married **Frederick George SHORT**, labourer, 28 June 1932 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by Harold E Lumsdale, Dean of Christ Church. The witnesses were E A Short and R Grant. Frederick's father was recorded as John Thomas Short, joiner, and Daisy's father was recorded as Joseph James Butler, shepherd. Daisy died 22 October 1974 in Stanley and is buried in Grave U1840. Frederick died 7 February 1985 and is buried in Grave U1841.
 6. **Lily Edith Maud BUTLER** born 31 December 1911 and baptised 26 February 1912 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Lily was married to **David George GOODWIN**, shepherd, 27 August 1931 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by G R L Brown, Registrar General. The witnesses were Alexis Boyer and E Goodwin. David's father was recorded as John Goodwin, shepherd, and Lily's father was recorded as Joseph, James William Butler, shepherd. Lily died 13 July 1932 on the West from diabetes (*no burial record*). George died 4 June 1975 in Stanley and is buried in Grave U1849.
 7. **Frederick Lowther Edward Olai BUTLER** born 1 December 1916 at Hill Cove and baptised 21 February 1917 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Frederick, a shepherd, was married to **Elsie Maud May** 18

September 1943 at Roy Cove by Banns by Sydney Miller, Registrar. The witnesses were Emily R May and James May. Frederick's father was recorded as Joseph James Butler, deceased, and Elsie's father was recorded as Horace Edwin May, shepherd. Frederick, age 59 & a lighthouse keeper, and Elsie, age 53 & a domestic, went on vacation in 1976. Frederick, age 90, died in Stanley 4 April 2007 and was buried 13 April 2007 in Grave W 3460. Elsie, age 91 & living at 2 Thatcher Drive, died in Stanley 5 December 2013 and was buried 13 December 2013 in Grave W 3461.

Children of Louisa (7) and George WATSON:

1. **Frederick George Francis WATSON** born 3 January 1910 and baptised 6 February 1910 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Frederick, age 27 and a navvy at North Arm, died 3 November 1937 at North Arm from diabetes and was buried in North Arm Cemetery.

DESCENDANTS OF EMILE AND ELIZABETH STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS