

BURNS 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.

Thomas Thompson BURNS was born in 1860 in Dumfries, Scotland. At the age of 6 he went to Uruguay with his foster parents and at the age of 11 started work driving bullock carts to take wool to the towns.

Thomas arrived in 1875 in the *Black Hawk*. Thomas, age 27 and a horsebreaker living in Stanley, was married to **Emma Jane RYAN**, age 16 and 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, and Emma's father was recorded as Andrew Ryan, shepherd.

Thomas purchased Crown Grant 176 with a frontage to John Street and rear to Drury Street 22 January 1923. By 1926 the house was known as Burn's Cottage. [FIC/EF/]

Thomas, age 76 and a shepherd, died 4 May 1936 in Stanley and was buried 6 May 1936 in Grave K1093. [Obituary Penguin 9 May 1936, pg 3] Emma, age 75, died 22 April 1946 and was buried 24 April 1946 in Grave K1321.

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of Thomas and Emma 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 commenced working for the Falkland Islands Co Ltd in December 1902. [FIC/EF/] 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 was granted a pension of £35 per annum from the date of his retirement from the Falkland Islands Co Ltd in August 1944. 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.

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*).

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SECOND GENERATION:

Children of Jane and Alfred DUFFIN:

1. **Sarah Emma Maud "Maud" DUFFIN** born 4 January 1916 at North Arm and baptised 26 November 1916 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as foreman labourer. Maud departed Stanley 9 February 1937 on board the *Dawn* for Sparrow Cove to camp out at the Mount Low huts. [Penguin 17 Feb, pg 4] Maud was married to **Dennis John "Jack" SOLLIS**, seaman, 23 May 1940 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by Gerald K Lowe, Senior Chaplain. The witnesses were Leslie Sollis and Nellie Hansen. Dennis' father was recorded as Frank Sollis, stonemason, and Maud's father was recorded as Alfred Henry Duffin, policeman. Maude, age 44, went to Montevideo in 1960 for medical treatment, and Jack, age 44 and a civil servant accompanied her. Muad and Jack went on holiday in 1970 and 1973. Jack, age 70, died in England 31 May 1985 while on leave and his ashes were interred 3 September 1985 in Grave V3040.

Children of Thomas and Emma BURNS:

1. **William Peter Thomas BURNS** born 10 September 1915 at North Arm and baptised 3 December 1916 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. William, age 62 and a retired farm foreman, died 30 January 1978 at Bluff Cove. William, a shepherd, was married to **Mary Ann MORRISON**, widow, 22 February 1949 at the Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle), Stanley by Walter Forrest McWhan, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were Emma Jane Burns and Frederick John Burns. William's father was recorded as William Burns, labourer, and Mary's father was recorded as Stewart Middleton, overseer. William, age 62 and a retired farm foreman, died 30 January 1978 at Bluff Cove and was buried 2 February 1978 in Grave U1914. Mary, age 93 and living at 38 Davis Street, Stanley, was buried 31 October 2008.
2. **Frederick John BURNS** born 30 June 1917 at North Arm and baptised 17 October 1919 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Frederick, a packer, was married to **Iola Winifred SOLLIS**, widow, 23 January 1965 at the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by Harold Bennett, Registrar General. The witnesses were R Ross and E McPhee. Frederick's father was recorded as William Burns, retired shepherd, and Iola's father was recorded as Andrew Cameron Smith, farmer. Frederick, age 51 and a handyman, and Iola, age 50 and a housewife, went to the UK on holiday in 1969. Frederick, age 66 and a handyman, died 22 April 1984 and was buried 25 April 1984 in Grave V 3020.
3. **Robert James BURNS** born 30 April 1919 at North Arm and baptised 17 October 1919 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. In June 1943 Robert was living on Douglas Station. [FIC/EF/] Robert, age 25 and a labourer, went to Montevideo in 1944 for medical treatment.
4. **Emma Jane BURNS** born 22 May 1921 and baptised 6 December 1923 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Emma was married to **Robert Bertram STEEN**, sergeant, FIDF, 25 May 1945 at Christ Church Cathedral by R G R Calvert, Chaplain. The witnesses were Vernon Thomas King and Nellie Frances Middleton. Robert's father was recorded as Ivar Bjarne Steen, mechanic, and Emma's father was recorded as William Burns, labourer. Robert, age 43 and an engineer, emigrated to Australia in 1960. Emmas, age 47 and a shop manageress, went to the UK for a visit in 1969.

DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS & EMMA STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS