

DESPREAUX 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.

Louis DESPREAUX, a native of France, arrived at Port Louis 6 April 1837 and is recorded as still being resident at Port Louis 31 January 1838 and on 18 September 1838 was living in House 7, Port Louis. [H1; 37: Papers relative to FI]

In the Census taken 6 June 1842 Louis was recorded as being age 24 and a Roman Catholic from France. His occupation was recorded as assistant to cabalareiro and his previous occupation as a seaman in the merchant service. He owned 1 dog and lived with the gauchos. By the census of 12 October 1846 his occupation was recorded as cattle catcher and by the census of 22 February 1851 he was age 31 and a labourer.

In 1847 Louis, a settler, was entitled to take seal, whale, whalebone and fish. On 27 March 1852 Louis was recorded on the list of aliens who had received permission to reside in the Falkland Islands. [E2; 141, 129: E4; 46]

Louis Eujernes DESPREAUX was married to **Catherine HUMPHRIES**, age 16, 11 August 1851 in the Parish of the Holy Trinity by Banns with consent of parents by James Leith Moody, Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Jacob Napoleon Goss and Edward McMurray. Catherine signed with her X mark. Neither Louis nor Catherine's fathers were recorded. In December 1862 Louis was working as a butcher and lived in Stanley.

Catherine, age 37, died 26 November 1869 in Stanley from puerperal fever and was buried 28 November 1869 in Grave C260.

In September 1877 Louis was paid £100 on account of wages by R C Packe; and again in March 1879. In January 1880 he was paid £82-3-2 and in October 1880 £66. In May 1883 Louis was paid £78. [pg 42, 56]

Louis, age 66 and a shepherd, died 17 January 1884 from fatty degeneration of the heart at the Estancia and was buried 22 January 1884 in Grave Ai213.

FIRST GENERATION

Children of Catharine and Louis DESPREAUX:

1. **Caroline Elizabeth DESPREAUX** born 19 December 1852 in Stanley and baptised 2 January 1853 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as seaman. Died 28 May 1853 in Stanley from atrophy and was buried 30 May 1853 (*no grave record*).
2. **Louis Mathew DESPREAUX** born 6 April 1854 in Stanley and baptised 10 July 1854 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as seaman. Died 3 October 1855 in Stanley from typhus and was buried 4 October 1855 (*no grave record*).
3. **Maria Nesbut/Nesbith DESPREAUX** born 20 September 1856. Her father's occupation was recorded as seaman. Maria, age 18 and living at the Estancia, was married to **Samuel HYSLIP**, age 21 and a labourer living at Teal Inlet, 17 December 1875 in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by Waits H Falkland Islands. The witnesses were Louis Eugesnes Despreaux and Elizabeth Jane Gleadell. Samuel's father was recorded as Samuel Hyslip, labourer, and Maria's father was recorded as Louis Eugene Despreaux, labourer. In December 1884 Samuel received wages of £51-19-0 from R C Packe. Samuel and Maria emigrated to Magallanes circa 1890. Maria died at Sandy Point, Chile. [FIM Feb 1890] According to the book "El Jimmy: Outlaw of Patagonia" by Herbert Childs, pgs 66, 70 and 71, **Sam HAZLEUP** was an "*Indian hunter; of English descent; came to Tierra del Fuego from Falklands; good horseman; proficient with lasso; (p70) received several arrow wounds; (p71) said to have died by being pushed off a cliff*". According to a letter from Markham Dean to Arthur Cobb dated 18 November 1948 Samuel was "*the infamous killer of the Indians & reputed to be a magnificent rider.*" [FIC/OM/COB/1#2]
4. **James Louis "Louis" DESPREAUX** born 15 August 1858 in Stanley and bapsided 21 September 1858 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as seaman. James, a camp man living in Stanley, was married to **Barbara McKENZIE**, age 17 and living in Stanley, 21 July 1887 in the Service room according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were John Peck and Albertina Hardy. Barbara signed with her X mark. James' father was recorded as James Despreaux, shepherd, and Barbara's father was recorded as Alexander McKenzie, shepherd. Barbara, age 26, died June 1897 at Sandy Point. [FIM Aug 1897]
5. **Catherine Elizabeth DESPREAUX** born 1 August 1861 in Stanley and baptised 13 December 1861 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as gaucho. Catherine, living at the Estancia, was married to **John BEAN**, living in Stanley, 27 November 1877 in St Mary's Catholic Church Stanley. The witnesses were John Henry Williams and Mary Anne Williams. John's father was recorded as John Bean and Catherine's father was recorded as Louis Eugene Despreaux. The family moved to Patagonia circa 1882 when John took up gold mining. They returned and John owned the Shamrock Hotel, 10-11 Pioneer Row, in Stanley and in 1890 leased it to Casimiro Pinazo. They emigrated to Punta Arenas by August 1890. Catherine died 15 November 1912 age 50 at Punta Arenas and was buried there 17 November 1912 by St James Anglican Church. [FIM Dec 1912] John died Tuesday 4 June 1918 in Patagonia. "*We have to announce the death of another pioneer of Patagonia in the person of Mr. John Bean, who succumbed to a brief illness on Tuesday the 4th instant. The late Mr. Bean, who was a native of Dublin, came to these parts about 36 years ago when he took up gold-mining. During the latter years he has been able to live in retirement on his income. He was one of the founders of*

the Sociedad Cosmopolita and has been long known as a subscriber to local charities”.
[Magellan Times 6 June 1918]

6. **Louisa Jane DEPREAUX** born 16 October 1863 in Stanley and baptised 24 April 1864 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as seaman. Louisa, age 19 and living at Long Island, was married to **Herbert John KNOWLES**, shepherd living at Long Island, 5 April 1882 in the House of Samuel Hyslop according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. No witnesses recorded. Herbert's father was recorded as William Leatt Knowles, publican, and Louisa's father was recorded as Louis Eugene Despreaux. Herbert, age 76, died in Magallanes and was buried 23 March 1928.
7. **Caroline Elizabeth DESPREAUX** born 9 March 1866 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as gaucho. Caroline, age 20, was married to **James BELL**, age 23 and a shepherd at Teal Inlet, 31 December 1885 in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. Caroline signed with her X mark. The witnesses were Samuel Hyslop and Maria Nesbut Hyslop. James' father was recorded as Andrew Bell, manager, and Caroline's father was recorded as Louis Eugene Despreaux, shepherd. James died 21 June 1898, age 35, from meningitis and is buried in Grave I638. Caroline died 24 February 1941 and is buried in Grave M1178.
8. **Louis Thomas DESPREAUX** born 29 February 1868 in Stanley and baptised 20 August 1868 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as seaman. Louis, age 6 months, died 28 August 1868 in Stanley from inflammation on the chest and is buried in an unidentified grave in section C.
9. **Matilda DESPREAUX** born 24 October 1869 in Stanley and baptised 26 November 1869 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as seaman. *(may have been sent to Montevideo as a lunatic in 1884 – see ExCo minutes for 1884)*

SECOND GENERATION

Children of Maria (3) and Samuel HYSLIP:

1. **Nicolas Catherine HYSLIP** born 23 November 1876 at Teal Inlet. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer.
2. **Agnes Nesbitt HYSLOP** born 24 June 1878 at Teal Creek, St Salvador. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
3. **Louisa HYSLIP** born 15 October 1880 at Long Island. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
4. **Louis Luziano HYSLIP** born 24 September 1882 at Long Island. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
5. **Mary Jane HYSLOP** born 4 May 1884 at Long Island. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Died 12 April 1886 from tabes mesenterium and is buried in Grave Ai 213.
6. **Samuel HYSLOP** born 12 May 1886 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Samuel died at Sandy Point, Chile. [FIM Feb 1890]
7. **Samuel José HYSLOP** born ? and baptised 23 July 1890 by Sagrado Corazón y Merced, Punta Arenas.
8. **Juan HYSLOP DEPREOT** born ? and baptised 27 April 1898 by Sagrado Corazón y Merced, Punta Arenas.

Children of Catherine (5) and John BEAN:

1. **John Michael BEAN** born 14 May 1879 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Died 19 July 1879 from being accidentally overlaid and is buried in Grave D 367.
2. **Mary Elizabeth Anna BEAN** born 15 December 1880 in Stanley and baptised 25 December 1880 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Married to **Roy Francis FLOWERS** 17 January 1905 in Santa Cruz. [CM Feb 1905]
3. **John Caulfield BEAN** born 19 November 1882 and baptised 10 December 1882 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church.
4. **Thomas Charles BEAN** born 1887 in Chile.
5. **Madeline Sarah BEAN** born circa 1890 in Chile. Married, age 25, to **James Laurence McARDLE**, age 26 and a carter, 8pm Saturday 21 June 1915 in St James Church, Punta Arenas according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England. The witnesses were W A Chandler and M Stuart. James' father was recorded as Lawrence McArdle, gardener. Both Madeline and James were living in Punta Arenas at the time of the marriage.

6. **Catharine Winifred BEAN** born 17 August 1891 at Sandy Point, Chile. Married, age 21, to **William Alfred CHANDLER**, age 21 and an operator, 4 August 1913 in St James Church, Punta Arenas according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England. The witnesses were Murdoch Stuart and Thomas Charles Bean. William's father was recorded as Alfred Chandler, stableman. Both Catharine and William were living in Punta Arenas at the time of the marriage.
7. **Maud Violet BEAN** born circa 1898 (*not in Falkland Islands*). Died 19 August 1904 in Punta Arenas age 6 years.

Children of Louisa (6) and Herbert KNOWLES:

1. **Ellen Jane KNOWLES** born 23 June 1883 in Stanley and baptised 21 July 1883 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer.
2. **William Leath KNOWLES** baptised 9 January 1891, of the Delgada Parish, Magallanes, Chile. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
3. **Alice Mary KNOWLES** baptised 9 January 1891, of the Delgada Parish, Magallanes, Chile. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
4. **Agnes KNOWLES** baptised 9 January 1891, of the Delgada Parish, Magallanes, Chile. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
5. **Louisa KNOWLES** born 27 January 1896 at Punta Delgada, Magallanes, Chile and baptised 22 November 1896. Her father's occupation was recorded as farm manager.
6. **Herbert John KNOWLES** born 21 October 1897 in Punta Arenas and was baptised 4 November 1897. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.

Children of Caroline (7) and James BELL:

1. **Mary Margaret Elizabeth BELL** born 26 October 1886 at Evelyn Station (*Teal Inlet*) and baptised 3 March 1887 by the United Non-Conformist Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Mary, age 43, emigrated to the UK in 1930.
2. **Alice Jane Eliza BELL** born 21 December 1887 at Evelyn Station (*Teal Inlet*) and baptised 2 March 1889 by the United Non-Conformist Church, Darwin. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer.
3. **Jessie Helen BELL** born 16 March 1889 at Evelyn Station (*Teal Inlet*) and baptised 1 July 1890 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Jessie travelled to Punta Arenas, Chile in 1920. Jessie, age 35 and a cook, went on holiday to Punta Arenas, Chile in 1924. Jessie, age 69 and a spinster, died 24 March 1958 in Stanley and was buried 26 March 1958 in Grave S 1608.
4. **Wilhilmina "Minnie" BELL** born 16 April 1890 at Teal Inlet and baptised 1 July 1890 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Wilhamina, age 13 years & 4 months, died in Stanley 26 August 1903 from embolism with cardiac failure and was buried 29 August 1903 in Grave I 640.

5. **Caroline Elizabeth BELL** born 21 October 1891. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Caroline, age 9 months & 10 days, died 31 July 1892 from convulsions at Teal Inlet and is buried there.
6. **Andrew James Robert BELL** born 24 May 1893 in Stanley and baptised 7 August 1893 by Christ Church Cathedral. His godparents were recorded as his parents and Harriet Ann Elizabeth Thompson. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Andrew, age 3 months, died 26 August 1893 and was buried 29 August 1893 (*no death or grave record*).
7. **Daisy Jane BELL** born 7 September 1894 in Stanley and baptised 7 January 1895 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as carter. Daisy, age 5, died 7 December 1899 was buried 10 December 1899 in Grave I 642 (*no death record*).
8. **Gertrude Violet BELL** born 20 June 1897 and baptised 20 September 1898 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Gertrude travelled to Punta Arenas, Chile on the ss *Potosi* in 1919. Gertrude, age 24 and living in Punta Arenas, was married to **Henry WILLIAMS**, age 27 and a shepherd living in Punta Arenas, 15 December 1921 in St James Church, Punta Arenas according to the laws of the country and the Church of England after civil ceremony by John Williams, British Chaplain. The witnesses were Vincent Summers and Charles Corcoran. Henry's father was recorded as Ralph Williams, poultry dealer, and Gertrude's father was recorded as James Bell, deceased.