

PERGOLIS 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.

Matteo PERGOLIS was born circa 1855 in Rovigno, Austria (*now Rovinj, Croatia*) to **Joseph** and **? PERGOLIS**.

Matteo, age 27 and living in Stanley, was married to **Harriet Ann WHITE***, age 18, 9 March 1881 by James Foran, Supr Missionis. The witnesses were Mariano Mattelich and Laura Roberts. Matteo's father was recorded as Joseph Pergolis, of Rovigno, Austria, and Harriet's father was recorded as Henry White.

Harriet, age 25, was baptised by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church 14 September 1888.

Harriet, age 32, died 3 December 1895 from an accidental haemorrhage and was buried at Douglas Station in the same grave as her daughter, Florence. Martin was charged £11 for a granite monument from England 10 April 1897. [FIC/EG/4#6]

Martio departed 16 May 1896 on board the *Totnes* bound for Montevideo. He arrived back in Stanley 2 July 1896 on board the *Herodot*.

Martin, age 43 and an Italian accidentally drowned when the small cutter he was boatman of was lost with nine others on board in Salvador Inlet on 5 June 1898. [Account of accident FIM Jun & Jul 1898] An order was granted 5 August 1898 to assume the deaths by drowning of all ten persons. There is no record of his body ever having been found.

The four surviving children of Martin Pergolis arrived in Stanley 7 July 1898 on board the schooner *Enola C* from Douglas Station. Also on board were their father's personal effects which were placed in the Government Store 18 July 1898 and consisted of 4 beds; 1 box of pots, pans, etc; 9 boxes of various; 1 sewing machine; 1 chest of drawers; 8 chairs; 1 bag horse gear; 1 arm chair; 1 bundle pictures; 1 wash hand stand; 1 table; 1 bundle dishes, etc. Four beds and sundry boxes containing children's' clothes were delivered to Mrs CUSACK for the children and the remainder of his effects were handed over to D CUSACK 27 July 1898. An auction of goods belonging to the late Mr Pergolis was held 29 August 1898 and the sum of £16-8-9 was achieved. [FIC/EG/4#6]

On 3 October 1898, A E Baillon, as attorney for **John WHITE**, uncle to the surviving four children, and P J O'Grady, having been sworn to administer the estate, certified that the gross value of the estate amounted to £162-19-3 ½. The Trusteeship of the Estate late M Pergolis, drowned, was held by the Manager of the Falkland Islands Company Ltd. The balance of his estate at 8 April 1907 of £7-4-0 was divided between his four surviving children and the estate was closed. [FIC/IE/2#16]

**Born Harriet Ann WILSON; her mother married Henry WHITE the year after her birth.*

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of Matthew (Martina/Matteo) and Harriet PERGOLIS:

1. **George Joseph PERGOLIS** born circa May 1882 and baptised 3 December 1882 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. George, age 4 year 6 months, died in Stanley 2 November 1886 from typhoid pneumonia and was buried 7 November 1886 (*no grave record*). The informant was Matteo Pergolis, labourer of Stanley.
2. **Hyacinth Regina Daphne PERGOLIS** born 7 June 1884 and baptised 11 January 1885 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as mariner. Hyacinth, the orphan of M Pergolis, arrived in Stanley 7 July 1898 on board the schooner *Enola C* from Douglas Station. [FIM Jul 1898] Miss Pergolis departed 26 August 1899 on board the *Itauri* bound for Punta Arenas. Hyacinth was married to **John WALKER** in Patagonia. Hyacinth died in Santa Cruz, Argentina 1 March 1972.
3. **Mary Jane PERGOLIS** born 13 September 1886 in Stanley and baptised 7 August 1887 by Holy Trinity Church and baptised 25 August 1888 by St Mary's Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Mary, the orphan of M Pergolis, arrived in Stanley 7 July 1898 on board the schooner *Enola C* from Douglas Station. [FIM Jul 1898] Mary was married to **Nisbet BINNIE**, tailor, 18 November 1908 at the house of William Binnie, Stanley by Special Licence by C Rome Hall, Assistant Cathedral Chaplain. The witnesses were Margaret Lellman and Thomas Binnie. Nisbet's father was recorded as William Binnie, tailor, and Mary's father was recorded as Martin Pergolis, seaman. Nisbet died 29 April 1956 and is buried in Grave Q1570. Mary died 13 June 1971 and is buried in Grave U2165.
4. **Henry John PERGOLIS** born 21 December 1888 in Stanley and baptised 13 January 1889 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Henry, the orphan of M Pergolis, arrived in Stanley 7 July 1898 on board the schooner *Enola C* from Douglas Station. [FIM Jul 1898] Henry was appointed lamp lighter 21 August 1915 on an annual salary f £84 which increased to £100 in 1916. Henry, in Government service, was married to **Maud CLIFTON** 21 September 1915 at Christ Church Cathedral by C McDonald Hobley, Chaplain. The witnesses were James Day and Kate Peck. Maud's father was recorded as Harry Clifton, carter, and Henry's father was recorded as Martina Pergolis, mariner. Henry, Maud and their son Douglas departed on the *Solstrief* 5 April 1921. Henry died in Essex 23 February 1972.



Henry, Maud and Douglas, March 1921

5. **William Speedwell PERGOLIS** born 10 July 1891 and baptised 7 June 1892 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. William, the orphan of M Pergolis, arrived in Stanley 7 July 1898 on board the schooner *Enola C* from Douglas Station. [FIM Jul 1898] William died in France in 1914 shortly before the outbreak of World War I.
6. **Florence Mabel PERGOLIS** born 22 November 1893 and baptised 9 January 1894 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as farm servant. Florence, age 16 months, died 25 March 1895 from convulsions and was buried 29 March 1895 at Douglas Station. The informant was Henry White.

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SECOND GENERATION:

Children of Mary (1) (a) (3) and Nisbet BINNIE:

1. **Muriel Denora BINNIE** born 4 April 1909 at Stanley. Died 13 October 1960 at Stanley and is buried in Grave Q1681.
2. **Edith Mary BINNIE** born 9 April 1911 at Stanley. Died 19 June 1917 of cerebro spinal meningitis. Buried in Grave D817 [Obituary FIM July 1917]
3. **Sybil Grace BINNIE** born 21 August 1914 at Stanley. Married **Ernest Falkland LUXTON**, a labourer, 25 August 1934 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by Harold E Lumsdale, Dean of Christ Church. The witnesses were Nisbet Binnie, E S Smith and C M Newing. Ernest died 19 April 1999 and is buried in Grave V3298.
4. **Terence William BINNIE** born 12 November 1922. Occupation merchant. Married **Jean Sarah PARRIN** 29 Dec 1956 at the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by Harold Bennett, Registrar General. Witnesses E F Luxton and S G Luxton.

Children of Henry (1) (a) (4) and Maud PERGOLIS:

1. **Douglas Henry PERGOLIS** born 25 September 1918 and baptised 19 December 1918 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as carter. Douglas departed on the *Solstrief* 5 April 1921 with his parents. Douglas died in Essex, England.

DESCENDANTS OF MATTEO AND HARRIET STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS