

MORRISON 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.

Ewan MORRISON was born ? on the Isle of Harris.

Ewan was married to **Christina McLEOD** (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

Ewan, a shepherd from the Isle of Harris, his wife and five children, were passengers on the *Neva* leaving England August 1874. He came out under contract to the Falkland Islands Company Limited to work in their Camp Establishment. [FIC/C1; 474]

In September Ewan was on an annual wage of £52-10-0. Ewan was recorded as employed in the Company's Camp 31 December 1876 and that he had a wife and six children. [FIC/D4]

When Ewan finished working for the FIC 6 March 1884 he was on a monthly wage of £5-10-0 and received a cash order of £17-8-11 for the balance of his account. [FIC/IW3; 417]

As Ewan could not join the *Memphis* he and his two sons, Donald and Hector, were offered passage on the *Gypsy Queen* departing September 1884 but one of his sons was ill so they could not travel and the Company withdrew their offer of service. [FIC/C2; 647, 650]

Ewan and his two sons, Donald and Hector, were passengers on board the *Guyana* in March 1886. They were paying their own passages but were charged a moderate rate as they were looking after 20 Cheviot rams on board. Ewan had written on 13 March 1886 from Glasgow to say that they would go up to London on Monday as their money was running short. London Office advised that they would not engage them as shepherds though they strongly desired to enter the Company's service again. London Office advanced Ewan £3 and promised to send his wife £10 by four monthly instalments from 15 April to 15 July 1886. His passage was charged at £15 and his sons at £10 each but this was to be reduced a little if the care of the rams was good. He was to save money and get out his wife and rest of his family. [FIC/C2; 669, 670]

Ewan commenced work for the Company in their Camp Establishment 18 June 1886 on a monthly salary of £6. [FIC/IW4; 74]

On 21 April 1887 London Office received a Collie bitch from the Isle of Harris for Ewan and shipped her by the *Selembria* May 1887. [FIC/C2; 687, 694]

Ewan finished working for the Company in their Camp Establishment 11 July 1891 and received a cash order for £17-13-8 being the balance of his account. [FIC/IW4; 74] A Mr Morrison departed 3 August 1891 on the *Karnak* bound for Montevideo.

On 28 October 1903 Frederick Cobb wrote to W A Harding, the manager in Stanley asking that he mentioned to Mr Allan to '*mention to a son of old Ewan Morrison who is in the Camp, that his mother is very poorly off, and in need of assistance. Morrison died some time ago, and I learn that the sons here do not give their mother the help they should.*' [FIC/C4; 971]

FIRST GENERATION

Children of Ewan and Christina MORRISON:

1. **Donald MORRISON** born circa 1871 on the Isle of Harris. Donald, and his family, were passengers on the *Neva* leaving England August 1874. [FIC/C1; 474] Donald, a boy, worked for the Company in their Camp Establishment from 13 December 1880 to 4 February 1884 and was on a monthly salary of £2-10-0 when he finished and received a cash order of £9-15-0 for the balance of his account. [FIC/IW3; 270] Donald, age 15, his father and his brother, Hector, were passengers on board the *Guyana* in March 1886. They were paying their own passages but were charged a moderate rate as they were looking after 20 Cheviot rams on board. London Office advised that they would not engage them as shepherds though they strongly desired to enter the Company's service again. His passage was charged at £10 but this was to be reduced a little if the care of the rams was good. [FIC/C2; 669, 670] Donald commenced work for the Company in their Camp Establishment 1 November 1886 on a monthly salary of £4. [FIC/IW4; 314] Donald, age 29 and a horse tamer living at Egg Harbour, was married to **Emily Maude BIGGS**, age 22 and living at Darwin, 9 May 1902 in the Church, Darwin according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were John Morrison and William James Biggs. Donald's father was recorded as Ewlain Morrison, shepherd, and Emily's father was recorded as William James Biggs, carpenter. Donald's cousin, John Morrison, was his best man. [Account of wedding FIM July 1902] Donald, age 58 and a shepherd, died 27 August 1931 from stomach cancer and was buried 30 August 1931 in Grave K1025. In his will dated 12 November 1929 Donald left all his property and estate to his wife until her death, providing that she supported his daughter Maud Alice Mary Morrison until she reached the age of 18, and his two sons Leslie Donald and Douglas Roy until they reached 18. On the death of his wife all remaining property was to be divided equally between his children. [BUG-REG-7; 386] Emily, age 79, died 23 June 1959 in Stanley and was buried 26 June 1959 in Grave S 1635.
2. **Hector MORRISON** born circa 1874 on the Isle of Harris. Hector, and his family, were passengers on the *Neva* leaving England August 1874. [FIC/C1; 474] Hector, a boy, worked for the Company in their Camp Establishment from 12 December 1880 to 4 February 1884 and was on a monthly salary of £2 when he finished. [FIC/IW3; 270] Hector, age 12, his father and his brother, Donald, were passengers on board the *Guyana* in March 1886. They were paying their own passages but were charged a moderate rate as they were looking after 20 Cheviot rams on board. London Office advised that they would not engage them as shepherds though they strongly desired to enter the Company's service again. His passage was charged at £10 but this was to be reduced a little if the care of the rams was good. [FIC/C2; 669, 670] Hector commenced work for the Company in their Camp Establishment 1 November 1886 on a monthly salary of £3. When he finished working for them 17 September 1898 he was on a monthly salary of £5-10-0. [FIC/IW4; 314; FIC/IW6; 108] Hector departed 23 September 1898 on board the *Itauri* bound for Punta Arenas. Also on board was an A Morrison.
3. **Neil MORRISON** born circa 1880 on the Isle of Lewis.
4. **Malcolm MORRISON** born circa 1885 on the Isle of Lewis.
5. **Child MORRISON** born ? on the Isle of Harris.
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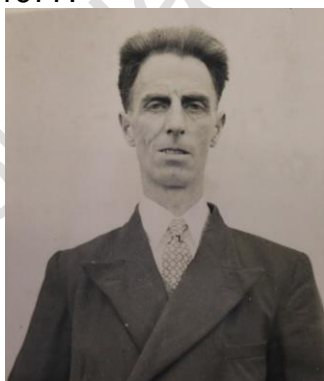
7. **Ewen MORRISON** born 11 October 1879 at Walker Creek. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
8. **Murdoch MORRISON** born 20 August 1881 at Walker Creek. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
9. **Effie MORRISON** born 22 September 1883 at Walker Creek and baptised 25 November 1883 by the United Free Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.

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SECOND GENERATION

Children of Donald and Emily MORRISON:

1. **Donald Eweain MORRISON** born 5 February 1904 at Egg Harbour and baptised 10 February 1904 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Donald, a carter, was married to **Mary Ellen BOWLES**, divorced, 12 March 1930 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by M Craigie Halkett, Registrar General. The witnesses were Elspeth L McCullum and H C Ley. Donald's father was recorded as Donald Morrison, shepherd, and Mary's father was recorded as William Watson, carter. Mary, age 85, died 10 August 1985 in Stanley and was buried 14 August 1985 in Grave V 3037. Donald, age 91 and a pensioner living in Sheltered Accommodation at KEMH, died 27 October 1995 in Stanley and was buried 2 November 1995 in Grave V 3038.
2. **William Alfred MORRISON** born 4 October 1906 at Egg Harbour. His father's occupation was recorded as horse tamer. William, a farm labourer, was married to **Mabel Regina Margaret ROBERTS** 17 September 1932 at Walker Creek by Special Licence by J Traill Wood, Registrar. The witnesses were William Dickson Morrison and Julia Ann Redmond. William's father was recorded as Donald Morrison, shepherd, and Mabel's father was recorded as Edgar Roberts, cook. William, age 41 and a naavy, travelled to Montevideo for medical treatment in 1948. He was recorded as being 5' 6" tall with blue eyes and brown hair. William, age 46 and a shepherd at Walker Creek, died 22 October 1952 from cancer and was buried 24 October 1952 in Grave Q 1495. Mabel, who was living in Flat 1, 25 Pentland Ave, Mt Eden, Auckland died in New Zealand and her ashes were buried on top of her husband's grave 15 December 1977.



William in 1948

3. **Frederick Murdoch MORRISON** born 15 May 1911 at North Arm and baptised 21 September 1911 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Frederick, a shepherd, was married to **Mary Ann MIDDLETON** 22 June 1934 at North Arm by Special Licence by J Traill Wood, Registrar. The witnesses were Hubert Hector Morrison and Margaret Ann Middleton. Frederick's father was recorded as Donald Morrison, deceased shepherd and Mary's father was recorded as Stewart Middleton, head shepherd. Frederick, age 35 and a shepherd, died 26 October 1946 at Darwin from cerebral affection and pulmonary oedema and was buried there.
4. **Hubert Hector MORRISON** born 27 February 1913 at North Arm and baptised 30 March 1913 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Hubert, age 34 and a labourer died due to exposure, the result of wandering into the Camp for no apparent reason. Hubert had been missing for some five and a half months when two Stanley men came across his body lying in the Camp of the far side of the Murrell on 21 December 1947. [FI News Weekly 25 Dec 1947] He was buried 23 December 1947 in Grave Q 1364.

5. **John Bernard MORRISON** born 7 October 1914 at North Arm and baptised 23 November 1914 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. John, age 28 and a shepherd, died 6 February 1943 from tubercular meningitis and was buried 8 February 1943 in Grave O 1234.
6. **Maud Alice Mary MORRISON** born 28 June 1917 on Bleaker Island and baptised 4 July 1917 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Maud, age 25, died 22 November 1943 from acute miliary tuberculosis and was buried 17 November 1942 in Grave O 1228.
7. **Leslie Donald MORRISON** born 3 October 1921 at North Arm and baptised 5 December 1923 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Leslie, age 23 and a labourer, went to Montevideo for medical attention in 1945. He was recorded as being 5' 11" tall with blue eyes and brown hair. Leslie, age 27 died from haemophysis and pulmonary tuberculosis and was buried 21 August 1948 in Grave Q 1388.



Leslie in 1945

8. **Douglas Roy MORRISON** born 11 May 1925 at North Arm and baptised 15 April 1928 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Douglas, age 26 and a civil servant, travelled to the UK via South America on holiday in 1952. He was recorded as being 6' 2" tall with blue eyes and fair hair. Douglas, a clerk in the Civil Service, was married to **Jean Buik SOUTAR**, from Scotland, 24 December 1959 at the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by Rex Browning, Ag Registrar General. The witnesses were W P Hills and M E Hills. Douglas' father was recorded as Donald Morrison, deceased, and Jean's father was recorded as Alston Soutar, retired gasfitters labourer.



Douglas in 1952

DESCENDANTS OF EWAN AND CHRISTINA STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS