

## BUSE 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.*

**Franz BUSE** was born in Stetin, Prussia.

On 7 September 1891 Franz and six others were found guilty of “*Disobeying lawful commands on board Knight Commander*” and sentenced to 14 days hard labour.

Franz was employed by the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in the North Arm area from 3 October 1891 to 7 October 1892 on a monthly wage of £5-0-0.

Franz shipped on board the *Allen Gardiner* as crew from Keppel Island to Tekeenica Bay in October 1894. [FIM Oct 1894]

**Franz “Frank” BUSE**, a mariner and German subject, was married to **Lilian Mary WILLIAMS** 12 February 1896 in St Mary’s Roman Catholic Church by Patrick J O’Grady. The witnesses were Ralph M Williams, Laura McCarthy and Anna McCarthy. Franz’ father was recorded as Charles Buse and Lilian’s father was recorded as John Williams.

At the outbreak of World War I Franz was working as the foreman labourer for the Falkland Islands Company Limited. The governor had Franz arrested as a prisoner of war and he and others were sent to Camp. [FIC/D12: pg 717]

On 21 August 1920 Lilian and seven of her children departed for Punta Arenas on board the *Orita*.

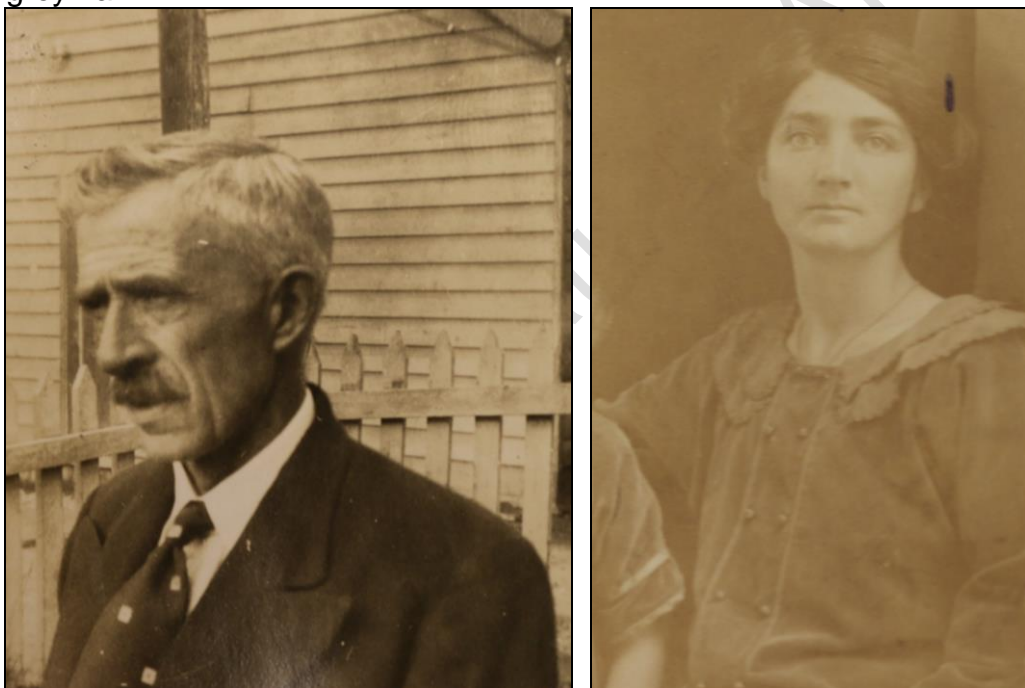
Franz died Monday 13 July 1936 in Magallanes. [Penguin 16 July 1936]

Lilian died 26 November 1946, age 73, and was buried 28 November 1946 in Grave N 1333. [Obituary FI Weekly News 28 Nov 1946]

## FIRST GENERATION

### Children of Franz and Lilian BUSE:

1. **Teresa Mary BUSE** born 29 June 1897 in Stanley and baptised 22 August 1897 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Was engaged to Sverre ANDREASSEN, crew of the *Falkland*. [FIM Jul 1917] Married to **Gregor BRECHIN**, labourer from Scotland, 25 December 1919 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Mario Luis Migone, Priest in Charge. The witnesses were Franz Buse and N McAtasney. Teresa's father was recorded as Franz Buse, labourer, and Gregor's father was recorded as Gregor Smith Brechin, deceased. Gregor started work at the West Store 1 June 1926. In 1927 Teresa, age 29, travelled to Punta Arenas on holiday. She was recorded as being 5' 3" tall with blue eyes and dark hair. In January 1929 Gregor was living in 3 Marmont Row. [FIC/EF/] Gregor was whaling officer in the South Shetlands in 1930. [Penguin 9 May 1930] In 1942 Gregor, age 51 and a boarding house landlord and caterer, travelled to Montevideo for medical attention. He was recorded as being 5' 9" tall with blue eyes and grey hair.



Gregor and Teresa in 1927

2. **John Henry Ralph BUSE** born 21 December 1898 and baptised 5 February 1899 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. John died 31 July 1899 from convulsions, age 7 months, and was buried in Grave D351.
3. **Franz Carl Emil BUSE** born 24 May 1900 in Stanley and baptised **Franz Carle Emil Cawfiel BUSE** 12 August 1900 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as mariner. Franz, a shepherd, was married to **Paulina Ovedia JOHNSEN** 24 May 1926 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Banns by Mario Louis Migone, Priest in Charge. The witnesses were L Sornsen and Jessie Smith. Franz's father was recorded as Franz Buse, mariner, and Paulina's father was recorded as John Johnsen, carpenter. In 1927 Franz, age 26 years, 10 months and a labourer, and Paulina, age 26, went to Punta Arenas on holiday. Franz was recorded as being 5' 8" tall with grey eyes and black hair and Paulina was recorded as being 5' 1" tall with blue eyes and brown hair. In September 1928 Franz and Paulina were living at Calle Quillota 370, Punta Arenas when Paulina's father sent her £22 through the Falkland Islands Company Ltd. Franz

departed 13 October 1934 for South Georgia on board the *Lafonia*. He was engaged in the whaling industry. He arrived back in Stanley 13 April 1935 on board the *Lafonia*. Franz departed for South Georgia on board the *Fitzroy* 30 October 1930, to work with the whalers, returning 23 March 1937. Franz departed 30 October 1937 for South Georgia on board the *Lafonia* and again on 29 October 1938. Franz, a labourer, died 26 November 1953 from coronary thrombosis, age 53, and was buried 29 November 1953 in Grave R1524. Paulina died 4 June 1978 in Stanley, age 77, and was buried 7 June 1978 in Grave U1921.



**Franz and Paulina in 1927**

- Ralph Martin Herman BUSE** born 31 October 1901 in Stanley and baptised 8 December 1901 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as mariner. Ralph, age 33 and a shepherd, went on holiday to Chile in 1935. He was recorded as being 5' 9 ½" tall with grey eyes and black hair. Ralph, a retired shepherd, went on holiday to the UK in 1976. Ralph, age 81 and retired, died 14 October 1983 and was buried 19 October 1983 in Grave V3003.



**Ralph in 1935**

5. **Agnes Violet BUSE** born 8 January 1903 and baptised 22 February 1903 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as mariner. Violet, age 21 and living in Punta Arenas, was married to **John Kenneth McLEOD**, age 36 and a widower and capataz living in Punta Arenas, 22 September 1923 in the Church of St James, Punta Arenas according to the law of the country and the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England after civil ceremony by John Williams, British Chaplain. The witnesses were Simurt Andersen and Antonio Johansen. Violet's father was recorded as Frank Buse, mariner, and John's father was recorded as Kenneth McLeod, deceased.
6. **Flora Annie BUSE** born 3 January 1906 in Stanley and baptised 24 February 1906 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Florrie, age 19 and living at Calle Quillota 370, Punta Arenas, was married to **Arthur Charles PIZZIE**, age 29 and a shepherd living at Oazy Harbour, 29 August 1925 in the Church of St James, Punta Arenas according to the law of the country and the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England after civil ceremony by Alexander Colwyn, British Chaplain. The witnesses were William Harris and Frederick Fowler. Florrie's father was recorded as Franz Carl Buse, foundry man, and Arthur's father was recorded as Edward George Pizzie, shepherd.
7. **Gustaf Maeburn BUSE** born 1 April 1908 in Stanley and baptised 24 May 1908 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as seaman.
8. **Mary Ann Margaret Lily BUSE** born 23 June 1909 in Stanley and baptised 15 August 1909 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as seaman. Lily, age 19 and living at Calle Quillota 370, Punta Arenas, was married to **William Albert HARRIS**, age 26 and a mechanic living at Estancia Oazy Harbour, Magallanes, 9 February 1929 in the Church of St James, Magallanes according to the law of the country and the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England after civil ceremony by M Grancis, British Chaplain. The witnesses were Meaburn Buse and Michael Devlany. Lily's father was recorded as Franz Karl Buse, capitas, and William's father was recorded as Thomas William Harris, farmer. William, age 39 and of Estancia Oazy Harbour, Magallanes, was buried 14 March 1942 in South America. Mary, age 56, travelled to Punta Arenas in 1965. She was recorded as being 5' 2 ½" tall with grey eyes and white hair.



**Mary in 1965**

9. **Stella Amelia Maria BUSE** born 1 November 1912 and baptised 19 January 1913 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as seaman. Stella was married to **Luis DURAN** 2 April 1938 in Punta Arenas. Her bridesmaid was Miss Pizzie and the page Ralph Pizzie. The witnesses were Doctor Meredith, Edward Bean, Arturo Peres and Jose Valenzuela. [Account of wedding Penguin 21 April 1938]
10. **Severa Edmund Stettin BUSE** born 31 March 1917 and baptised **Sverre Edmond Stetten BUSE** 26 May 1917 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as "*A German subject at present unemployed*".

### ***DESCENDANTS OF FRANZ & LILIAN STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS***

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