

GREENSHIELDS 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.

Robert GREENSHIELDS was born 11 December 1829 in Howgate, Carmichael, Lanarkshire, Scotland to **Thomas Robert GREENSHIELDS** and **Elizabeth GREENSHIELDS** née **GOLD**.

Robert was married to **Elizabeth PATTERSON** in 1855 (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

On 19 July 1865 Robert, late of Grimsthorpe Park, Bourne, Lincolnshire, signed an agreement with the Falkland Islands Company Ltd to be employed in the Falkland Islands as a Flockmaster for a period of five years on an annual salary of £150 plus accommodation and free return passages. Robert, age 35, and his son James, age 8, were passengers on board the *Julie Tatham* which left London at 12pm on 21 July 1865; arriving 22 September 1865. [H24]

Elizabeth, age 30, Jane, age 10, Elizabeth, age 3, Robert, age 7, Thomas, age 5 and Margaret, age 11 months departed London 16 February 1866 on board the *Matilda*; arriving 27 April 1866. Travelling with them was **Sarah JOHNSTONE**, age 22. [H24]

Robert was replaced by **William Wickham BERTRAND** in 1868 and on 4 August 1868 **Robert GREENSHIELDS** was granted an occupation licence for £5 of a station north of San Carlos River and south of Stations 36 and 42 bounded “*on the West by the East boundary of Station No 37, on the South by the River San Carlos, on the East by a line running North from a point ½ a mile to the East of the 3rd Corral ¾ miles to the South boundary of Station No 42, and thence on the North by a line running West 3 ½ miles along the Southern boundaries of Stations Nos. 42 and 36.*” [BUG-REG-2; pg 205]

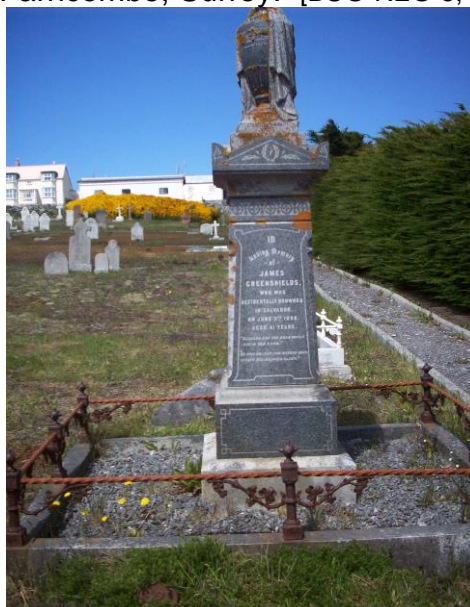
Robert, age 49, a sheep farmer and native of Lannark, Scotland, died 18 October 1878 of disease of the liver and was buried. In his will dated 14 October 1878 he left his estate in equal shares to his wife and surviving children. [BUG-REG-3; 117: On memorial in St. Bride's Churchyard, Douglas, Lanarkshire, Scotland]

Elizabeth, age 80, died at 34 Blenheim Gardens, London 14 January 1917. [On memorial in St. Bride's Churchyard, Douglas, Lanarkshire, Scotland]

FIRST GENERATION

Children of Robert and Elizabeth GREENSHIELDS:

1. **Jane “Jeanie” GREENSHIELDS** born 27 July 1855 in Carmichael, Lanarkshire, Scotland. Jane, age 10, departed London 16 February 1866 on board the *Matilda*; arriving 27 April 1866. [H24] Jane, living on Douglas Station, was married to **William DOUGLAS**, a Scottish stock-hand living at Bodie Creek, 14 September 1881 at Douglas Station by Governor's licence according to the Presbyterian form by Anthony German, Minister. The witnesses were James Greenshields and W K Cameron. William's father was recorded as John Douglas, gentleman farmer, and Jane's father was recorded as Robert Greenshields, gentleman and farmer. William finished working for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in the Lafonia area 6 June 1884 and took a cash order for £44 for the balance of his account. [FIC/IW3; 77-78, 461] Jane, age 43, died 1 May 1899 at Useful Hill, Patagonia. William, age 61 and of Estancia Esperanza, South America, died 15 August 1907 in Llanfyllin, North Wales. [FIM May 1899; Both on memorial in St. Bride's Churchyard, Douglas, Lanarkshire, Scotland]
2. **James GREENSHIELDS** born 17 October 1856 in Kilmallie, Argyll, Scotland. James, age 8, was a passenger on board the *Julie Tatham* which left London at 12pm on 21 July 1865; arriving 22 September 1865. [H24] James took over the running of Douglas Station on the death of his father. James, age 36 and recently residing at the Royal Hotel, Wishaw, was married to **Isabella Bell “Bella” SHIRLAW**, of 36 Cambusnethan Street, Wishaw, 5 October 1893 at 48 West Regent Street Glasgow by the Registrar's Office. The witnesses were William Hargey and Elizabeth McKillop. James' father was recorded as Robert Greenshields, deceased farmer, and his mother as Elizabeth Patterson. Isabella's father was recorded as Thomas Bell Shirlaw, bank agent, and her mother as Margaret Harrie. Circa January 1896 James was lassoing a bullock for beef when the lasso caught around his right hand and cut into the bone. He rode into Stanley and a week later his arm was amputated between the elbow and the shoulder. [FIM Feb 1896] James accidentally drowned when the small cutter he was on was lost with nine others on board in Salvador Inlet on 5 June 1898. An order was granted 5 August 1898 to assume the deaths by drowning of all ten persons. His body was found 12 December 1898 and he was buried 18 December 1898 in Grave I 621. [FIM Jun 1898: Dec 1898: In Dictionary of Falklands Biography] [On memorial in St. Bride's Churchyard, Douglas, Lanarkshire, Scotland] Isabella departed for England with her son, Robert, 23 June 1899 on board the *Modestia*. [FIM Sep 1899] In May 1901 Isabella was living at Gowanlea, Wolsley and Farncombe, Surrey. [BUG-REG-5; 345]



James' grave in Stanley Cemetery

3. **Robert GREENSHIELDS** born 13 May 1858 in Kilmallie, Argyll, Scotland. Robert, age 7, departed London 16 February 1866 on board the *Matilda*; arriving 27 April 1866. [H24] Robert, age 13 years and 5 months, died at 2nd Corral 13 October 1871 from consumption and was buried 19 October 1871 at Rincon del Moro. [On memorial in St. Bride's Churchyard, Douglas, Lanarkshire, Scotland]
4. **Thomas GREENSHIELDS** born 17 December 1860 in Kilmallie, Argyll, Scotland. Thomas, age 5, departed London 16 February 1866 on board the *Matilda*; arriving 27 April 1866. [H24] Thomas moved to Patagonia to farm. Thomas, age 29, died 21 December 1889 and left half of Useful Hill Station to William DOUGLAS and the other half to his brother George. [FIM Mar 1890: On memorial in St. Bride's Churchyard, Douglas, Lanarkshire, Scotland]
5. **Elizabeth Gold GREENSHIELDS** born 14 November 1862 in Kilmallie, Argyll, Scotland. Elizabeth, age 3, departed London 16 February 1866 on board the *Matilda*; arriving 27 April 1866. [H24] Elizabeth, age 22, died at Wishaw 16 August 1885. [On memorial in St. Bride's Churchyard, Douglas, Lanarkshire, Scotland]
6. **Margaret Crawford GREENSHIELDS** born circa March 1865 in Bourn. Margaret, age 11 months departed London 16 February 1866 on board the *Matilda*; arriving 27 April 1866. [H24] Margaret, age 24, died at Wishaw 15 July 1889. [FIM Oct 1889: On memorial in St. Bride's Churchyard, Douglas, Lanarkshire, Scotland]
7. **William GREENSHIELDS** born 17 July 1867 and baptised 15 March 1868 by Holy Trinity Church. William, age 16, died on Douglas Station 29 June 1884 from consumption and was buried there 3 July 1884. [On memorial in St. Bride's Churchyard, Douglas, Lanarkshire, Scotland]
8. **John GREENSHIELDS** born 16 November 1869 and baptised 23 November 1869 by Holy Trinity Church. John took out 5,000 breeding ewes as his share of Douglas Station in 1897. In August 1926 John was living at Bryn-Amlwch, Port Anglesey, North Wales. [BUG-REG-9; 395] In July 1928 John, a sheep farmer, was living at Malvinas, Amlwch, Port Anglesey, North Wales. [BUG-REG-10; 69]
9. **Robert GREENSHIELDS** born in 1874 (*no record in the Falkland Islands*). Robert, age 14, died at Wishaw 15 March 1888. [On memorial in St. Bride's Churchyard, Douglas, Lanarkshire, Scotland]
10. **George GREENSHIELDS** born 21 May 1875 on Douglas Station. His father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer. In 1891 George was living in London with his mother and attending school. George, a farmer, was married to **Annie Louise BENNEY**, 25 October 1916 at Christ Church Cathedral by Governor's Special Licence by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Fred G Langdon, Miss Alice Pitaluga and Miss Vi Lellmann. George's father was recorded as Robert Greenshields, farmer, and Annie's father was recorded as William Davies Maynard Benney, deceased farmer. [Account of wedding FIM Dec 1916] George died 16 December 1917 in hospital at Valparaiso, Chile [FIM Jan 1918]. In 1920 Annie was recorded as living temporarily at 12 Holles Street Cavendish Square, London, England. Annie emigrated to England, leaving 1 April 1924 on board the "Oriana". Her mother travelled with her.



Annie in 1919

11. **Alexander GREENSHIELDS** born 16 November 1877 on Douglas Station. His father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer. In 1891 Alexander was living in London with his mother and attending school. Alexander was married to **Rose Hannah STORER** (*not in the Falkland Islands*). In July 1920 Alexander was living at "Enfield" Babbacombe Road Babbacombe Torquay in the County of Devon and owned thirteen thirtieths of the Douglas Station partnership. [BUG-REG-10; 1] Rose, age 47 and living in Stanley, went home to the UK in 1927. She was recorded as being 5' 3" tall with blue eyes and fair hair. Alexander died on board the RMS *Lagarto* in the port of San Antonio, Chile at 7.30 pm on 26 April 1928 from tuberculosis and his body was taken to Valparaiso, Chile for burial on 26 April 1928. Alexander was living at 42 Grove Terrace, Pomroy Street, New Cross Gate, Surrey and the gross value of his estate was £4,509-12-9. In July 1928 his widow, Rose, was living at 1112A London Road Norbury, Surrey. [PPL/DTH/1#10; BUG-REG-10; 69]



Rose in 1927

SECOND GENERATION

Children of Jane (1) and William DOUGLAS:

1. **Robert Greenshields DOUGLAS** born 30 August 1882 at Bodie Creek and baptised 11 October 1882 by the United Free Church, Darwin. His father's occupation was recorded as herdsman. Robert, age 28 & a farmer living in Punter Arenas, was married to **Ethel Emma ROBINS**, age 25 & living in Punta Arenas, 28 May 1910 in St James' Church, Punta Arenas according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England after civil marriage on the same day by J Stanley Smith. The witnesses were John W Douglas and M Robins O. Robert's father was recorded as William Douglas, deceased farmer, and Ethel's father was recorded as James Charles Robins, engineer. Ethel, who was born 8 July 1884 to James C and Emma J Robins, died 12 February 1912 at Estancia Esperanza, South America, and was buried there. Robert left to enlist September/October 1915. [FIM Sep 1915] Robert, age 33 and a second lieutenant in the Suffolk Yeomanry, died 14 August 1916 of wounds in Egypt and is buried in the Alexandria (Hadra) War Memorial Cemetery in Grave B2. [On memorial in St. Bride's Churchyard, Douglas, Lanarkshire, Scotland]
2. **John William DOUGLAS** born 16 April 1884 at Bodie Creek and baptised 12 May 1884 by the United Free Church, Darwin. His father's occupation was recorded as herdsman. John was married to **Mabel Annie ROBINS** in 1914 in London, England. John, age 59, died 29 July 1943 at Netherwood, Newbury, Berkshire, England. [On memorial in St. Bride's Churchyard, Douglas, Lanarkshire, Scotland]
3. **James Thomas Magellan DOUGLAS** born circa 1888 (*not in the Falkland Islands*). James, age 34 and of Useful Hill Station, Straits of Magellan, died 20 February 1923 in the Metropole Hotel, London, England. [On memorial in St. Bride's Churchyard, Douglas, Lanarkshire, Scotland]
4. **Alexander Clarence DOUGLAS** born circa 1892 (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Alexander, age 10, died 10 March 1902 at 38 Blenheim Gardens, London, England. [On memorial in St. Bride's Churchyard, Douglas, Lanarkshire, Scotland]

Children of James (2) and Isabella GREENSHIELDS:

1. **Robert GREENSHIELDS** born 7 August 1894 in Cambuchnethen, Lanarkshire, Scotland. Robert departed for England with his mother 23 June 1899 on board the *Modestia*. [FIM Sep 1899] Robert, a farmer, was married to **Malvina Sarah 'Mally' THOMAS** 9 November 1921 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Andreas Pitaluga and Dorothy E Rowlands. Robert's father was recorded as James Greenshields, deceased farmer, and Malvina's father was recorded as Henry Thomas, marine superintendent. Robert, age 41 and a sheep farmer, and Malvina, age 33, went to the UK in 1936. Robert was recorded as being 5' 11" tall with blue eyes and brown hair. Malvina was recorded as being 5' 6" tall with dark brown eyes and black hair. Robert, a major in the Falkland Islands Defence Force, departed Friday 26 July 1946 on board the ss *Fitzroy* bound for Montevideo. He was going to re-join his wife in Wales. [FI Weekly News 1 Aug 1946] Robert died in 1947 [In Dictionary of Falklands Biography]



Robert and Mally in 1936

THIRD GENERATION

Children of Robert (2) (1) and Malvina GREENSHIELDS:

1. **Robert James Thomas GREENSHIELDS** born 25 September 1923 and baptised 31 October 1923 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer.
2. **Harland Llewellyn GREENSHIELDS** born 15 January 1928 in Stanley and baptised 25 April 1928 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer. Harland, age 48 and a farmer living at Douglas Station, went overseas in 1976. He was recorded as being 6' tall with brown eyes and dark hair. Harland died in Caernarfon, Wales 28 April 1999 and his ashes were flown back to the Falkland Islands for burial.



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Harland in 1976