

McPHERSON 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. Various spellings of names are recorded as written at the time.

Peter McPHERSON was born circa 1862 in Scotland to **John** and ? **McPHERSON**.

Peter, age 19 and a shepherd, was a passenger on board the *Theben* travelling via Antwerp in 1881. Peter started work for the FIC in their Camp 15 November 1881.

Peter, a Scottish shepherd living at Ceritos, was married to **Jane Ann STEEL**, a minor living at Darwin, 6 August 1886 at Church at Darwin according to the rites and ceremonies of Presbyterian Church after Banns by William Hill Philip Minister. The witnesses were Thomas Robbie and Margaret McIntosh. Peter's father was recorded as John McPherson, dairyman, and Jane's father was recorded as James Steel, mason.

Peter, age 63, died 29 March 1925 in Stanley and was buried 31 March 1925 in Grave K920.



Jane, age 70, died Friday 24 July 1936 in Stanley and was buried Monday 27 July 1936 in Grave K1096. [Obituary Penguin 28 July 1936]



FIRST GENERATION

Children of Peter and Jane McPHERSON:

1. **John McPHERSON** born 25 May 1887 at High Hill and baptised 24 September 1887 by the Darwin Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. In September 1936 John was living at Walker Creek. John, age 49 and a single shepherd living at Walker Creek, went to Chile on holiday in 1937. He was recorded as being 6' tall with greyish brown eyes and grey hair. John, age 64 and a shepherd, died 19 February 1952 and was buried 22 February 1952 in Grave 1476.



John in 1947

2. **Martha McPHERSON** born 7 February 1889 at High Hill and baptised 20 March 1889 by the Darwin Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Martha was married to **William BURNS**, shepherd, 26 June 1914 at North Arm, East Falkland Islands by Robert Johnson, Minister of Religion. The witnesses were Robert Peter MacPherson and Jane Burns. William's father was recorded as Thomas Thompson Burns, shepherd, and Martha's father was recorded as Peter MacPherson, shepherd. William was granted a pension of £35 per annum from the date of his retirement from the Falkland Islands Co Ltd in August 1944. Martha, age 72 and a housewife living at 86 Davis Street, went to the UK in 1961 to visit her son. She was recorded as being 5' 8" tall with blue/grey eyes and grey hair. William, age 74 and retired went to the UK in 1965 to visit his family. William, age 76 and a retired shepherd, died 15 October 1966 in Stanley and was buried 18 October 1966 in Grave T2065. Martha, age 89 and a widow, died 20 June 1978 in Stanley and was buried 22 June 1978 in Grave T2066.



Martha in 1961

3. **Ellen Braid McPHERSON** born 13 February 1891 at High Hill and baptised **Helen Braid McPHERSON** 17 October 1891 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Helen was married to **William Dulio PAULONI**, horse tamer, 6 August 1909 at the house of Mr A M McCall, North Arm, Lafonia by Special Licence by C N Foley, JP & Registrar of Marriages. The witnesses were Martha MacPherson and John MacPherson. William's father was recorded as Roberto Pauloni, miner, and Helen's father was recorded as Peter MacPherson, shepherd. William, age 69, died 24 August 1946 and was buried in Grave M1328. Helen, age 68 and a widow, died 18 June 1959 in Stanley and was buried next to William 20 June 1959 in Grave M1634.

4. **Robert Peter McPHERSON** born 31 March 1896 at High Hill and baptised 3 June 1896 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Robert, a gardener, was married to **Stella Maud ETHERIDGE** 25 July 1924 at Christ Church Cathedral by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were William Thomas McPherson and Ethel May Martin. Robert's father was recorded as Peter McPherson, stockman. Stella was baptised 15 October 1928 by Christ Church Cathedral. Robert, age 32 and a carter, and Stella, age 24, emigrated to Punta Arenas, Chile in 1928. Robert was recorded as being 6' 4" tall with brown eyes and black hair. Stella was recorded as being 6' 2" tall with brown eyes and brown hair. Stella went to the UK on vacation in 1931. In February 1938 Robert was living on Estancia Sarita, Casliia SD, Magallanes when £272-3-7 was paid into his Stanley savings bank account from the estate of his mother. Robert, age 53 and a market gardener from Stanley and Punta Arenas, died 30 May 1949 from hypostatic pneumonia and a heart block, and was buried 1 June 1949 in Grave Q1405. Stella was working for the West Store in May 1958. Her second husband, **MIRANDA**, was a Chilean and carpenter by profession and was working in the FIC woodworking shop.



Robert and Stella in 1928

5. **William Thomas "Willie" McPHERSON** born 7 July 1903 at Arrow Harbour and baptised 18 August 1903 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. William was employed by the Falkland Islands Government from 24 October 1930 to 26 March 1931 peat cutting and on the North Camp Road. From 10 April to 1 July 1931 he was employed on the transfer of the W/T Station. From 14 July to 29 December

1931 he was employed quarrying; from 9 November to 29 December 1931 peat cutting and from 10 February to 14 June 1932, quarrying. [UTI/PWD/2#10] William was injured about 10.30am on Tuesday 14 June 1932 in the quarry from the explosion of a charge of gelignite. He was operated in the hospital but William, a labourer age 28 years and 11 months, died 14 June 1932 from heart failure, shock and injury caused by explosion. William was buried Friday 17 June 1932 in Grave K1033. [Penguin 15, 16, 17, 20, 25 Jun 1932]



Willie's grave in Stanley Cemetery