

COLEMAN 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.

John COLEMAN was born in Somerset, England and came to the Falkland Islands circa 1883 to work with Edward Wilkins, a professional baker.

John, age 22 and a baker living in Stanley, was married to **Janet Ann KELWAY**, age 21 and living in Stanley, 17 June 1886 in the New Infant Schoolroom according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Presbyterian Church by Licence by William Hill Philip Presbyterian Minister. The witnesses were James R Kelway and Amelia Jane Kelway. John's father was recorded as John Coleman, carpenter, and Janet's father was recorded as George Frederick Kelway, carpenter.

In September/October 1889 John took over the business lately carried on in Stanley by Mr Voice for the sum of £100. [FIM Oct 1889/Reg Off Vol III] Alfred Voice took out a lease on premises on John Street in 1887.

John operated a bakery and confectionary from his house.

John worked as a lamplighter and labourer for the Falkland Islands Government from 1901 to 1905 on an annual salary of £34-0-0.

John worked for the Falkland Islands Company Limited in the Lafonia area from 30 June 1912 to 1 August 1912. [FIC, A3, pg 633]

On the 23rd May 1930 John was living on Douglas Station and on 30 May 1931 he purchased Sea View Cottage on Pioneer Row (Crown Grant 442) from the Falkland Islands Government for £500. He paid a deposit of £200. He sold the property for £500 13 February 1932.

On the 5th March 1934 John was living on Douglas Station and purchased half a rood being Crown Grant 107 for £80 from James Goodwin of Port Howard. [Vol VIII A]

Annie, age 79 and a housewife, died 21 December 1944 and was buried in Grave O1290. John, age 83 and retired, died 13 November 1947 and was buried 15 November 1947 in Grave P1358. [Obituary FI Weekly News 20 Nov 1947]

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of John and Janet COLEMAN:

1. **Child COLEMAN** (*see obituary for John – no record of a child being born, assume stillborn or died soon after birth. Alternatively could be Janet's first child born out of wedlock*)
2. **Child COLEMAN** (*see obituary for John – no record of a child being born, assume stillborn or died soon after birth*)
3. **Emily Orissa COLEMAN** born 27 February 1889 in Stanley and baptised 28 April 1889 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as baker. Emily was married to **Herbert PAICE**, assistant lighthouse keeper, 10 February 1910 in Christ Church Cathedral after Banns by Edward J Seymour, Chaplain & Hon Canon. The witnesses were John Miller and Florence Evelyn Coleman. Emily's father was recorded as John Coleman, mason, and Herbert's father was recorded as Nathaniel Paice, shepherd. Emily, Herbert and their child travelled to Punta Arenas 22 July 1913 on board the *Orcoma*. Emily, Herbert and four children arrived from Punta Arenas 23 December 1923 on the *Falkland*. Emily, Herbert and three children departed for Punta Arenas 8 May 1924 on the *Oropesa*.
4. **Eva Edith COLEMAN** born 6 March 1891 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as baker. Eva died 24 August 1891, age 6 months, from convulsions and was buried in Grave I603.
5. **John James COLEMAN** born 11 May 1893 in Stanley and baptised 30 July 1893 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as baker. Fought during World War I in King Edward's Horse Regiment no. 1118. Discharged 12 October 1919. Supposed to have died 6 April 1965 in South America. Owned an English hotel called Costa del Sud in Argentina in the 1940s. In 1960 he had Swan Hotel in Rio Gallegos, Argentina. [Per Monica May] John was still alive when his father died in 1947.
6. **Malvina COLEMAN** born 12 August 1894 and baptised **Lily Malvina COLEMAN** 26 August 1894 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as baker. Lillie departed for Punta Arenas 29 July 1908 on the *Orita* with Consul and Mrs Rowen who she was in service to. From 1 November 1909 10 shillings of her wage was paid each month to her father, John Coleman. She was still in service to the Rowens and living in Punta Arenas. Lily was married to **John Severin BRAGG** 7 May 1913 in Punta Arenas. John, age 25, died 11 October 1916 in Punta Arenas after an operation and was buried there 19 October 1916. Lily died in Punta Arenas 6 January 1970 and is buried there.
7. **Florence Eveline COLEMAN** born 1 November 1895. Her father's occupation was recorded as baker. Florence, age 18, was married to (1) **John McLean McKAY**, shepherd, 10 April 1913 at the Registry Office, Stanley by Special Licence by M Craigie-Halkett. The witnesses were Mary Mackay and James R McKay. Florence's father was recorded as John Coleman, baker, and John's father was recorded as John McKay, shepherd. Florence, a widow, was married to (2) **Stanley George BERNTSEN**, labourer, 4 June 1946 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by H Bennett, Ag Registrar General. The witnesses were Mrs Gertie May and Mrs Mary Fullerton.

Florence's father was recorded as John Coleman, retired, and Stanley's father was recorded as Abner Marentius Napoleon Berntsen, deceased. Stanley died 30 August 1967 in Stanley and is buried in Grave T2082.

8. **Boy COLEMAN** born 9 January 1897. Stillborn. His father's occupation was recorded as baker.
9. **Frederick Albert COLEMAN** born 14 May 1898 in Stanley and baptised 4 September 1898 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as baker. Frederick, a builder, was married to **Edivie Lena SMITH**, divorced housewife, 14 May 1953 at the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by Arthur Rutter, Acting Registrar. The witnesses were P Anderson and G Anderson. Frederick's father was recorded as John Coleman, deceased baker, and Edivie's father was recorded as William Anderson, deceased shepherd. Edivie died 14 October 1971 in Stanley, age 73, and was buried 16 October 1971 in Grave U2176. Frederick died 10 April 1984, age 85, in the hospital fire, and was buried 13 April 1984 in Grave V3019.
10. **Ethel Ann COLEMAN** born 29 September 1899. Her father's occupation was recorded as baker. Ethel died 14 October 1899 and was buried 17 October 1899 in Grave I605.
11. **Gertrude Maud COLEMAN** born 22 April 1901. Her father's occupation was recorded as baker. Gertrude was married to (1) **Horace James Edward MAY**, labourer, 27 May 1920 at The Chartres, West Falkland by Registrar's Licence by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were William Binnie and Rose May. Gertrude's father was recorded as John Coleman, mason, and Horace's father was recorded as Frederick May, gardener. Gertrude, a widow, was married to (2) **Alfred Peter ANDERSON**, labourer, 15 May 1947 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by J E Hamilton, Registrar General. The witnesses were Mrs Lena Smith and F C Coleman. Alfred's father was recorded as William Anderson, deceased, and Gertrude's father was recorded as John Coleman, retired. Alfred, age 72 & a retired handyman, died 14 August 1975 in Stanley and is buried in Grave U1853. Gertrude, age 92, died 26 May 1993 and is buried in Grave R1854.
12. **Sybil Muriel COLEMAN** born 8 June 1903 in Stanley and baptised 13 September 1903 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Sybil died 7 August 1931, age 26, from tabes mesenterica and was buried 9 August 1931 in Grave K1023.
13. **Isabell Pearl COLEMAN** born 17 July 1905 and baptised 26 October 1905 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as baker. Isabella was married to **Albert CLIFTON**, sailor, 15 June 1927 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by Frederick S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were R Hansen and Jessie Clifton. Isabella's father was recorded as John Coleman, mason, and Albert's father was recorded as Henry Clifton, butcher. Isabella died 17 October 1940 from acute broncho-pneumonic pthisis and chronic pulmonary tuberculosis at her parents' home and was buried in Grave K1170. [Obituary FI News Weekly 24 Oct 1940]

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN & JANET STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS