

## McKAY FAMILY (1)

*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 row 14, plot 13 in Bong Bong Presbyterian Cemetery, Bong Bong, New South Wales, Australia.

Barbara, in her 83<sup>rd</sup> 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 row 14, plot 13 in Bong Bong Presbyterian Cemetery, Bong Bong, New South Wales, Australia.

## FIRST GENERATION:

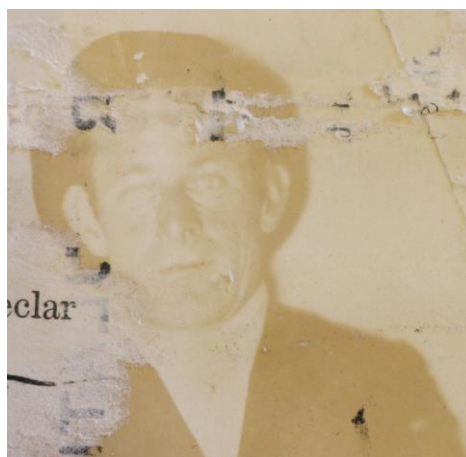
### Children of George and Barbara MacKAY:

1. **Thomas Rutherford MacKAY** born 12 August 1883 at Fox Bay. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Thomas, age 39 and a shepherd, and his brother David, departed on holiday 6 July 1923 on board the *Oropesa* going to the UK, via Valparaiso. Thomas was recorded as being 5' 4" tall with grey eyes and brown hair. Thomas, age 82 and a night watchman, died in Stanley 20 January 1966 and is buried in Grave T2046.



**Thomas in 1923**

2. **Donald McKAY** 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. In April 1938 Donald was living at Mount Sullivan, Fox Bay West. [FIC/EF] 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" McKAY** born 21 December 1885 at Fox Bay. His father's occupation was not recorded. George was brought into Stanley on the ss *Falkland* at the end of January 1915 Dr H M S Turner recorded George as a hunchback and partially paralysed in both legs through his spinal disease becoming active again and causing pressure on his spinal cord. He applied to enter the Victoria Cottage Home to convalesce. George, age 39 and a carter living at Chartres, went on holiday to the UK in 1922. He was recorded as being 5' 2" tall with grey eyes and brown hair. George, age 60, died at Port Howard 21 February 1946 and was buried there Friday 22 February 1946.



**George in 1922**

4. **Gideon 'Gid' McKAY** 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].



*Gid Mackay*

5. **Richard McKAY** born 10 September 1888 at Leicester Creek, Fox Bay. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Richard arrived in Stanley from Leicester Creek 20 July 1903 on the *Fair Rosamund* and departed for Liverpool 22 July 1903 on the *Orellana*, returning 26 October 1905 on the *Orepesa*. Richard, age 42 and a cook living in Stanley, went to the UK via Chile on business in 1930. He was recorded as being 5' 8 ½" tall with blue eyes and brown hair. Richard, age 56 and a cook went to the UK on holiday in 1956. Richard, age 70 and a cook, died in Stanley 20 December 1958.



**Richard in 1930**

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 and 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.



**Jack and Lottie McAskill, Bob ?, Tom Lee and Peter Robertson – Bob Pittock Collection, JCNA**

7. **David MacKAY** born 8 October 1891 at Fox Bay. His father's occupation was not recorded. David, age 31 and a shepherd, and his brother Thomas, departed on holiday 6 July 1923 on board the *Oropesa* going to the UK, via Valparaiso. David was recorded as being 5' 7" tall with blue eyes and brown hair. 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.



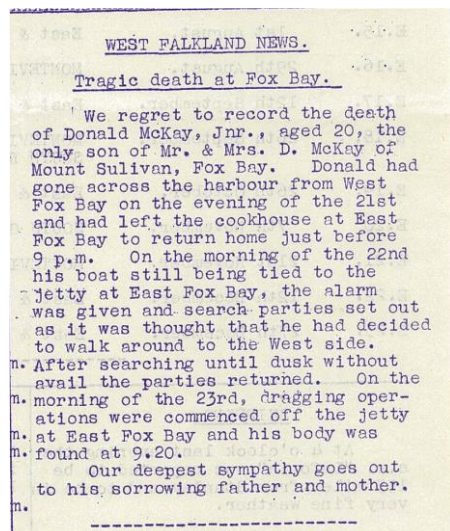
**David in 1923**

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 row 14, plot 9 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.

## SECOND GENERATION:

### Children of Donald (2) and Annabel McKAY:

1. **Donald "Donnie" McKAY** born 18 March 1916 at Mount Sullivan, Fox Bay. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Donald had gone across the harbour in a boat from Fox Bay West on the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup> April 1936 and had left the cookhouse and Fox Bay East to return home just before 9pm. His boat was found still tied to the jetty at Fox Bay East the next morning. His body was found off the jetty at 9.20am 23 April 1936. [Obituary Penguin 25 Apr 1936, 2 May 1936, pg 2]. He was buried at Fox Bay East.

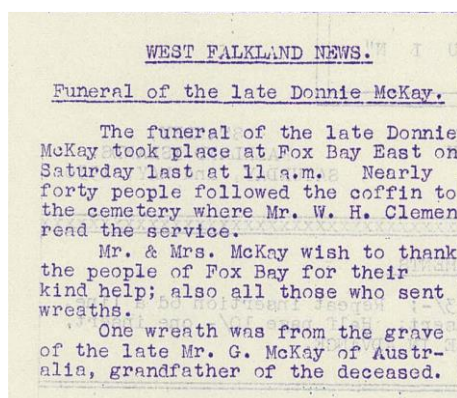


WEST FALKLAND NEWS.  
Tragic death at Fox Bay.

We regret to record the death of Donald McKay, Jnr., aged 20, the only son of Mr. & Mrs. D. McKay of Mount Sullivan, Fox Bay. Donald had gone across the harbour from West Fox Bay on the evening of the 21st and had left the cookhouse at East Fox Bay to return home just before 9 p.m. On the morning of the 22nd his boat still being tied to the jetty at East Fox Bay, the alarm was given and search parties set out as it was thought that he had decided to walk around to the West side. After searching until dusk without avail the parties returned. On the morning of the 23rd, dragging operations were commenced off the jetty at East Fox Bay and his body was found at 9.20.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to his sorrowing father and mother.

Penguin 25 April 1936



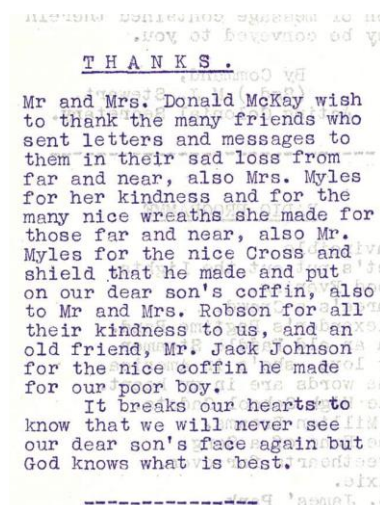
WEST FALKLAND NEWS.  
Funeral of the late Donnie McKay.

The funeral of the late Donnie McKay took place at Fox Bay East on Saturday last at 11 a.m. Nearly forty people followed the coffin to the cemetery where Mr. W. H. Clement read the service.

Mr. & Mrs. McKay wish to thank the people of Fox Bay for their kind help; also all those who sent wreaths.

One wreath was from the grave of the late Mr. G. McKay of Australia, grandfather of the deceased.

Penguin 2 May 1936



THANKS.

Mr and Mrs. Donald McKay wish to thank the many friends who sent letters and messages to them in their sad loss from far and near, also Mrs. Myles for her kindness and for the many nice wreaths she made for those far and near, also Mr. Myles for the nice Cross and shield that he made and put on our dear son's coffin, also to Mr and Mrs. Robson for all their kindness to us, and an old friend, Mr. Jack Johnson for the nice coffin he made for our poor boy.

It breaks our hearts to know that we will never see our dear son's face again but God knows what is best.

Penguin 8 July 1936

2. **Boy McKAY** born 6 November 1926 at Fox Bay. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Stillborn.

### Children of David (7) and Rosie MacKAY:

1. **David McKAY.**
2. **Richard McKAY** born 6 March 1931 at Teal River, Hill Cove. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Richard, a shepherd, was married to **Isabella Alice McLEOD**, cook, 5 February 1955 at Hill Cove, West Falkland by W W Blake, Registrar. The witnesses were I V Felton and R V Johnson. Richard's father was recorded as David McKay, shepherd, and Isabella's father was recorded as John Kenneth McLeod, deceased. Richard, age 68 and a pensioner, died 22 July 1999.
3. **Rosie Idina "Dene" McKAY** born 8 September 1932 at Teal River, Hill cove. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Dene, a teacher, was married to **Lionel Raymond 'Ray' HANSEN**, labourer, 21 August 1954 at Christ Church Cathedral by J Gould, Senior. The witnesses were W M E Henricksen and R B Hansen. Lionel's father was recorded as Frederick Henry Hansen, deceased, and Rosie's father was recorded as David McKay, shepherd. Lionel, age 33 and a farm foreman, and Rose, age 30, went on leave to the UK in 1963. Ray retired in 1987 when Hill Cove was sub-divided. Ray, age 84, died 25 January 2014 and was buried 31 January 2014 in Grave W 3575. Dene, age 85, died 20 July 2018 and was buried in Grave W 3576.

4. **Doris Linda McKAY**

## DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE AND BARBARA STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS