

## GRIERSON 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 GRIERSON** was born circa 1840 to **John** and ? **GRIERSON** (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

William was one of 15 passengers on board the 409 ton English Barque under Captain R T Hossiter which arrived in Stanley 24 November 1866 77 days out from Cardiff with cargo for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd. [D12, 377]

William started work for the Falkland Islands Company Limited in the Lafonia area in November 1866. In March 1868 William caused a fire which destroyed the shearing house, sheds and wool press at the Boca together with about 20 bales of wool. He had spilt some tar and instead of cleaning it up with a spade set it on fire. In a despatch dated 29 March 1868 Frederick Cobb described him as "*one of the greatest scoundrels in Camp*" and that he was to be tried on Thursday next. His agreement was cancelled 1 April 1868.

William, age 29 and a shepherd in Stanley, was married to **Helen HUNTER**, age 30 and a widow, 5 March 1873 in the Church of Holy Trinity according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by Henry Lory Asst Col Chaplain. The witnesses were Samuel Hyslop and John Stephen. William's father was recorded as John Grierson, clerk, and Helen's father was recorded as Samuel Hyslop, labourer.

William worked at San Carlos from 26 July 1883 to 19 April 1884. [N/FAR/SAN/5]

William, age 63 and a blacksmith, died in Stanley 23 August 1903 and was buried 26 August 1903 in Grave F 450. Helen, age 89, died 7 December 1931 and was buried 10 December 1931 in Grave K 1027.

## FIRST GENERATION:

1. **Mary GREIRSON** born 26 August 1873 in Stanley and baptised 8 September 1873 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Mary, age 16 days, died in Stanley 11 September 1873 from marasmus and was buried 15 September 1873 (*no Grave record*).
2. **Henrietta GRIERSON** born 28 February 1877 at Hill Gap, West Falkland and baptised 23 April 1877 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Henrietta, age 5 years & 7 months, died in Stanley 11 October 1882 from bronchitis and was buried 14 October 1882 (*no Grave record*).
3. **Agnes Mary Ann GRIERSON** born 28 June 1879 in Stanley and baptised 31 August 1879 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Agnes, age 18, was married to **Henry Edward BENNETT**, age 21 and a carpenter, 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. Henry's father was recorded as Henry Bennett, seaman, and Agnes' father was recorded as William Grierson, blacksmith. Henry and Leonard departed 16 April 1919 on board the *Svend Boyn* bound for England. Agnes departed 22 September 1919 on board the *Falkland* bound for the UK.



4. **John William GRIERSON** born 2 September 1881 at Double Creek and baptised 28 May 1882 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. John, a joiner, was married to **Rebecca Ann ALDRIDGE** 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. In February 1936 John and his family were living in Belmont House, Barrack Street, Stanley. John, age 56, emigrated to the UK in 1938.



John, 1925

## SECOND GENERATION:

### Children of Agnes (3) and Henry BENNETT:

1. **Leonard Edward BENNETT** born 1 December 1900. His father's occupation was recorded as shipwright.



**Leonard age 18 in 1919**

### Children of John (4) and Rebecca GRIERSON:

1. **Agnes Ellen GRIERSON** born 16 July 1908 in Stanley and baptised 2 September 1908 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as joiner. Agnes, age 19, went to Montevideo on holiday in 1927. She was recorded as being 5' 3" tall with grey eyes and dark brown hair. In 1936 Agnes was living with her aunt, Mrs Bennett in Richmond. [Penguin 2 Sep 1936]



**Agnes, age 19**

2. **William John GRIERSON** born 4 November 1911 in Stanley and baptised 17 January 1912 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. William was educated in the Government School, Stanley. William was employed in the Printing Office from 1 April 1927 to 31 December 1932 as a Learner. From 1 January 1933 to 31 March 1945 he was employed as Second Assistant Printer. William, a printer, was married to **Eliza Catherine Irene "Irene" HARDY** 25 March 1937 at Port Stanley by Banns by Gerald K Lowe, Chaplain. The witnesses were J Bound and D McAtasney. William's father was recorded as John William Grierson, joiner & builder, and Eliza's father was recorded as Arthur Hardy, deceased baker. From 1 April 1945 to 4 June 1947 William was Assistant Customs Officer at South Georgia; his wife accompanied him. From 5 June 1947 to 31 December 1949 he was Customs Officer Grade II, South Georgia. He was reported as

being a very reliable and conscientious officer and at all times loyal and hard-working. William and his family sailed from South Georgia 26 December 1949 on the *John Biscoe*. William transferred to Clerk, Grade II Secretariat and Treasury 1 January 1950. He transferred to the post of Collector of Customs Grade I 26 January 1952. William was appointed Collector of Customs and Harbour Master (Falkland Islands) 14 July 1956. In 1959 William and Irene took their son, Colin, to the UK to attend school. William was awarded an MBE in June 1961. William took leave of 1,061 days from 7 June 1967 and he and his wife departed 15 May 1967 on board the RMS *Darwin* bound for Montevideo where they connected with the *Aragon* bound for England (*his leave was granted exclusive of the voyage to the UK*). William, Collector of Customs and Harbour Master, retired 2 May 1970. In December 1973 William was living at 73 Charlton Road, Shirley, Southampton, England.



**William, age 47, and Irene, age 46, in 1959**

- Douglas Stanley GRIERSON** born 21 April 1912 in Stanley in Stanley and baptised 15 July 1923 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Douglas age 12, travelled to the UK in 1936 to attend secondary school in Richmond. [Penguin 2 Sep 1936]. He was recorded as being 4' 9" tall with brown eyes and fair hair.



**Douglas, age 12**