

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. Any variations which may occur in the spellings of names are recorded as written in the records at the time.

Roderick ‘Rorie’ MORRISON was born 25 December 1871 on Harris, Scotland.

Roderick came out on a five-year agreement to work at Port Stephens. Family history says that he came to the Falkland Islands from Harris circa 1885.

Roderick left Stanley 12 November 1902 on RMS *Liguria* en route for Canada, along with **John** and **Agnes DICKSON** and their three youngest daughters, Rebecca, Davidina and Sarah, [FIM Dec 1902] By April 1903 John Dickson was living in Kilsyth, Province of Grey, Ontario, Canada. [FIC/EC/PST/1#2t]

Roderick was married to **Sarah Edward Smith “Sadie” DICKSON** in Canada.

Roderick, Sarah and Sarah’s parents and two sisters arrived in Stanley 29 October 1903 on RMS *Panama* en route from Canada. They returned as they said that there are so many going out to Canada that it is almost impossible to find work; that for the nine months of winter there is absolutely no work to be had. [FIM Dec 1903]

Roderick started work for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in their Camp establishment 6 April 1904. Roderick lived at Arrow Harbour and worked there for 41 years as a shepherd.

Roderick, age 69, retired 30 April 1945 due to ill health and moved to Stanley and lived with his daughter Christina on Davis Street. For the last 41 years he had lived in the same house at Arrow Harbour and worked as a shepherd for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd. Sarah was going to join her husband at the first opportunity. [FI Weekly News 19 Jul 1945]

Roderick, age 89, died in Stanley 12 December 1961 and was buried 14 December 1961 in Grave Q1709.

Sarah, age 84, died 7 July 1967 in Stanley and was buried 10 July 1967 in Grave Q1771.

FIRST GENERATION

Children of Roderick and Sarah MORRISON:

1. **Christina Agnes Dickson MORRISON** born 22 July 1903 in Canada. Christina, under 21 and a domestic servant, was married to **Alexander Latto BLYTH**, a widower and labourer, 14 July 1922 in the Church, Darwin Harbour, East Falkland by Special Licence by Alex Moir, Deputy Registrar. The witnesses were John Goss and Beatrice A Crawford. Alexander's father was recorded as John Blyth, blacksmith, and Christina's father was recorded as Roderick Morrison, shepherd. Alexander, a retired handyman age 70, died 29 July 1959 in Stanley and was buried 1 August 1959 in Grave Q1638. Christina, age 63 and a domestic, went to the UK on holiday in 1967. She was recorded as being 5' 3" tall with brown eyes and brown hair. Christina, age 64 and a widow from Canada, died 14 September 1968 in Stanley and was buried 18 September 1968 in Grave T2111.



Christina in 1967

2. **Donald William John MORRISON** born 26 April 1905 at Arrow Harbour and baptised 29 June 1905 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Donald, a labourer, was married to **Margaret Kathleen JACOBSEN** 4 May 1940 at the Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle), Stanley by Special Licence by Walter Forrest McWhan, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were Cd L Blyth and Mabel Halliday. Donald's father was recorded as Roderick Morrison, shepherd, and Margaret's father was recorded as Magnus Karl Jacobsen, seaman. Donald, age 57 and a labourer, and Margaret, age 46 and a housewife, went on holiday to Chile in 1963. Donald was recorded as being 5' 7" tall with grey eyes and grey hair and Margaret was recorded as being 5' 3" tall with brown eyes and brown hair.



Donald and Margaret in 1963

3. **Davie Dinia Dickson MORRISON** born 23 November 1907 at Arrow Harbour and baptised **David Dinah Dickson MORRISON** 14 April 1910 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Davidina was married to **Alexander JAFFRAY**, shepherd, 22 July 1927 at Darwin Harbour by Special Licence by Alexander Moir Deputy Registrar & JP. The witnesses were Donald J Morrison and Elizabeth Cartmell. Alexander's father was recorded as Alexander Jaffray, shepherd, and Davidina's father was recorded as Roderick Morrison, shepherd. Robert Cartmell brought a slander case against **Davidina JAFFRAY** and was awarded £25 and costs. [Penguin 11 Apr 1930] David, age 55 and a housewife, went to Montevideo for medical treatment in 1963. She was recorded as being 5' 2" tall with grey eyes and grey hair. Alexander died 2 June 1965 in Stanley and is buried in Grave T2023. Davidina died 30 September 1969, age 61, and is buried in Grave T2024



David in 1963

4. **Roderick MORRISON** born 25 July 1909 at Arrow Harbour and baptised 14 April 1910 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Roderick, a shepherd, was married to **Mary Ann REDMOND** 5 August 1936 at St Mary's Catholic Church, Stanley by Banns by Hugh Drum, RC Priest. The witnesses were William Dickson Morrison, Margaret Emma Redmond and Elizabeth Ann Smith. Roderick's father was recorded as Roderick Morrison, shepherd, and Mary's father was recorded as William Redmond, engineer. In August 1943 he was living at 86 Davis Street, Stanley. Roderick, age 44 and a farm manager, and Mary, age 38 and a housewife emigrated to New Zealand via the UK in 1953. Roderick was recorded as being 5' 8 ½ " tall with blue eyes and black hair and Mary Ann was recorded as being 5' 5 ¾ " tall with brown eyes and brown hair.



Roderick and Mary Ann in 1953

5. **William Dickson MORRISON** born 11 July 1911 at Arrow Harbour and baptised 16 September 1911 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. William, a shepherd, was married to (1) **Marjorie Beatrice JOHNSON** 12 April 1944 in the house of Mr A Blyth 46 Davis Street Stanley by Walter Forrest McWhan, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were Murdo John Morrison and Christina Agnes Blyth. William's father was recorded as Roderick Morrison, shepherd, and Marjorie's father was recorded as Edward Victor Johnson, farm foreman. William and Marjorie divorced in 1952. William, a divorced shepherd, was married to (2) **Elenore Olive CLIFTON** 28 July 1954 at the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by H Bennett, Registrar General. The witnesses were James S Middleton and Marion S E Middleton. William's father was recorded as Roderick Morrison, retired shepherd, and Elenore's father was recorded as Albert Clifton, engineer. William, age 52 and a shepherd, went overseas on holiday in 1964. He was recorded as being 5' 7" tall with blue eyes, brown/grey hair and a cast in his left eye. William and Elenore divorced in 1995.



William in 1964

6. **Murdo Edgar MORRISON** born 8 January 1915 at Walker Creek and baptised **Murdo John Edgar MORRISON** 17 November 1916 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Murdo, a shepherd, was married to **Elizabeth Violet MIDDLETON**, cook, 22 February 1937 at the Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle), Stanley by Banns by Walter Forrest McWhan, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were William Dickson Morrison and Winnie McCarthy. Murdo's father was recorded as Roderick Morrison, shepherd, and Elizabeth's father was recorded as Lindsay Middleton, shepherd. Murdo, age 46 and a shepherd, died 10 November 1961 in Stanley from an intestinal obstruction and peritonitis and was buried 15 November 1961 in Grave Q 1706. Elizabeth, age 65 and a widow, died 7 May 1975 in Stanley and was buried 9 May 1975 in Grave Q 1848.
7. **Rebecca Dickson MORRISON** born 22 September 1917 at Arrow Harbour and baptised 14 November 1919 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Rebecca was married to **John Summers JAFFRAY**, shepherd (brother of Alexander) 5 August 1938 at The Hall, Goose Green, East Falkland by Registrar General's Licence by D M Honeyman, Registrar. The witnesses were John Summers Jaffray and Marion Sarah Ellen Morrison. John's father was recorded as Alexander Jaffray, deceased, and Rebecca's father was recorded as Rory Morrison, shepherd. John and Rebecca went on holiday to the UK in 1970. John was 5 foot, 10 inches tall with grey eyes and grey hair. Rebecca was 5 foot, 4 inches tall with grey eyes and grey hair. John, age 71 and a farm worker, died 21 May 1976 in Stanley and was buried 24 May 1976 in Grave U1871. Rebecca, age 70, died 29 June 1988 and was buried 5 July 1988 in Grave U1872.

W E D D I N G

On Friday August 5th in the Hall at Goose Green, the Marriage of John Thomas Jaffray, and Rebecca Dickson Morrison was solemnized by Mr D.M.Honeyman J.P.

The Bride, given in marriage by her father, Roderick Morrison, wore a gown of Ivory satin with a head dress of Rose blossoms, and a rayon net embroidered veil, and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums. The Bridesmaid was Marion Morrison, who was dressed in turquoise blue satin. There were two small bridemaids - Rose Morrison and Rose Jaffray, who looked very becoming in dresses of pink crepe de chine. Mr William Jaffray acted as Best Man. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mr & Mrs Alex Stewart. In the evening a dance was held in the Hall at Goose Green. We extend our heartiest congratulations and best wishes to the bride and groom.

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John age 65



Rebecca age 52

8. **Marian Sarah Ellen MORRISON** born 25 October 1920 at Walker Creek and baptised 11 December 1923 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Marion was married to **James Stewart MIDDLETON**, shepherd, 24 April 1943 at Goose Green, Lafonia by Special Licence by Karl F Lellman, Deputy Registrar. The witnesses were William Dickson Morrison and Christina Blyth. James' father was recorded as Andrew Middleton, retired shepherd, and Marion's father was recorded as Roderick Morrison, shepherd. [Account of wedding FI News Weekly 3 May 1943] James, age 69 and a retired shepherd, died 25 October 1977 in Stanley, and was buried 27 October 1977 in Grave U1903. Marian died 6 May 1988, age 67, and was buried 12 May 1988 in Grave V1904.
9. **Rosie Mary MORRISON** born 9 January 1927 and baptised 12 April 1928 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Rosie, age 42, died 24 November 1969 from a cerebral haemorrhage and was buried 27 November 1969 in Grave Q1790.

DESCENDANTS OF RODERICK AND SARAH STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS