

McKAY 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.

George Mackay, shepherd, and his wife were employed by the Falkland Islands Co Ltd, through Mr Fleming, for Baillon and were passengers on board the *Ibis* leaving the UK April 1882. The *Ibis*, a German steamer, arrived in Stanley 25 May 1882. It was then discovered that they were a runaway couple and not yet married.

George MacKAY, a shepherd living in Stanley, was married to **Barbara Gedina RUTHERFORD**, age 19 and living in Stanley 26 May 1882 in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Waite H Falkland Islands. The witnesses were John McNiece and Gertrude L Stirling. George's father was recorded as Thomas MacKay, shepherd and Barbara's as Donald Rutherford, shepherd. George and Barbara moved to Leicester Creek, Fox Bay West after their marriage.

George and Barbara moved to Australia in 1911 with four of their children, Barbara, Bernard, James and Martha. They settled on a dairy farm at North Yarrings. George died 21 July 1929 and was buried in Bong Bong Presbyterian Cemetery, Bong Bong, New South Wales, Australia. Barbara, in her 83rd year, died in Moss Vale, Sydney, Australia in 1946. She died as the result of a fall in which she fractured her right thigh. [Obituary FI Weekly News 12 Dec 1946, pg 2; 8 May 1947, pg 13] She was buried in Bong Bong Presbyterian Cemetery, Bong Bong, New South Wales, Australia.

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of George and Barbara MacKAY:

1. **Thomas Rutherford MacKAY** born 12 August 1883 at Fox Bay. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Thomas, age 82 and a night watchman, died in Stanley 20 January 1966 and is buried in Grave T2046.
2. **Donald MacKAY** born 19 December 1884. His father's occupation was not recorded. Donald was married to **Annabel STEWART** 20 July 1914 in the Tabernacle, Stanley by Robert Johnson, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were Bernard Summers and Gladys Davis. Donald's father was recorded as George McKay, shepherd, and Annabella's father was recorded as George Stewart, shepherd. Donald, age 68 and a labourer, died 19 March 1953. Annabella, age 87 and a widow, died 7 October 1975 in Stanley and is buried in Grave T2036.
3. **George "Geordie" MacKAY** born 23 January 1886. His father's occupation was not recorded. George, age 60, died at Port Howard 21 February 1946 and was buried there.
4. **Gideon MacKAY** born 10 February 1887 at Leicester Creek. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Started work as a boy with Stickney Brothers at Spring Point then went to work for Dean and Anson at Chartres where he stayed for thirty years. Tried farming at Green Island for a while. Later went to work for John Hamilton on the Passage Islands and Weddell Island. Gideon, age 57, died on Weddell Island from a perforated gastric ulcer and is buried there. [Obituary Weekly News 14 Dec 1944].
5. **Richard MacKAY** born 10 September 1888. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Arrived in Stanley from Leicester Creek 20 July 1903 on the *Fair Rosamund*. Departed for Liverpool 22 July 1903 on the *Orellana* and returned 26 October 1905 on the *Orepesa*. Richard, age 70 and a cook, died in Stanley 20 December 1958.
6. **Jane Eliza "Lottie" MacKAY** born 1 December 1889 at Leicester Creek. Her father's occupation was not recorded. Jane was married to **John "Jack" McASKILL**, shepherd, 10 May 1911 at Mount Sullivan House, West Falkland by J Meredith Bate, Assistant Cathedral Chaplain. The witnesses were Richard McKay, Donald McKay, Gideon McKay and Harry Morton Stanley Turner. Jack's father was recorded as John McAskill, shepherd and Lottie's as George McKay, shepherd. They moved to Goring House, Chartres. John and Jane did not have any children in the Falkland Islands. Lottie, also known as Mrs Mac, received the British Empire Medal in 1957 as a reward for her service to the people of West Falkland. Jack, age 80 & a retired shepherd from Scotland, died 4 July 1968 and was buried in Grave T2118. Lottie continued to live at Goring House until 1973 when she moved into Stanley. Lottie, age 87, died 30 June 1979 in Stanley and was buried in Grave T2117.
7. **David MacKAY** born 2 November 1891. His father's occupation was not recorded. David, a shepherd, was married to **Rosie Louisa ANDERSON** 1 July 1925 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Peter Anderson and Irene Atkins. David's father was recorded as George McKay, farmer, and Rosie's father was recorded as William Anderson, shepherd. David, age 68 and a shepherd, died in Stanley 25 February 1960. Rose, age 81, died 22 August 1987 and was buried 26 August 1987 in Grave Q 3081.

8. **Barbara Gedina MacKAY** born 11 July 1893 at Leicester Creek. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Emigrated to Australia with her parents in 1911. Barbara married **Alfred HILL** in Australia. Barbara, age 84, died 2 March 1979 and was buried in Bong Bong Presbyterian Cemetery, Bong Bong, New South Wales, Australia.
9. **Bernard Francis Lester MacKAY** born 26 November 1896 at Leicester Creek. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Emigrated to Australia with his parents in 1911. Bernard married **Clarice Eileen ?** in Australia. Clarice, age 58, died 13 May 1963. Bernard died 7 October 1981. Both were buried in Bong Bong Presbyterian Cemetery, Bong Bong, New South Wales, Australia.
10. **James MacKAY** born 17 June 1898 at Leicester Creek. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Emigrated to Australia with his parents in 1911.
11. **Martha McKAY** born 30 November 1901 at Leicester Creek. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Emigrated to Australia with her parents in 1911. Married **Reginald George TIYCE** in Australia. Reginald, age 70, died 8 September 1966 and was buried in All Saints Anglican Cemetery, Sutton Forest, New South Wales, Australia. Martha died in 1990 and was buried next to her husband.

DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE & BARBARA STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS