

## LEES FAMILY (2)

*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.*

**David LEES** was born 3 August 1889 in Glasgow, Scotland.

David came out to the Falkland Islands in 1912 on Government Contract to work on the first Town Hall, a timber construction. David worked as a carpenter for the Falkland Island Government from 7 February 1912 to 24 March 1920 and also worked on the erection of the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital.

David, a carpenter from Scotland, was married to **Harriet Elizabeth SKILLING** 2 February 1914 in the United Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle) after Banns by Robert Johnson, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were Gordon Leslie Challen and Harriet Simpson. David's father was recorded as David Lees, carpenter, and Harriet's father was recorded as John Skilling, labourer.

David, Harriet and their 3 children departed 27 March 1920 for the UK on board the whaler *Bombay*.

On 22 November 1920 David wrote to the Falkland Islands Company Ltd applying for the position of foreman carpenter at Darwin. He stated that he was a practical carpenter and joiner of 17 years' experience and had completed 8 ½ years continuous service with the Falkland Islands Government.

David and his family arrived back 1 July 1922 on board the *Oriana* from Liverpool.

David, age 40 and a joiner, Harriet, age 35, and their son David, went on holiday to the UK in 1929.

David, age 55 and a general foreman, and Harriet, age 51, went to the UK on leave May 1945 with their daughter Mildred.



**David & Harriet  
with Elizabeth, Harriet & Mildred in 1920**

**FIRST GENERATION:**

**Children of David and Harriet LEES:**

1. **Elizabeth Emily LEES** born 24 August 1914 in Stanley and baptised 11 October 1914 by the Tabernacle. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Elizabeth, age 8, died 7 July 1922 from acute gastro enteritis and is buried in Grave K872.
2. **Harriet Helen LEES** born 29 May 1916 in Stanley and baptised 10 March 1917 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Harriet, age 28 and a clerk, emigrated to the UK 21 August 1944. Helen, age 99, died in Glasgow, Scotland 2 April 2016. [Penguin News 22 Apr 2016]
3. **Mildred Nessie "Milly" LEES** born 7 November 1917 in Stanley and baptised 7 November 1917 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Mildred, age 27 and a telephone operator, went to the UK on leave May 1945 with her parents. Mildred, a civil servant, was married to (1) **Leslie Charles GLEADELL**, civil servant, 28 June 1946 at Christ Church Cathedral by R G R Calvert, Senior Chaplain. The witnesses were Richard Jones and David Lees. Leslie's father was recorded as Franklyn Edmund Gleadell, mason, and Mildred's father was recorded as David Lees, general foreman PWD. Mildred and Leslie divorced in 1960. Mildred, a divorced store assistant, was married to (2) **Hector Christian ANDERSON**, second officer, RMS *Darwin*, 1 October 1960 at the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by Harold Bennett, Registrar General. The witnesses were A D Goss and M S Barnes. Hector's father was recorded as Louis Anderson, deceased shepherd, and Mildred's father was recorded as David Lees, general foreman. Hector died 9 December 1992, age 74, and is buried in Grave V3187. Millie, age 92, died 5 January 2010 and was buried 14 January 2010 in Grave V3188.
4. **David John LEES** born [REDACTED] in Stanley and baptised [REDACTED] by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. David, age 21 and in the Royal Navy, went to the UK September 1944 on naval service.