

## CHEEK 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.*

**William John “John” CHEEK** was born 1 December 1846 in Hatfield, Welwyn, Hertfordshire, England to Cecil James Cheek.

William, age 13, along with William SIMPSON, both of Welwyn, were charged 24 September 1860 with stealing some brass from harness. William was committed for a fortnight with hard labour. [The Hertford Mercury 29 Sep 1860]

William, a mason living in Stanley, was married to **Elizabeth Emma “Lizzie” NIXON**, age 17 and living in Stanley, 20 June 1877 in Holy Trinity Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by Lowther E Brandon Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were John Nixon and Annie Coates. William’s father was recorded as Cecil James Cheek, mason, and Elizabeth’s father was recorded as John Nixon, pensioner.

Elizabeth, age 22, died 26 July 1883 at Fox Bay and is buried in the garden at the big house there. [CHU/CEM/3#18]



On 16 October 1889 John purchased two contiguous lots being Crown Grant 328 on the corner of St Mary’s Walk (*now part of the play park*) for £47. John left for Liverpool 30 July 1907 on RMS *Orepesa*. On 25 June 1909 John was living at Pond Hill, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, England when he sold Crown Grant 328 for £55.

In 1899 John was under contract to build a house, porch and store at Dunnose Head for the sum of £66-10-0.

In June 1909 John was living at Pond Hill, Hatfield, Hertfordshire, England when he sold Crown Grant 328 to the Falkland Islands Government. [BUG/REG/6; 370]

John died 10 March 1931 in England.

## FIRST GENERATION:

### Children of John and Elizabeth CHEEK:

1. **Clara Louisa CHEEK** born 29 April 1879 at Fox Bay and baptised 12 February 1880 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Clara, age 22 & living at Hill Cove, was married to **Charles BETTS**, age 28 and a gardener at Hill Cove, 9 January 1902 at Hill Cove according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Frederick Cheek and Emily Jane Goss Paice. Charles' father was recorded as John Betts, carter, and Clara's father was recorded as John Cheek, carpenter. Charles died 26 May 1953 and is buried in Grave 1512. Clara, age 90, died 11 August 1969 in the KEM hospital and was buried Thursday 14 August 1969 in Grave Q1787.



***Charles & Clara Betts with their children – photo Clara McKay***

2. **Frederick CHEEK** born 20 October 1880 at Fox Bay and baptised 29 November 1880 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as mason. When Frederick was 8 he lost his arm in an accident. Frederick, a shepherd, was married to **Minnie TULLETT**, from Brighton, England, 10 November 1906 at The Point, Hill Cove, West Falklands by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean. The witnesses were Fred G Langdon and Charles Betts. Frederick's father was recorded as John William Cheek, carpenter, and Minnie's father was recorded as John Tullett, engine driver. Minnie came out as a governess to the Miller children; arriving 1 October 1903 on board the *Orita* from Liverpool. Frederick, age 37 and a shepherd, died 22 December 1917 at Teal River, Hill Cove from tuberculosis and was buried in Hill Cove Cemetery. [Obituary FIM Feb 1918] In 1928 Minnie was living at Teal Inlet and requested the FIC to withdraw her money from the 5% War Bonds. In July 1938 Minnie was still living at Teal Inlet. Minnie worked for the Felton family at Teal Inlet for 30 years as a cook. Minnie, age 66, died 21 February 1945 in Stanley from leukaemia and was buried 25 February 1945 in Grave O 1295. In her will dated 18 September 1944 she left her property at 5 Fitzroy Road equally to her son Frederick and daughter Dorothy.

3. **Elizabeth Emma "Bessie" CHEEK** born 8 January 1883 at Fox Bay and baptised 19 March 1884 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Elizabeth, age 19 & a domestic in Stanley, was married to **Henry Newing**, age 25 and an engine driver in Stanley, 8 May 1902 in the Cathedral Church of Christ Stanley according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by N Blount MA Assistant Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were James Ryan and Annie Maud Newing. Henry's father was recorded as Lawrence Newing, blacksmith, and Elizabeth's father was recorded as John Cheek, carpenter. Henry died 5 November 1935 in Stanley from cerebral thrombosis after and operation on the 1 November 1935 and was buried 8 November 1935 in Grave K1085. Elizabeth died 25 July 1971 in Stanley, age 88, and was buried 29 July 1971 in Grave U2167.

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## SECOND GENERATION:

### Children of Clara (1) and Charles BETTS:

1. **Elizabeth Margaret Mary BETTS** born 20 May 1903 at Hill Cove and baptised 7 June 1903 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Elizabeth was married to **Murdo MORRISON**, shepherd, 5 July 1922 at San Carlos, East Falkland by Special Licence by Alex Moir, Deputy Registrar. The witnesses were Richard Short and Edith Betts. Elizabeth's father was recorded as Charles Betts, cook, and Murdo's father was recorded as Murdo Morrison, labourer.
2. **Edith BETTS** born 21 August 1907 at Hill Cove and baptised 1 March 1908 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as foreman. Edith, age 23, was married to **Percy Philip PECK**, age 23 and a shepherd, 26 August 1930 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by F S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were James Watson Peck and Daphne Harriet Peck. Percy's father was recorded as John Peck, shepherd, and Edith's father was recorded as Charles Betts, gardener. Percy and Edith went on vacation to the UK in 1975.
3. **Eva BETTS** born 4 October 1909 at Hill Cove and baptised 30 October 1910 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Eva, a domestic servant, went to the UK in 1945 to join the forces. Eva was married to **James NORRIS**, widower and police officer from England, 18 October 1952 at the United Free Church (Tabernacle), Stanley by Walter Forrest McWhan, Minister. The witnesses were D E J Ikkint and E J Steen. Eva's father was recorded as Charles Betts, retired cook, and James' father was recorded as Harry Norris, deceased platelayer.
4. **Frederick Charles BETTS** born 11 February 1913 at San Carlos North and baptised 6 April 1913 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Frederick, a labourer, was married to **Isabella PECK** 14 August 1940 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by Gerald K Lowe, Senior Chaplain. The witnesses were J D Middleton and Eva Betts. Frederick's father was recorded as Charles Betts, retired cook, and Isabella's father was recorded as George Peck, shepherd. Frederick, a foreman/handyman at FIC, and Isabella, retired to England in 1978 "for peace & quietness owing to sovereignty issue".
5. **George Robert BETTS** born 7 June 1917 at San Carlos North and baptised 15 June 1917 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. George, who was serving in the merchant navy, was posted as missing as a result of enemy action and a memorial service was held for him October 1942. [FI Weekly News 8 Oct 1942]

### Children of Frederick (2) and Minnie CHEEK:

1. **Dorothy Elizabeth CHEEK** born 12 October 1908 at Hill Cove and baptised 23 July 1909 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Dorothy was married to **George Richard Henry "Henry" NEWMAN**, carpenter, 29 December 1928 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by S E E Aylward, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Joseph Arthur David Newman and Henry Newing. George's father was recorded as Frederick Newman, carpenter, and Dorothy's father was recorded as Frederick Cheek, shepherd. Henry, a farm foreman, died 26 August 1968 at Teal Inlet and was buried 29 August 1968 in Grave T2109. Dorothy died 8 April 1996 in Stanley and was buried 13 April 1996 in Grave T2110.

2. **Frederick John CHEEK** born 16 May 1911 at Hill Cove and baptised 28 May 1911 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Frederick, a labourer, was married to **Dorothy Mary Gladys JOHNSON** 27 November 1937 at Hill Cove, West Falkland by Registrar General's Licence by H C Harding, Acting Registrar. The witnesses were Alfred G R Johnson and Eric T Johnson. Frederick's father was recorded as Frederick Cheek, deceased, and Dorothy's father was recorded as Edward Roach Johnson, handyman. Dorothy, age 68, died 24 January 1984 and was buried 27 January 1984 in Grave V3011. Frederick, age 83 and retired, died 14 August 1994 in Stanley and was buried 19 August 1994 in Grave V3012. [Obituary Penguin News 20 August 1994]
3. **Alfred Henry CHEEK** born 14 December 1915 at Teal River, Hill Cove. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Alfred, age 7 weeks, died 1 February 1916 from fermentative diarrhoea and was buried in Hill Cove Cemetery.
4. **Arthur Ernest CHEEK** born 20 April 1917 at Teal River, Hill Cove and baptised **Arthur Ernest Paice CHEEK** 13 November 1917 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Arthur, age 11 months, died 31 March 1918 at Fox Bay from tubercular meningitis and was buried in Hill Cove Cemetery.

#### Children of Elizabeth (3) and Henry NEWING:

1. **Annie Elizabeth NEWING** born 3 July 1902 and baptised 14 September 1902 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Annie was married to **Maurice LEHEN**, age 31, 24 March 1939 at 1121 Calle 21 de Mayo, Punta Arenas. Both were living in Punta Arenas at the time. The witnesses were A Gomez, Cecil Bertrand, Caroline Hardy and Nellie Conroy. Maurice's father was recorded as Daniel Lehen, retired, and Annie's father was recorded as Henry Newing, deceased. Both Maurice and Annie were resident in Punta Arenas at the time of wedding. Annie, age 73 and a widow, died 19 September 1975 in Stanley and was buried 22 September 1975 in Grave U1858. Maurice's ashes were buried on top 6 December 1977.
2. **Edwin NEWING** born 2 January 1904 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as carter. Edwin died 3 January 1904 from defective development and inanition and was buried 4 January 1904 in Grave E403.
3. **Dorothy Winifred NEWING** born 28 February 1905 in Stanley and baptised 30 March 1905 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as carter. Dorothy was married to **Markham James LUXTON**, labourer, 24 August 1926 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by Fredk T Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Henry Newing and Annie Newing. Markham's father was recorded as John Thomas Luxton, cabinet maker.
4. **Muriel Edith NEWING** born 27 June 1910 in Stanley and baptised 28 July 1910 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Muriel was married to **Cecil William Wickham BERTRAND**, labourer, 4 February 1931 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by Fredk S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Stanley Stanford Halliday and Christina Mary Newing. Cecil's father was recorded as Wickham Bertrand, farmer. Muriel and Cecil were divorced in 1948.
5. **Christina Mary NEWING** born 9 September 1912 in Stanley and baptised 22 December 1912 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Christina was married to **Eric Henry Stephen SMITH**, labourer, 18 January 1936 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by R T Wade, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were S

Bennett and M Luxton. Eric's father was recorded as Edwin John Smith, deceased shepherd. [Account of wedding Penguin 20 Jan 1936, pg 1-2; 21 Jan 1936, pg 1-2]



**Wedding of Christina and Eric – photo Clara McKay**

6. **David Charles NEWING** born 9 April 1921 and baptised 29 May 1921 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as carter. David was married to **Juana FARFAN** (*not in Falkland Islands*).
7. **Olga Joan NEWING**. Olga, a schoolteacher, was married to **Roy HARRISON**, clerk from England, 10 November 1955 at Christ Church Cathedral by J Gould, Senior Chaplain & Vicar of Stanley. The witnesses were R S Moss, Joyce Luxton, E Newing and M Luxton. Roy's father was recorded as Herbert P Harrison, engineer.

### **DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM & ELIZABETH STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS**