

McPHEE 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.

Kenneth McPHEE was born in Tarbert Harris in the North of Scotland in 1859 to **John McPHEE**, a labourer.

Kenneth came to the Falkland Islands in 1886 [FIM Dec 1922].

Kenneth, age 32 and a shepherd living at Stanley and Pebble Island, was married to **Caroline “Dolly” CLIFTON**, age 19 and living at Stanley and Pebble Island, 30 June 1891 in the house of Henry Clifton according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Henry Clifton and Annie Clifton. Caroline’s father was recorded as Henry Clifton, labourer, and Kenneth’s father was recorded as John McPhee, labourer.

Kenneth, Caroline and five children departed 17 September 1913 on board the *Orepesa* bound for Punta Arenas.

Kenneth died in Gallegos in 1922 at the age of 63 and was buried in the local cemetery. [FIM Dec 1922]

Kenneth owned the Royal Oak Hotel, Rio Gallegos, and on his death left the property equally to his wife and three children. In 1939 they wished to sell the hotel and Caroline, who was living on Estancia Nueva Argentina, Rio Grande, Tierra del Fuego, held the Powers of Attorney for her two daughters. His son, Kenneth, was still living in the Falkland Islands. [FIC/EF]

Caroline was married to (2) **SUTHERLAND** (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of Kenneth and Caroline:

1. **Kenneth John McPHEE** born 4 May 1892 and baptised 15 July 1892 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Kenneth, a shepherd, was married to (1) **Ellen "Nellie" McCARTHY** 18 July 1918 in the Cookhouse, North Arm by Governors Licence by Alex Moir, Deputy Registrar. The witnesses were Mary Jane McCarthy and Henry Jennings. Kenneth's father was recorded as Kenneth McPhee, hotelkeeper, and Ellen's father was recorded as Michael McCarthy, shepherd. Ellen, age 20, died 13 September 1921 from uraemia at Darwin Harbour and was buried at North Arm. Kenneth, a widower and shepherd, was married to (2) **Grace Darling BIGGS** 27 June 1924 at North Arm by Governor's Licence by Alex Moir, Deputy Registrar & JP. The witnesses were William George McCarthy and Kathleen Frances Biggs. Kenneth's father was recorded as Kenneth McPhee, deceased, and Grace's father was recorded as Alfred Horton Biggs, shepherd. Kenneth, age 59, died 31 July 1951 and was buried 3 August 1951 in Grave Q 1458. Grace died 23 August 1994 and is buried in Grave V3215.



Kenneth, Ellen and Florence McPhee in March 1921

2. **Maud Lilian McPHEE** born 11 February 1894 and baptised 8 November 1894 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Maud was married to **Leslie Law COBB** in St James Church, Punta Arenas 6 May 1919.
3. **Sarah Ann McPHEE** born 8 February 1896 and baptised 6 December 1896 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Sarah, age 21, was married to **William SUTHERLAND**, age 32 and of Punta Arenas, in St James Church, Punta Arenas 8 March 1917.

4. **Florence Mary McPHEE** born 13 May 1898 and baptised 1 December 1898 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Florence, age 21, was married to **George William GORDON**, age 37 and of Punta Arenas, in St James Church, Punta Arenas 16 December 1918.
5. **Mildred Mabel McPHEE** born 21 February 1901 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as navy. Mildred, age 28 and living at Calle Magallanes 678, Magallanes, was married to **Duncan James MACKAY**, age 33 and of Estancia Gallegos Chico, Chile, 23 February 1929.
6. **Roderick McPHEE** born 7 February 1905 in Stanley and baptised 22 December 1905 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
7. **George McPHEE** born 14 October 1906 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. George, age 10 months, died 25 August 1907 from whooping cough and was buried in Grave H 491.

SECOND GENERATION:

Children of Kenneth (1) and Ellen:

1. **Florence Mary “Florrie” McPHEE** born 19 August 1919 at North Arm and baptised 16 October 1919 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father’s occupation was recorded as shepherd. Florence, a domestic servant, was married to **Ronald BARNES**, shepherd, 16 February 1946 at St Mary’s Catholic Church, Stanley by Hugh F Drumm, RC. The witnesses were Leslie Barnes, Sheila Sedgwick and Doreen Sedgwick. Ronald’s father was recorded as Francis Edward Barnes, sailor, and Florence’s father was recorded as Kenneth John McPhee, mechanic. Ronald, age 33 and a labourer, and Florence, age 36, emigrated to New Zealand in 1956. Ronald was recorded as being 5’ 7” tall with grey eyes and fair hair and Florrie was recorded as being 5’ 4” tall with grey eyes and dark hair. Florrie’s ashes were buried with her brother in Grave V 3495.



Ronald and Florrie in 1956

2. **Kenneth John “Jock” McPHEE** born 13 September 1921 at North Arm and baptised 6 December 1923 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father’s occupation was recorded as shepherd. Kenneth, a shepherd, was married to (1) **Mary Amelia McKAY** at Hill Cove 16 February 1946 at Hill Cove, West Falkland by H C Harding, Acting Registrar. The witnesses were E T Johnson and E E Johnson. Kenneth’s father was recorded as Kenneth John McPhee, mechanic, and Mary’s father was recorded as John McLean McKay, deceased. Mary died 30 January 1948 and is buried in Grave P 1371. Kenneth, age 28 and a motor driver, went to Montevideo, Uruguay on holiday in 1950. He was recorded as being 5’ 10 ½ “ tall with grey eyes and black hair. Kenneth, a widower and lorry driver, was married to (2) **June Iris SORNSEN** 10 September 1951 in the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by H Bennett, Registrar General. The witnesses were R Barnes and T M Barnes. Kenneth’s father was recorded as Kenneth John McPhee, deceased lorry driver, and June’s father was recorded as Christian Edward Sornsen, labourer. Jock, age 92 and living at 8B St Mary’s Walk, Stanley, died 28 October 2013 and was buried 8 November 2013 in Grave V 3495. The ashes of his sister Florrie Barnes were buried with him.



Kenneth in 1950

Children of Kenneth (1) and Grace:

1. **Patrick McPHEE** born 4 February 1926. His father's occupation was recorded as carter. Patrick, a haulage contractor, was married to (1) **Emily Mary Ellen 'Topsy' SHORT** 20 July 1949 at Christ Church Cathedral by R G R Calvert, Senior Chaplain. The witnesses were Kenneth John McPhee and Richard Francis Short. Patrick's father was recorded as Kenneth John McPhee, van driver and Emily's father was recorded as Richard Francis Short, gardener. Patrick, age 36 and a mechanic, and Emily, age 36 and a housewife, went to the UK on holiday in 1963. Patrick was recorded as being 6' 1" tall with blue eyes and black hair. Emily was recorded as being 5' 2" tall with blue eyes and fair hair. Emily died 10 April 1984 in the hospital fire and is buried in Grave V 3015. Patrick was married to (2) **Iris Blanche SUMMERS** 17 December 1986 at 14 Davis Street, Stanley by J Sherwood, Ag Registrar General. The witnesses were K J McPhee and K G Berntsen. Patrick's father was recorded as Kenneth John McPhee, labourer, and Iris' father was recorded as Frederick William Johnson, farm labourer. Patrick, age 82 and living at 31 Ross Road East, died 25 June 2009 and was buried 2 July 2009 in Grave W 3490.



Patrick and Emily in 1963