

MELVILLE 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 spellings of names are recorded as written in the records at the time.

- 1832: **Charles MELVILLE** arrives in Falkland Islands as coxswain for the boat of Lt Smith, the naval officer administering the government.
- 1837 Dec 07: **Charles MELVILLE**, settler, a native of England living at Port Louis signs an agreement to conform to the laws of Great Britain. [Vol H1]
- 1838 Sep 18: **Charles MELVILLE**, master of the *Montgomery*, is listed as a settler and living in Preston Villa. [Papers relative to the FI]
- 1840 May 26: **Charles MELVILLE** is granted a lease of the sealing rocks of the mouth of Berkeley Sound. [Papers relative to the FI]
- 1842 Jan 15: **Elizabeth BIGGS** arrives with her family on board the *Hebe*.
- 1842 Jun 06: (Census) **Charles MELVILLE**, age 36, principal owner of the schooner *Montgomery*, employed in sealing. Formerly seaman in HM Service who was left at the Islands with Lt Smith in 1832, protestant, owns 2 dogs, 1 cow, 1 calf, 1 horse and 12 fowls. Lives in Preston Villa which is built of stone and clay and consists of four rooms in good repair. Rents the Seal Rocks from Government. [B1, pg 149-150]
- 1843 Mar: (Census) **Charles MELVILLE**, a sealer and whaler from England, formerly seaman in the HM Navy, arrived 1832, protestant. Owns 4 horses. Lives in a new wooden house on No 11 allotment, Port Louis. No garden grounds under cultivation. **Elizabeth BIGGS**, child from England. [C1, pg 1-4]
- 1846 Oct 12: (Census) **Charles MELVILLE**, age 41, chief herdsman and householder. **Elizabeth BIGGS**, age 13. [D2, Page 232]
- 1847 Sep: (List of Householders) **Charles MELVILLE**, ¼ of a town allotment with cottage worth £70. (*Town allotments contain half an acre priced at £50 each*). [B4, Page 303]
- 1848 Aug 01: **Charles MELVILLE** is appointed Keeper of Government Boats and lives in Government Cottage (*in the Dockyard*). [Blue Books]
- 1851: (Census) **Charles MELVILLE**, age 45, Government coxswain from England.
- 1853 Jun 24: **Charles MELVILLE** is married to **Elizabeth Jane BIGGS** in the Parish of the Holy Trinity by Banns by James Leith Moody, Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses are John George Kelway and William Biggs. The names of Charles and Elizabeth's fathers names are not recorded.
- 1853 Sep 08: **Charles MELVILLE** is appointed Chief Pilot and Harbourmaster. [Blue Books]

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- 1862 Jun 20: **Elizabeth MELVILLE**, died from consumption age 29 and is buried in Grave Ei384.
- 1867 Apr 01: **Charles MELVILLE** is appointed Storekeeper, held in conjunction with the post of Harbourmaster. [Blue Books]
- 1876 Oct 25: **Charles MELVILLE**, harbour master from England, died age 71 from senectus and is buried in Grave Ei385.

NB: Biography of Charles Melville in "The Dictionary of Falklands Biography" David Tatham.

FIRST GENERATION:

1. **Charles James MELVILLE** born 17 August 1854 in Stanley and baptised 8 October 1854 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as master mariner.
2. **Elizabeth Ann/Hannah MELVILLE** born 25 April 1856 in Stanley and baptised 6 July 1856 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as master mariner. Elizabeth was married to **David EARLE**, an English shepherd living at Hillhead, 30 July 1885 at Mrs Armstrong's house, Darwin, according to the rites & ceremonies of Presbyterian Church by Governor's licence by William Hill Philip, Minister. The witnesses were William Armstrong and Sarah Armstrong. David's father was recorded as William Earle, carpenter and Elizabeth's father was recorded as Charles Melville, harbour master. Elizabeth died 12 July 1908 at Hillside, Mount Pleasant, age 51, of heart failure and is buried in Grave Ei696. [Obituary CM Aug 1908] David finished working for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd 14 February 1913 and departed for Liverpool on the *Oronsa* 16 April 1913. When his son Arthur married in 1919 David was recorded as being a shepherd and, according to the account of the wedding, living in Norwich, England.
3. **Margery Amelia MELVILLE** born 28 March 1858 in Stanley and baptised 20 July 1858 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as master mariner. Margery died 8 September 1858 from dentition (*no grave record*).
4. **Sarah Madelina MELVILLE** born 30 October 1859 in Stanley and baptised 27 September 1860 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as mariner. Sarah, who was living in Stanley, was married to **William ARMSTRONG**, a sub-overseer living at Darwin Harbour, 22 June 1880 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 John G Kelway and Elizabeth Melville. William's father was recorded as John Armstrong, shepherd and Sarah's father as Charles Melville, harbour master.
5. **Emily Amelia Louisa MELVILLE** born 23 December 1861 in Stanley and baptised 22 June 1862 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as pilot. Emily died 3 August 1862 and is buried in Grave Ei383.

SECOND GENERATION:**Children of Elizabeth (2) and David EARLE:**

1. **Charles EARLE** born 17 July 1886 at Hillhead. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Worked for the Falkland Islands Company Limited from 10 May 1906 until 15 May 1912 on £5-0-0 a month and was in the North Arm area in 1907 and 1911. [FIC Ledger VII, pg 644, 711; VIII 105-106, 535, 617] Married to **Mary Jessie McLEOD** 5 June 1912 in the Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle) by Robert Johnson, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were Arthur Earle and Mary McIntosh Campbell. Mary's father was recorded as Kenneth McLeod, deceased. Charles' occupation was recorded as labourer. Mary was born 15 April 1889. Charles and Mary departed for Liverpool on the Orcoma 11 June 1912.
2. **William EARLE** born 4 August 1888 at Hillhead, Darwin. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Worked for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd from 23 March 1904 until 4 June 1913, starting as a Boy on £3-0-0 per month and finishing as a Shepherd on £5-10-0 a month. [FIC Ledger VII, pg 424, 460; VIII 455-456, 713] May have been employed by them after this. In 1924 his occupation was shepherd and he went to New Zealand on holiday with his brother Arthur and his family.
3. **Arthur EARLE** born 16 March 1892 at Hillhead House. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Arthur started work with the Falkland Islands Company Ltd 3 September 1908 and worked for them until at least 31 December 1913, earning £5-0-0 a month. [FIC Ledger VIII, pg 179-180, 595-596, 769] Arthur, a mariner, married to **Margaret Ann MORRISON** 4 June 1919 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were William Earle and Salvia Middleton Morrison. Margaret's father was recorded as Kenneth Morrison, shepherd. [Account of wedding CM August 1919] Margaret was born 14 December 1892 at Hill Foot. The family went on holiday to New Zealand in 1924 with Arthur's brother, William. Arthur died 24 March 1950, age 58, from a coronary occlusion and is buried in Grave Q1425. He was a barman at the Globe Hotel at the time. Margaret emigrated to the UK in 1952.

Children of Sarah (4) and William ARMSTRONG:

1. **Annie ARMSTRONG** born 17 April 1881 at Bluff Creek. Her father's occupation was recorded as overseer. In the English 1911 census she is listed as being a domestic cook for the Lawson family living at 8 Grosvenor Road, Weymouth, Dorset.
2. **Elizabeth ARMSTRONG** born 12 June 1882 at Darwin and baptised 21 September 1882 by the United Free Church (Tabernacle). Her father's occupation was recorded as overseer.
3. **Boy ARMSTRONG** born 24 June 1884 at Darwin. Stillborn. His father's occupation was recorded as overseer. *(No burial record, probably buried at Darwin)*
4. **Sarah ARMSTRONG** born 11 June 1885 at Darwin and baptised 12 July 1885 by the United Free Church (Tabernacle). Her father's occupation was recorded as overseer.
5. **Boy ARMSTRONG** born 28 October 1886. Stillborn. His father's occupation was recorded as overseer. *(No burial record, probably buried at Darwin)*

6. **Jane ARMSTRONG** born 26 November 1887 at Darwin and baptised 15 April 1888 by the United Free Church (Tabernacle). Her father's occupation was recorded as overseer.
7. **Amelia ARMSTRONG** born 8 December 1889 at Darwin and baptised 30 March 1890 by the United Free Church (Tabernacle). Her father's occupation was recorded as overseer.
8. **John ARMSTRONG** born 18 December 1891 at Darwin Harbour and baptised 1 May 1892 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as overseer and shepherd.
9. **William ARMSTRONG** born 24 September 1893 at Darwin Harbour and baptised 14 January 1894 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as overseer
10. **Mary ARMSRONG** born 17 April 1895 at Darwin and baptised 2 February 1896 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as overseer.
11. **Ellen ARMSTRONG** born 20 November 1896 at Darwin and baptised 22 December 1896 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as overseer.
12. **Elsie Melville ARMSTRONG** born 10 September 1898 and baptised 9 January 1899 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as overseer.