

McGILL 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 McGILL was born February 1833 in Dumfries, Scotland.

William was married to **Isabella WRIGHT**.

William and Isabella arrived in the Falkland Islands 17 September 1867 on board the *Beta*, a British barque of 466 tons under George Mead, 58 days out from Swansea. William had come out under contract to the Falkland Islands Company Ltd.

In July 1868 he was working with his brother-in-law, **WRIGHT**. [FIC/D1; 15]

On 1 January 1872 William was a carter living at Darwin Harbour and was described as 'A *discontented man: his agreement expires Sept. next, and should not be renewed.*' [FIC/D1; 343]

William retired in 1906 and moved from Port Louis South into Stanley.

Isabella, age 63, died 25 December 1906, and was buried 28 December 1906 in Grave A 60.

William, age 74, died Thursday 5 April 1917 and was buried 8 April 1917 in Grave A 815. [Obituary FIM May 1917]

FIRST GENERATION

Children of William and Isabella McGILL:

1. **Emily McGILL** born 4 March 1868 at Port Pleasant and baptised 13 March 1868 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Emily, age 19, was married to **John WALSH**, age 25, 14 March 1895 in the house of A E Baillon, Stanley according to the rites and ceremonies of the Baptists by Governor's licence by Ernest C Murphy, Baptist Minister. The witnesses were Isabella McGill, James McGill, W McGill and A C Goss. John's father was recorded as James Walsh, tanner, and Emily's father was recorded as William McGill, shepherd. John, age 67 and a labourer, died 2 November 1939 was buried in Grave N1145. Emily, age 71, died 28 February 1940 was buried in Grave N1158.
2. **James McGILL** born 16 May 1870 at Darwin and baptised 12 March 1871 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. James was married to **Minnie McKAY** Monday 18 September 1905 in the Ship Hotel, Stanley by Lowther A Brandon. The witnesses were John McGill and Sarah McGill. James' father was recorded as William McGill, shepherd, and Minnie's father was recorded as James McKay, shepherd. [Account of wedding FIM Oct 1905] James, age 55 and a shepherd, died 9 September 1925 from chronic cystitis & gastric ulcers and was buried in Darwin Cemetery. Minnie, age 47 and a housewife, emigrated to the UK in 1932 with two of her daughters.
3. **Janet McGILL** born 11 October 1872 at Fitzroy River. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Janet was married to (1) **Abner Cosmopolite GOSS**, age, 29, 26 July 1894 in the house of Mr Goss. Abner, age 33 and living at The Two Sisters, died 22 June 1898 from peritonitis and was buried 26 June 1898 in Grave D325. In his will dated 22 June 1898 Abner, a shepherd at Two Sisters, left his house & plot of land in Stanley to his wife to pass equally to his two children on her death. [Reg Off: Vol IV, pg 239] Janet, a widow and cook, was married to (2) **John Henry Albert WILLIAMS**, labourer, 1 November 1906 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by G Hurst, Registrar General. The witnesses were Henry Clausen and Ethel Mary Paice. John's father was recorded as John Henry Williams, carter, and Janet's father was recorded as William McGill, shepherd. Jack enlisted in 1916. [FIM Sep 1916] John died 5 December 1928 of chronic nephritis and is buried in Grave N989. Janet died 27 September 1941, age 68, and is buried in Grave L1194.
4. **Maryann McGILL** born 30 July 1874 at Teal Inlet. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Mary, age 23 and living at New House, Whittington Rincon, was married to **John Martell WHITE**, age 31 and a shepherd living at Darwin Harbour, 18 May 1898 in the house of John Welsh according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Edwin Coupland Aspinall Canon & Assistant Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were James McGill and Isabella McGill. John was a shepherd living at Darwin Harbour and Mary was living at New House, Whittington Rincon at the time. John died at North Arm 2 February 1914 from pneumonia (*probably buried there*). Mary Ann White died 2 August 1942 and is buried in Grave O1222.
5. **Isabella McGILL** born 16 November 1876. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Isabella was married to **George Bennett SMITH**, shepherd, 10 November 1903 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by George Hurst Ag Registrar General. The witnesses were Walter J Kendal and Margaret Coutts. George's father was recorded as George Patterson Smith, sheep farmer, and Isabella's father was recorded as William McGill, shepherd. Isabel died 18 September 1926 and is buried in Grave J945. George died 26 August 1927 and is buried in Grave N965.

6. **Sarah McGILL** born 11 October 1880 at San Carlos. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Sarah, living in Stanley, was married to **Clovis FLEURET**, shepherd at Rio Verde, Punta Arenas, 24 January 1907 at The Stanley Arms, Stanley by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were John McGill and Eleanor Aldridge. Clovis' father was recorded as August Fleuret, gardener, and Sarah's father was recorded as William McGill, shepherd. Sarah, age 45, died 28 January 1925 at Limpet Creek, Salvador from heart failure and chronic parenchymatous nephritis and is buried at Salvador. Austin, age 74 and a labourer, died 1 June 1950 and was buried 3 June 1950 in Grave Q1428.
7. **William McGILL** born 23 April 1882 at San Carlos and baptised 15 June 1882 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. William worked for Vere Packe for 10 years then worked for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd continuously from 1 August 1919 until his retirement in March 1944 when they paid him a pension of £35 per annum. [FIC/EF/] William, age 20 and a shepherd at Two Sisters, was married to **Emily Rosina BIGGS**, age 19 and living in Stanley, 22 April 1903 at Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley by C K Blount MA Assistant Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Albert Edward Biggs and Lily G Biggs. William's father was recorded as William McGill, shepherd, and Emily's father was recorded as Edward Biggs, labourer. Emily, age 39, died 19 May 1923 from cancer and was buried 22 May 1923 in Grave K888. William, a widower and shepherd, was married to **Maud CURRAN** 27 April 1926 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by M Craigie-Halkett, Registrar General. The witnesses were May Peck and Sydney Goss. William's father was recorded as William McGill, deceased, and Maud's father was recorded as Edward Curran, shepherd. William, age 72 and a retired shepherd, died 19 August 1954 and was buried 22 August 1954 in Grave Q1540. Maud, age 58 and a domestic, emigrated to the UK in 1959.
8. **John Wright McGILL** born 22 August 1884 at Moss Side and baptised 3 January 1885 by the United Free Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. John, a butcher, was married to **Sarah BINNIE** 31 May 1908 in Christ Church Cathedral by C Rome Hall, Assistant Cathedral Chaplain. The witnesses were Margaret Binnie and Nisbet Binnie. John's father was recorded as William McGill, carter, and Sarah's father was recorded as William Binnie, tailor. John, age 65 and a retired butcher, died 20 March 1950 and was buried 23 March 1950 in Grave L1424. Sarah, age 82 and a widow, died 12 January 1970 and was buried 16 January 1970 in Grave T2148.
9. **David Gordon McGILL** born 15 January 1887 and baptised 6 February 1887 by the United Free Church, Darwin. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. David, age 6 years & 4 months, died from enteritis and was buried in Grave A59.

SECOND GENERATION

Children of Emily (1) and John WALSH:

1. **Hugh Wright WALSH** born 16 December 1895 and baptised 6 March 1898 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as mariner. Hugh went to Punta Arenas in 1919 signed on the ss *Kenuta*. On 29 September 1922 Hugh was removed and sent to the UK to be maintained as a lunatic. [T7, 442]
2. **James Lambeth WALSH** born 24 July 1897 and baptised 6 March 1898 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as sailor. James was employed as a wireless telegraph apprentice by the Falkland Islands Government 1 November 1913. In 1916 he completed his apprenticeship & passed exams as 1st Class Operator. Acted as Junior Operator from 1 June 1916. and he acted as operator from 19 February to 7 September 1918 when the Colonial Wireless Station closed down. He then took charge of the station newly erected at Fox Bay. Worked as telegraph operator at Fox Bay in 1919. James went to Montevideo in 1920.
3. **John Roach WALSH** born 20 August 1901. His father's occupation was recorded as mariner. John, of full age and a storekeeper, was married to **Esther Emily DAVIS**, under age, 21 July 1927 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Banns by Mario Louis Migone, Priest in Charge. The witnesses were D Walker and E Enestrom. John's father was recorded as John Walsh, foreman and Esther's father was recorded as Benjamin Davis, carter. John died 13 November 1930, age 29, of military tuberculosis, cystitis and broncho-pneumonia and is buried in Grave N1011. Esther married (2) **Eric Thomas JOHNSON**, a shepherd 26 September 1931 at Chartres by Special Licence by William H Luxton, Justice of the Peace. The witnesses were Charles Porter and Karina May Sornsen. Eric's father was recorded as Edward Roach Johnson, retired farm foreman.
4. **Gerald William WALSH** born 13 April 1904 in Stanley and baptised 13 May 1904 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as gardener. Gerald, a sailor, went to Canada via Montevideo or Great Britain in 1928 for a visit. Gerald, a sailor, went to Canada via the USA in 1935 to obtain employment. On 9 April 1940 Gerald sold the land and buildings on Fitzroy Road for £500. [Reg: Vol X, pg 218]

Children of James (2) and Minnie McGILL:

1. **John McGILL** born 5 June 1906 and baptised 26 July 1906 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
2. **Donald McGILL** born 17 October 1907 at Swan Inlet. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Donald was married to **Mary Kenmore McDIARMID** (*not in the Falkland Islands*).
3. **William McGILL** born 5 March 1910 at Swan Inlet. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
4. **Peter Kerr McGILL** born 24 July 1912 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Peter, age 5, died 29 October 1917 from intussusception of the bowels and was buried 31 October 1917 in Darwin Cemetery.
5. **James Robert McGILL** born 6 December 1914 at Swan Inlet and baptised 13 December 1915 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.

James, age 23 and a labourer, died in Stanley 7 November 1938 from meningencephalitis and was buried 9 November 1930 in Grave L1130.

6. **Henry McGILL** (twin) born 10 December 1916 at Swan Inlet. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Henry, age 2 days, died at Swan Inlet 12 December 1916 from prematurity and was buried in Darwin Cemetery.
7. **Mary Isabella McGILL** (twin) born 10 December 1916 at Swan Inlet and baptised 19 July 1917 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Mary went to the UK with her mother in 1932.
8. **Maggie Emily McGILL** born 30 November 1918 at Darwin and baptised 28 November 1919 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Maggie, age 2, died at Darwin from burns and was buried in Darwin Cemetery.
9. **Peterina Margaret McGILL** born 30 April 1922 at Darwin and baptised 8 December 1923 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Peterina went to the UK with her mother in 1932.

Children of Janet (3) and Abner GOSS:

1. **William James GOSS** born 16 May 1895. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. James, age 64 and a labourer died at Stanley 4 April 1960 and was buried 7 April 1960 in Grave S1662.
2. **John Howard GOSS** born 27 May 1896 and baptised 12 April 1905 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. John, age 28 and a shepherd, committed suicide while temporarily insane 23 April 1925 on Lively Island and was buried there.
3. **Isabella Emily GOSS** born 17 February 1899 and baptised 20 March 1899 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father was recorded as deceased. Isabella, age 52, died 20 October 1951 from mitral insufficiency, emphysema and circulatory failure and was buried in Grave Q1465.

Children of Mary (4) and John WHITE:

1. **John Martell WHITE** born 23 April 1899 at Danson Harbour. Died 4 May 1899 of inanition and is buried at Darwin.
2. **Sarah Harriet WHITE** born 4 August 1901. Died 2 August 1915 of influenza and hyperpyrexia and is buried in Grave I793.
3. **William Martell WHITE** born 18 November 1904 in Stanley. Labourer. Married **Mabel Gertrude JONES** 25 August 1934 at Port Stephens by Registrar's Licence by Charles Honeyman Robertson, Registrar. The witnesses were Clifford Warren Jennings and Kathleen Edith Marguerite Jones.
4. **Mary Hyacinth WHITE** born 12 September 1906 in Stanley. Died 8 September 1947 and is buried in Grave O1349.
5. **John Wright WHITE** born 5 October 1912. Shepherd, later gardener. Married **Kathleen Elizabeth "Betty" JONES** 13 January 1945 at Chartres, West Falkland by Keith W Luxton,

Registrar. The witnesses were A C Jones and K Goodwin. John died 14 January 1987 and is buried in Grave V3069.

Children of Isabella (5) and George SMITH:

1. **George Douglas SMITH** born 1 April 1905 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as publican. George, a publican, was married to **Jessie Maud CLIFTON** 22 January 1930 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Banns by Mario Louis Migone, Priest in Charge. The witnesses were Leonard Laurence Reive and Annie Clifton. George died 22 July 1976 at Stanley and is buried in Grave R1875. Jessie died 16 August 1979 in Stanley and is buried in Grave R1876.
2. **Hilda Evangeline SMITH** born 27 June 1907 in Stanley. Married **Martin William Henry BIGGS**, storekeeper, 12 February 1934 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Banns by Mario Louis. The witnesses were Roy V Biggs and Evelyn Smith. Martin died 19 April 1965 in Stanley and is buried in Grave R1757. Hilda died 16 November 1990 and is buried in Grave R3148.
3. **Isabel Evelyn SMITH** born 16 February 1913 in Stanley. Married **Darwin ATKINS**, store assistant, 22 February 1934 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Banns by Mario Louis Migone, Priest in Charge. The witnesses were S P Atkins and Iris Lehen. After the wedding Darwin and Isabel left Stanley on board the *Reina del Pacifico* for a 3 month visit to Buenos Aires. [Account of wedding Penguin 24 Feb 1934] Darwin and his wife left the Falkland Islands in March 1936 for England. They left England 21 August 1936 for Darwin to take up an appointment in Nigeria. [Penguin 21 Aug 1936]

Children of Sarah (6) and Clovis FLEURET:

1. **Ethel Adele FLEURET** born 11 December 1907 at Rio Verde, Patagonia and baptised 7 January 1908 by Edwin C Coupland. Her father's occupation was recorded as farm capitaz. Ethel was married to **Peter KIDDLE**, shepherd, 26 July 1929 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by S E E Aylward, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were William John Reive and Lilian Kiddle. Peter's father was recorded as Albert Steven John Kiddle, shepherd, and Ethel's father was recorded as Clovis Fleuret, shepherd. Ethel died 22 September 1967 in Stanley and is buried in Grave T2083. Peter died 24 April 1988, age 83, and is buried in Grave T2084.
2. **Theodore Clove FLEURET** born circa 1911 (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Theodore, a shepherd, was married to **Kathleen Mary SMITH**, shop assistant, 8 August 1936 at the Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle), Stanley by Banns by Walter Forrest McWhan, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were Peter Kiddle and Winifred A Barnes. Theodore's father was recorded as Clovis Fleuret, shepherd, and Kathleen's father was recorded as John Smith, sheep farmer. Kathleen, age 78, died in Stanley 20 October 1989 and was buried 24 October 1989 in Grave V 3120. Theodore, age 80 and a pensioner, died in Stanley 6 July 1991 and was buried 12 July 1991 in Grave V 3121.
3. **Marjorie Helena FLEURET** born 13 June 1913 and baptised 14 September 1913 by the Tabernacle. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Marjorie was married to **Frederick BROWNING**, shepherd, 6 September 1933 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by G R L Brown, Registrar General. The witnesses were William Browning and Lilian Dettleff. Frederick's father was recorded as Frederick Browning, deceased, and Marjorie's father was recorded as Clovis Austin Fleuret, shepherd. Marjorie died in the

British Hospital, Buenos Aires, Argentina 23 December 1974. Frederick died 18 April 1975 in Stanley, age 67, and is buried in Grave U1847.

Children of William (7) and Emily McGILL:

1. **Lily Alma McGILL** born 23 July 1904 in Stanley and baptised **Lilian Alma McGILL** 17 August 1904 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Lilian was married to **Henry DETTLEFF**, carpenter, 26 September 1925 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by M Craigie-Halkett, Registrar General. The witnesses were Ernest Dettleff and Emily Ellen McGill. Henry's father was recorded as John Dettleff, butcher, and Lilian's father was recorded as William McGill, shepherd. Harry, a builder, and Lilian went to the UK in 1937 on holiday.
2. **Gordon Edward McGILL** born 19 May 1906 in Stanley and baptised 1 July 1906 in Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Gordon, a shepherd, was married to **Roma Endora SMITH**, nurse, 30 December 1942 at St Mary's Catholic Church, Stanley by Special Licence by Hugh F Drumm, RC Priest. The witnesses were Albert Hills and Lilian Alma Dettleff. Gordon's father was recorded as William McGill, shepherd, and Roma's father was recorded as Andrew Smith, land proprietor. Gordon, age 44, died 13 November 1950 of myocardial failure and was buried 13 October 1950 in Grave M1438. Roma was married to (2) **Ernest REIVE**, station hand at Green Patch, 28 September 1960 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Stanley by James Ireland, Rt Rev Monsignor, Prefect Apolostic. The witnesses were S H Johnson and Thora Perry. Ernest died 21 October 1994 and was buried in Grave V3218.
3. **Maurice Wright McGILL** born 6 August 1907 in Stanley and baptised 14 November 1907 in Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Maurice, a farmer, was married to **Kathleen Gladys PERRY** 22 August 1938 at St Mary's Catholic Church, Stanley by Special Licence by Hugh F Drumm, RC Priest. The witnesses were E J McAtasney, L V Perry and M Duffin. Maurice's father was recorded as William McGill, shepherd, and Kathleen's father was recorded as George Perry, hotel proprietor. Kathleen, a widow and town clerk, was married to (2) **William Blyth BERNTSEN**, divorced handyman, 24 December 1971 at No 10 Fitzroy Road, Stanley by Harold Bennett, Registrar General. William's father was recorded as Alexander Berntsen, deceased handyman. Kathleen's father was recorded as George Perry, deceased caretaker. Bill died 17 April 1997.
4. **Emily Ellen McGILL** born 16 May 1909 in Stanley and baptised 26 October 1909 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Emily, age 21 & a domestic servant, went to Magallanes, Chile in 1930 to obtain employment as a domestic servant. Emily was married to **Albert Richard "Joe" CLETHEROE** before March 1945 (*not in Falkland Islands*). Albert, age 75 and retired, died 20 September 1985 and was buried 24 September 1985 in Grave V3043. Emily, age 84 and a widow, died 18 July 1993 in Stanley and was buried 19 July 1993 in Grave V3044.
5. **Geoffrey Stanford McGILL** born 23 September 1910 in Stanley and baptised 15 March 1911 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Geoffrey, a labourer, was married to **Agnes Christina BERNTSEN** 30 May 1939 at Fox Bay West by Registrar General's Licence by W B Myles, Deputy Registrar. The witnesses were June Elliot Myles and William N Paice. Geoffrey's father was recorded as William McGill, shepherd, and Agnes' father was recorded as Alexander Berntsen, assistant manager. Geoffrey, age 51 and a cook at San Carlos, died in Stanley 20 July 1962 from cardiac asthma and was buried 25 July 1962 in Grave S1721. Agnes, a widow and cook, was married to (2) **William HOGGARTH**, cowman gardener from England 2 August 1963 at Port

San Carlos, East Falkland by Eric Thornley, Senior Chaplain. The witnesses were Clara M McKay, R McRae and N Keith Cameron.

6. **Keith William McGILL** born 14 May 1913 in Stanley and baptised 15 September 1913 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Keith, a labourer, was married to (1) **Adeline Jane "Ada" SKILLING** 30 June 1934 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by Harold E Lumsdale, Dean of Christ Church. The witnesses were S McGill and Sarah Biggs. Keith's father was recorded as William McGill, shepherd, and Adeline's father was not recorded. Keith, a divorced labourer, was married to (2) **Doris Mary FORD**, cook, 14 May 1964 at the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by Harold Bennett, Registrar General. The witnesses were J Blyth and E H Ford. Keith's father was recorded as William McGill, deceased shepherd, and Doris' father was recorded as Charles William Ford, retired carpenter. Keith, age 65, died in Stanley 6 May 1979 and was buried 9 May 1979 in Grave U1941.
7. **Kenneth Niven McGILL** born 14 October 1916 in Stanley and baptised 9 November 1916 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Kenneth, an engineman, was married to **Margaretta Winifred MEIERHOFER**, divorced from England, 31 October 1953 at No 2 Ross Road, Stanley before H Bennett, Registrar General. The witnesses were R McGill and M McGill. Kenneth's father was recorded as William McGill, retired butcher, and Margaret's father was recorded as Joseph McHaffey, bricklayer. Kenneth, age 42 and a labourer, died in Stanley 14 October 1958 from tuberculosis and was buried 16 October 1958 in Grave S1620. Margaretta, age 38, returned to the UK to reside.
8. **Miriam Isabella McGILL** born 9 June 1918 and baptised 21 August 1918 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Miriam, a domestic servant, was married to **Bernard Noel BIGGS**, civil servant, 3 October 1936 at St Mary's Catholic Church, Stanley by Banns by Hugh Drum, RC Priest. The witnesses were Doreen H McAtasney, Basil Biggs and Stanford McGill. Bernard's father was recorded as Bernard Claude Biggs, labourer, and Miriam's father was recorded as William McGill, shepherd.
9. **Lynne Falkland McGILL** born 3 November 1919 and baptised 28 November 1919 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Lynne, age 24 and a merchant seaman, went to Uruguay on holiday in 1943.

Children of William (7) and Maud McGILL - PRIVATE:

Children of John (8) and Sarah McGILL:

1. **Clovis Wright McGILL** born 31 July 1909 at Stanley. Clovis, age 22 and a clerk, died 3 August 1931 from tuberculosis and was buried 5 August 1931 in Grave L1022.

DESCENDANTS OF WILLIAM AND ISABELLA STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS