

## ELMER 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** and **Catherine ELMER** arrived in Stanley with their four children, Ann, Mary Ann, Sarah and William, on the “Ealing Grove” 12 January 1858 with the Falkland Islands Company Detachment. Apart from the commanding officer, Captain Molony, the company consisted of three sergeants, two corporals, a drummer and thirty privates (of which William was one) all of whom were married men of fifteen years service and drawn from Line Regiments. William was a private and a soldier of the 51<sup>st</sup> Foot. On 2 August 1859 William was charged with assaulting his wife and was released from jail to the custody of Captain Abbott. On the 5 August 1859 he was sentenced to three weeks hard labour for violent assault. By 1866 he was listed as a pensioner of the Falkland Island Garrison. William was most likely illiterate as he signed documents with an X. He also worked as a gardener and was a publican when he died. William, age 57 and a publican & pensioner, died in Stanley 25 December 1870 from bronchitis and was buried 29 December 1870 in Grave E 423.



Catherine, a widow, was married to (2) **Walter CLAXTON**, a Corporal in the RMLI, 11 June 1874, in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Banns by Henry C Lory Act Col Chaplain. The witnesses were Charles Hansen and S Tollfree. Walter's father was recorded as James Henry Claxton, farmer, and Catherine's father was recorded as Stephen Raisback, clerk. Catherine, age 67, died 11 April 1902 and is buried in Grave Ai204. Walter, age 73, died 5 July 1910 and is buried in Grave Ai723.



## FIRST GENERATION

### Children of William and Catherine ELMER:

1. **Mary Ann ELMER** born circa 1844. Arrived on the "Ealing Grove" 12 January 1858. Mary, age 17, was married to **William McDAID**, age 27 and a farmer & mariner of Ireland, 19 February 1862 at Trinity Church Stanley according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by Governor's Licence by Charles Bull MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Thomas McNichol, Sarah Elmer and Harriet Wilson. William's father was recorded as Charles McDaid, mechanic, and Mary's father was recorded as William Elmer, soldier. William was on board the SS Colonzo, bound from Callao to England, which was wrecked on Speedwell Island in 1860 and decided to stay. William died 26 October 1916, age 82, and is buried in Grave F813. Mary Ann died 24 July 1930, age 85, and is buried in Grave J1005.
2. **Sarah ELMER** born circa 1846. Arrived on the "Ealing Grove" 12 January 1858. Sarah, age 17, was married to (1) **William Dixon WILKINSON**, age 26 and a Government Messenger from Lancashire, England, 17 June 1863 at Trinity Church Stanley according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England after Banns by Charles Bull MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were George Smith and Mary Ann Smith. William's father was recorded as Henry Wilkinson, soap manufacturer, and Sarah's father was recorded as William Elmer, soldier. Sarah, a widow and midwife, was married to (2) **Edward Francis CRESSARD**, a shipwright, 16 February 1892 in the house of E F Cressard according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were H Maclean and Kezia Prior. Edward's father was recorded as John Cressard, wine merchant, and Sarah's father was recorded as William Elmer, pensioner of 51<sup>st</sup> foot. Sarah died 2 February 1925, age 78, and is buried in Grave K915. Edward died 10 September 1926, age 82, and is buried in Grave K944.
3. **William Stephen ELMER** born circa 1855. Arrived on the "Ealing Grove" 12 January 1858. On the 16 July 1877 he was a labourer at Port St Salvador and purchased a plot of land (Crown Grant 13) fronting onto Fitzroy Road for five shillings. (On the 15 May 1917 he sold the plot to his son Alfred Elmer for the same price.) William, a shepherd living in Stanley, was married to **Celestina HUBBARD**, widow living at Rincon Grande, 15 June 1893 in the house of Mrs Claxton according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Edwin C Aspinall Assistant Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were H J Pitaluga and Emma Elmer. William's father was recorded as William Elmer, gardener, and Celestia's father was recorded as Andrew Pitaluga, farmer. William, age 62, died 10 November 1917 and was buried 13 November 1917 in Grave E 820. Celestina, age 79, died 5 September 1929 and was buried 8 September 1929 in Grave E995.
4. **Anne "Annie" ELMER** born circa 1857. Arrived on the "Ealing Grove" 12 January 1858. Anne, age 18 and living in Stanley, was married to **Harry BENNETT**, age 25 and a seaman living in Stanley, 2 April 1876 in the Prince of Wales Hotel according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Special Licence by John R Rudds Chaplain RN Chaplain of HMS *Volage*. The witnesses were W Claxton and Catherine Claxton. Harry's father was recorded as Harry Edward Bennett, publican, and Anne's father was recorded as William Elmer, gardener. Annie died 24 September 1879, age 22, of serolpulus caries and is buried in Grave E 425.
5. **John ELMER** born 30 December 1859 in Stanley and baptised 11 March 1860 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as private in FI Garrison Company.

John, age 1 yr, 8 mths, and 10 days, died 9 September 1861 from water on the brain and was buried 11 September 1861 in Grave E 424.

6. **Elizabeth ELMER** born 21 February 1862 in Stanley and baptised 30 March 1862 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as private in FI Garrison Company. Elizabeth, age 26 and an assistant school teacher, died 20 March 1888 of acute phthisis and was buried 25 March 1888 in Grave E426.
7. **Catherine ELMER** born 13 April 1864 in Stanley and baptised 5 May 1864 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as private in FI Garrison Company. Catherine, age 18 was married to **Joseph Thomas ALDRIDGE**, age 25 and a butcher, 20 July 1882 in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were F I King and R Elmer. Joseph's father was recorded as Thomas Aldridge, publican, and Catherine's father was recorded as William Elmer, (*military*) pensioner. Joseph, age 82, died 17 August 1938 and was buried in Grave J1124. [Obituary FI News Weekly Aug 1938] Catherine, age 87 and a widow, died 26 June 1951 and was buried 29 June 1951 in Grave J1457.
8. **Caroline ELMER** born 15 September 1866 in Stanley and baptised 14 November 1866 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as pensioner. Caroline, age 2 ½ months, died in Stanley 24 November 1866 from convulsions and was buried 27 November 1866 in Grave E 422.
9. **Rebecca ELMER** born 18 August 1867 in Stanley and baptised 8 November 1867 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as pensioner. Rebecca, age 22 and living in Stanley, was married to **John Falkland SUMMERS**, age 22 and a shepherd at Shallow Bay, 24 July 1890 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 William Stephen Elmer and Emma Elmer. John's father was recorded as John Summers, pensioner, and Rebecca's father was recorded as William Elmer, pensioner. Rebecca died 19 April 1941 and is buried in Grave L1182. John died 1 October 1947 and is buried in Grave L1351.
10. **Emma ELMER** born 27 December 1869 in Stanley and baptised 18 March 1870 by the Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as pensioner FI Garrison Company. Emma was married to **Alexander Lee KIDDLE**, a foreman shepherd of Hill Cove, 18 August 1898 in the Parish Church according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Edith Adelaide Kiddle and John F Summers. Alexander's father was recorded as Noah Kiddle, navy, and Emma's father was recorded as William Elmer, gardener. Emma died 26 July 1945 and is buried in Grave O1301. Alexander died 27 November 1949, age 83, and is buried in Grave O1417.

## SECOND GENERATION

### Children of Mary Ann (1) and William McDAID:

1. **William Charles McDAID** born 2 February 1863 on Pebble Island. William, a shepherd, was married to **Caroline Rosalie PERRY**, age 21, of Stanley, 11 June 1902 in the Parish Church according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were John Charles Perry and Hannah Elizabeth Aldridge. William died 21 September 1948 and is buried in Grave O1250. Caroline died 18 November 1948 and is buried in Grave O1390.

### Children of Sarah (2) and William WILKINSON:

1. **Mary Helen WILKINSON** born 21 July 1864 in Stanley and baptised **Mary Ellen WILKINSON** 26 October 1864 by Holy Trinity Church. Mary, age 19, was married to **Hugh MACLEAN**, age 23, a shipwright, 12 July 1883 in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were W C Wilkinson and Mary Margaret Hardy. Hugh's father was recorded as Hector Maclean, shipwright, and Mary's father was recorded as William Dixon Wilkinson, mariner.
2. **William Charles WILKINSON** born 15 July 1866 at Keppel Island and baptised 4 October 1866 by Holy Trinity Church. William, a carpenter, was married to **Alice WILLIAMS** in the house of Mr E Cressard according to the rites and ceremonies of the Baptist Church by governor's Licence by George H Harris, Baptist minister 27 March 1889. The witnesses were Hugh Maclean and Mary Ellen MacLean. William's father was recorded as William Dixon Wilkinson, mariner, and Alice's father was recorded as Henry Williams, labourer.

### Children of William (3) and Celestina ELMER:

1. **Girl ELMER** born 23 March 1894 at Rincon Grande. Stillborn.
2. **Alfred Stephen ELMER** born 15 April 1895 and baptised 7 July 1885 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Alfred, age 35, died 1 June 1930 from pulmonary tuberculosis and was buried 3 June 1930 in Grave J 1001.

### Children of Annie (4) and Harry BENNETT:

1. **Henry Edward BENNETT** born 28 April 1876. Henry was married to **Agnes Mary Ann GRIERSON**, age 18, 3 March 1898 in the Parish Church according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by Edwin C Aspinall Canon & Assistant Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were John F Summers and Emma Elmer.

### Children of Catherine (7) and Joseph ALDRIDGE:

1. **Marian Elizabeth ALDRIDGE** born 18 May 1883 in Stanley and baptised 15 July 1883 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Marian was married to **Edward John GLEADELL**, carter, 14 June 1906 at Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were J Clethero,

Rebecca Aldridge & John Summers. Edward's father was recorded as Edwin Gleadell, carter, and Marian's father was recorded as Joseph Thomas Aldridge, gardener. Edward, a labourer, travelled to Montevideo, Uruguay for medical treatment in 1945.

2. **Alice Catherine ALDRIDGE** born 21 May 1885 in Stanley and baptised 12 July 1885 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Alice was married to **John Richard CLETHERO**, butcher, 6 September 1904 at Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley by C K Blount MA Acting Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Marian Aldridge, A F Lellman and John F Summers. John's father was recorded as William Clethero, butcher, and Alice's father was recorded as Joseph Aldridge, butcher. John, age 80 and a labourer, died 29 May 1960 in Stanley and was buried 1 June 1960 in Grave S1667. Alice, age 77, died 4 June 1962 in Stanley and was buried 8 June 1962 in Grave S1719.
3. **William Thomas "Bill" ALDRIDGE** born 8 November 1887 and baptised 29 April 1888 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. William, a shepherd, was married to **Edith NORTON** 7 June 1917 at Christ Church Cathedral by Registrar's Licence by C McDonald Hobley, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Muriel H Felton, Evelyn Aldridge, John W Grierson and Harold Joseph Aldridge. William's father was recorded as Joseph Aldridge, carter, and Edith's father was recorded as George Norton, deceased farmer. Edith, age 32, died 22 May 1924 in Stanley from diabetes and was buried 25 May 1924 in Grave J900. William, age 53 and a labourer, died 22 November 1940 from heart failure and was buried 2 November 1940 in Grave J1171. [Obituary FI News Weekly 28 Nov 1940]
4. **Rebecca Ann ALDRIDGE** born 17 January 1890 in Stanley and baptised 23 February 1890 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Rebecca was married to **John William GRIERSON**, joiner, 25 April 1908 in the house of Joseph Aldridge, Stanley by C Rome Hall, Assistant Cathedral Chaplain. The witnesses were Catherine Aldridge, Henry Edward Bennett and John F Summers. John's father was recorded as William Grierson, blacksmith, and Rebecca's father was recorded as Joseph Thomas Aldridge, gardener.
5. **Harold Joseph ALDRIDGE** born 16 January 1892 and baptised 2 March 1892 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Harold, a navy, was married to **Edith Mabel SHORT** (*cousin*) 7 March 1930 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by F S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were William Aldridge and Caroline Short. Harold's father was recorded as Joseph Aldridge, butcher, and Edith's father was recorded as Richard Francis Short, foreman shepherd. Harold, age 56 and a plumber, died 23 August 1948 from a gastric ulcer & colitis (*no burial or grave record*). Edith, a widow, was married to (2) **Joseph CURRAN**, widower & assistant lighthouse keeper, 14 May 1954.
6. **Agnes Lilian ALDRIDGE** born 2 February 1894 and baptised 18 March 1894 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Lilian was married to **James Reginald GLEADELL**, shepherd, 3 December 1917 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by C McDonald Hobley. The witnesses were Joseph T Aldridge, Evelyn Aldridge, Emma Aldridge and F Gleadell. James' father was recorded as Edwin Gleadell, shepherd, and Lilian's father was recorded as Joseph Aldridge, shepherd. James travelled to the UK in 1930 to attend a Bisley shooting meeting. James received a long service award in the Colonial Auxiliary Forces in June 1930.
7. **Ernest John ALDRIDGE** born 28 August 1895 and baptised 10 November 1895 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Ernest, a carter, was

married to **Gwendoline Elizabeth HARDY** 12 February 1928 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Special Licence by Mario Louis Migone, Priest in Charge. The witnesses were M Gleadell, Dorothy E Hardy, A P Hardy and H Aldridge. Ernest's father was recorded as Joseph Aldridge, caretaker, and Gwendoline's father was recorded as Albert Hardy, dealer. Gwendoline, age 49, died 26 December 1952 from apoplectic coma & pulmonary oedema and was buried in Grave N1500. Ernest, age 57 and a labourer, died 17 January 1953 in Stanley from coronary thrombosis and was buried 20 January 1953 in Grave 1501.

8. **Stephen Charles Victor "Bus" ALDRIDGE** (twin) born 14 May 1899 and baptised 9 July 1899 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Stephen, a labourer, was married to **Adeline Ladora GLEADELL** 29 March 1928 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by Fredk S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were L W Aldridge and Caroline Mary Short. Stephen's father was recorded as Joseph Thomas Aldridge, labourer, and Adeline's father was recorded as George Gleadell, shepherd. Adeline, age 61, died 28 May 1971 in Stanley and was buried 2 June 1971 in Grave U2163. Stephen, age 83 and a retired yard foreman & water bailiff, died 25 July 1982 in Stanley and was buried 31 July 1982 in Grave T2164.
9. **Eveline Margaret Emma ALDRIDGE** (twin) born 14 May 1899 and baptised 9 July 1899 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Evelyn was married to **Joseph McATASNEY**, clerk, 18 March 1922 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Special Licence by Mario Luis Migone, Roman Catholic Priest. The witnesses were Emma Florence Aldridge and E J McAtasney. Joseph's father was recorded as John McAtasney, blacksmith, and Evelyn's father was recorded as Joseph Aldridge, gardener. Joseph and Evelyn departed 10 April 1922 on board the ss *Solstrief* for Montevideo. In 1939 and in 1945 he appears to be still living in Montevideo.
10. **Emma Flora ALDRIDGE** born 27 December 1900 in Stanley and baptised 17 March 1901 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Emma was married to **Robert REIVE**, coxswain, 16 July 1924 at Christ Church Cathedral by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Ernest V Dixon and Joseph Aldridge. Robert's father was recorded as Robert Reive, shepherd, and Emma's father was recorded as Joseph Aldridge, caretaker. Robert, age 59 and a handyman, died 23 March 1955 in Stanley from cancer and was buried 25 March 1955 in Grave Q1544. Emma, age 59 and a housewife travelled to the UK in 1960.
11. **Alexander Raisbeck ALDRIDGE** born 13 April 1902 in Stanley and baptised 23 April 1902 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Alexander, age 11 days, died 23 April 1902 in Stanley from bronchitis and was buried 25 April 1902 in Grave Ai203.
12. **Lawrence Walter ALDRIDGE** born 3 May 1906 in Stanley and baptised 17 June 1906 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as foreman. Lawrence, a civil servant, was married to **Winifred Irene BONNER** 12 April 1933 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by Harold E Lumsdale, Dean of Christ Church. The witnesses were P H O'Sullivan and S Aldridge. Lawrence's father was recorded as Joseph Thomas Aldridge, retired, and Winifred's father was recorded as Alexander McIntosh Bonner, farm manager. [Account of wedding Penguin 18 Apr 1933]

**Children of Rebecca (9) and John SUMMERS:**

1. **Walter John SUMMERS** born 15 November 1891. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Walter, a labourer, was married to **Lavenia YATES** 18 August 1915 at Christ Church Cathedral by C McDonald Hobley, Chaplain. The witnesses were Sylvia Summers, Robert Yates, V Summers and John F Summers. Lavenia's father was recorded as Robert Yates, deceased butcher. Walter, a retired foreman, died 28 August 1963 in Stanley and is buried in Grave L1742. Lavenia died 14 August 1982 in Stanley, age 87, and is buried in Grave L1980.
2. **Vincent May SUMMERS** born 20 June 1894. His father's occupation was recorded as sexton. Vincent, a mariner, was married to **Maud Marion Ethel ALDRIDGE** 10 October 1916 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were S Summers, D Aldridge and L Aldridge. Vincent's father was recorded as John Falkland Summers, baker, and Maud's father was recorded as John George Aldridge, publican. In 1934, age 40, Vincent was a cattle buyer and went to Uruguay and the Argentine looking for employment..
3. **Sydney Raisbeck SUMMERS** born 11 October 1896. His father's occupation was recorded as sexton. Sydney, a carter, was married to **Alice Emily LANNING** 27 April 1920 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Vere F Summers and A R Lanning. Alice's father was recorded as William Thomas Lanning, mariner. In December 1946 Sydney and Alice were living in Brandon Road. Sydney, a retired radio telephone operator, died 27 January 1968 in Stanley and is buried in Grave T2095. Alice died 12 October 1968 in Stanley, age 72, and is buried in Grave T2096.
4. **Vere Falkland SUMMERS** born 25 April 1898. His father's occupation was recorded as sexton. Vere died 12 August 1969 (*not in Falkland Islands*).
5. **Sylvia SUMMERS** born 29 October 1900. Her father's occupation was recorded as sexton. Sylvia was married to **John Markham CAMPBELL**, sergeant in the FIDF, 4 May 1943 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by Gerald K Lowe, Senior Chaplain. The witnesses were Vere F Summers and John F Summers. John's father was recorded as Walter Campbell, deceased shepherd. John died 9 October 1963 in Stanley, age 63, and is buried in Grave Q1744.
6. **Isabella SUMMERS** born 16 November 1901. Her father's occupation was recorded as sexton. Isabella was married to **George Louis PALLINI** 26 October 1926 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by Fredk S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were John F Summers, Ethel Summers and E V Summers. George's father was recorded as Gayetano Pallini, mariner. George, a motor mechanic for the Civil Service, died 21 October 1958 in Stanley from acute heart failure and was buried 24 October 1958 in Grave L1621. Isabella died 24 March 1970 in Stanley, age 68, and was buried 28 March 1970 in Grave L1791.
7. **Ethel SUMMERS** born 2 January 1905 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as sexton. Ethel was married to **Ray CAMPBELL**, painter, 9 September 1935 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by A R Hoare, Ag Registrar General. The witnesses were John Markham Campbell and Sylvia Summers. Ray's father was recorded as Walter Scott Campbell, deceased shepherd.

8. **Aubrey Vernon SUMMERS** born 23 February 1906 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as sexton. Aubrey, a baker, was married to **Elizabeth Margaret CARTMELL** 6 June 1939 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by Gerald K Lowe, Senior Chaplain. The witnesses were Vere F Summers and Margaret Ann Hewitt. Elizabeth died 26 April 1977 in Stanley, age 70, and is buried in Grave R1886. Aubrey died 6 June 1995 in Dowentry, UK and his ashes were buried next to Elizabeth.
  
9. **Muriel SUMMERS** born 8 February 1909 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as sexton. Muriel was married to Alfred John BLYTH, engineman, 5 January 1937 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by Gerald K Lowe, Senior Chaplain. The witnesses were J Bound, Sylvia Summers and John F Summers. Alfred's father was recorded as William Blyth, deceased engineer. Muriel died 13 February 1942 from encephalitis and is buried in Grave L1208. Alfred died 12 April 2000, age 86, and is buried in Grave V3320.

#### **Children of Emma (10) and Alexander KIDDLE:**

1. **Ada Catherine KIDDLE** born 31 January 1906 at Stanley. Ada was married to **Henry George JENNINGS**, labourer, 29 April 1929 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by S E E Aylward, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Alexander Lee Kiddle and Ethel Summers. Henry died 23 September 1945, age 50, and is buried in Grave O1303.

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