

## PETTIT FAMILY

*NB: The following is prepared from Falkland Islands Registers and files – there may be other family born, married, died, etc, outside the Falklands. Unless stated otherwise, all dated births, deaths and marriages occurred in the Falklands.*

**Henry Cooper PETTIT** was born circa November 1830 in Deal, Kent, England to **Henry PETTIT** and **Harriet PETTIT** née **CASTLE**.

Henry was recorded in the 1846 census as being age 16 and a servant. Henry went out to the Falklands Islands in 1846 as a servant to Governor Moody bonded for 5 years. [H30; 50]

Henry was recorded in the 1851 Census Return as being age 20 and a labourer from England. *(NB There are also pencil entries made for the Pettit family, probably in 1861 and are not correct for 1851).*

Henry was married to **Bridget FLEMING** 25 June 1852 in the Parish of the Holy Trinity by Banns with consent of parents by James Leith Moody, Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were William Biggs and Edward McMurray. Henry's and Bridget's fathers were not recorded on the marriage certificate. Bridget was also listed in the 1851 Census as being age 17, the daughter of **Patrick FLEMING**, a pensioner from Ireland.

In 1857 Henry was recorded as the master of the 7-ton *Kate* which departed in December on a sealing cruise. In 1858 Henry was recorded as being the master of the 8 ton cutter *Record* in the service of Mr Packe.

Henry next appears in Lane's Despatches to London for 1858 and 1859 in a letter dated 14 March 1859: *"The Butcher, Pettitt, was put in prison for a Month for quarrelling with his wife & assault – they both drink & he was obliged to be liberated for the sake of the Children. I did not reinstate him, havg previously warned him, & have placed Rudd who had charge of the wholesale Store, & opening a closed up Door from the one to the other inside. I believe he is trustworthy & the check of the one upon the other was little more than nominal."*

He appears to have later been re-employed as in a letter dated 27 July 1859 it quotes: *"I have discharged Gleadell (Senr) & put Pettitt in his place, placing Gleadell's eldest boy on the Dairy Staff to assist Pettitt to bring in & attd to Cattle & Sheep for killing, but to be at other times at the Dairy & occupied there – wages the same as before, less Beef which I do not allow to the Boy, & have commuted Shailers Beef allowe to a money paymt. Pettitt only now has beef free – it is an inducemt to waste & extravagance & shd be broken through."*

On the 19 February 1859 Henry Pettit purchased 20 perches of land with a frontage to Fitzroy Road for £5 Sterling from Richard Penny – Crown Grant 13. In October 1859 Henry was recorded as being the master of the 7 ton cutter *Kate* which had been to Cape Carysfort to collect eggs; had on board a cargo of 10,000 eggs. In 1860 Henry was recorded as being the master of the 13 ton cutter *Fanny* which was working the wreck of the *Sea Ranger* in Ruggles Bay on behalf of Mr Dean. He was still the master in 1861.

Bridget was arrested on the afternoon of 30 May 1860 and locked up in the gaol. [H17; 7]

In 1864 Henry paid £5 and applied for a Licence to occupy a Station North of Volunteer Lagoon *"bounded as follows: On the South West by a line running from the head of Volunteer Lagoon to Mount Brisbane two-and-a-half miles from thence by a line running North East four miles to the centre of Cow Bay, on the East by the Sea, and on the South by the shores of Volunteer*

*Lagoon.*" This was granted to him 10 May 1864. He was also recorded as the owner of the 7 ton cutter *Star* under A Peterson on a sealing cruise.

On 25 May 1865 Henry wrote that due to the continued state of ill health he was compelled to leave his place at Volunteers and that he had a desire to leave the Colony for the good of his health. [H23; 37]

In 1865 Henry was recorded in the Shipping Registers as being the owner and master of the cutter *Happy Jack* which had a crew of two. He was also the master of the *Malvina*, a 23 ton schooner belonging the J M Dean & Son in 1865 and 1868.

On 9 November 1865 Jacob Goss informed the Colonial Secretary that Henry had ordered him to sell by public auction at 12 noon Friday 12 November 10 pigs, 2 horses, 2 silver watches, 2 watch chains and sundry articles. [H23]

Bridget, age 32, died 25 May 1868 from of disease of the brain and was buried in Grave B216.

On 28 January 1872, Henry's nephew, George William Pettit wrote to the governor requesting information on his uncle. [H30, pg 51-52] George was the son of Elizabeth Ann PETTIT.

On the 16 July 1877 Henry is listed of Port Albemarle, West Falklands, Herdsman and he sold his land in Stanley (Crown Grant 13 – 20 perches) for Five shillings to William Elmer of Port St Salvador.

On the 2 July 1879 Henry, occupation labourer, purchased for £260 sterling Crown Grant 227 which ran from James Street on the north to Fitzroy Road on the South from Dennis Buckley.

At the end of September 1882 Henry was to pay for the passage of Mr **John COLLINS**, 4 Bedford Court, Red Lion Square down on the next sailing vessel.

On the 13 April 1883 Henry, occupation publican, sold Crown Grant 227 to Noah Kiddle for £320 sterling.

Henry, age 51 and a publican, died 9 September 1883 from asphyxia from erysipelas and is buried in Grave B217. The informant was Isabella Pettit. The erysipelas came about due to a drunken brawl when Henry received a blow to the face. His aggressor underwent a short term of imprisonment with hard labour for manslaughter. [Colonial Annual Report for 1883: FIC/D6; 334]

## FIRST GENERATION

### Children of Henry and Bridget PETTIT:

1. **Harriet Ann Elizabeth PETTIT** born 6 July 1853 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was listed as boatman. Harriet, age 3 ½, was baptised 21 January 1857 by Father Lawrence Kirwan. Harriet was sentenced to 12 months prison July 1868. She escaped from prison 6 August 1868 by climbing on to the recepary and then over the corner of the yard enclosure. She was found at 11pm in Mr Dean's yard. [H26] On 6 April 1869 Henry asked that his daughter would have the rest of her sentence remitted and the Governor granted her release at the end of her ninth month of imprisonment. Harriet, a minor residing at Albemarle, was married to **William THOMPSON**, an Irish shepherd residing at Albemarle, 5 April 1876 at Albemarle according to the Presbyterian form by Governor's licence. The witnesses were H C Pettit and William Moore. William's father was recorded as William Thompson, butler, and Harriet's father was recorded as Henry Cooper Petit, dairyman. Harriet, age 59, died 9 November 1912 from chronic nephritis and is buried in Grave B753. William, age 76, died 24 June 1923 at Port Stephens and is buried there. He is recorded as both a mariner and a labourer.
2. **Lucy Wicker PETTIT** born 6 July 1853 in Stanley (*records appear to indicate that she was born as a twin to Harriet but was missed off the Birth Register – in the pencil written Census list as same age as Harriet*). On the 25th day of February 1874 at Port Stephens West Falkland Island a marriage was solemnized between Lucy Nicheer Petit Spinster and David Stewart Bachelor by Colonel D'arcy the Governor of the Falkland Islands in the presence of the following persons H E Petit and George M Dean. Then in May of the same year, Lucy, age 20 and residing at Port Stephens, was married to (1) **David STEWART**, age 28 and a shepherd residing at Port Stephens, 10 May 1874 at Port Stephens according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Henry C Lory Act Col Chaplain. The witnesses were J Frederick Hunziker and M Ellen Hunziker. David's father was recorded as James Stewart, shepherd, and Lucy's father was recorded as Henry Pettit, farmer. David, a shepherd and native of Scotland, died 26 March 1889, age 43, of enteric fever and is buried in Grave B218. Lucy wrote to the Governor 7 May 1889 requesting help as she was struggling. He replied that he was unable to help her from public funds. [H43; 252] Lucy, a widow, was married to (2) **Britanicus Barminior BENTSEN**, age 29 and a shepherd living in Stanley, 22 May 1893 in the house of Mrs Stewart according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Edwin C Aspinall Assist Col Chaplain. The witnesses were G R Biggs and Edith Mary Alazia. Britanicus' father was recorded as Bruts Bentsen Wickman, and Lucy's father was recorded as Henry Pettitt, farmer. Lucy, age 41, died during child birth on Beaver Island 17 February 1895 and was buried there (*child buried with her?*). She was living on New Island and had gone to Beaver Island to give birth. [FIM Apr 1895]
3. **Catherine PETTIT** born circa 1855 (*no record in Falkland Islands*). Catherine, age 1 ½, was baptised 21 January 1857 by Father Lawrence Kirwan.
4. **Isabella PETTIT** born ? (*no record in Falkland Islands*). Informant for the death of Henry Pettit in 1883. Witness at the wedding of Laura Roberts 7 February 1884.

## SECOND GENERATION

### Children of Harriet PETTIT (1):

1. **Ellen PETTIT** born 2 October 1871 at Port Stephens. Her father was recorded as **Edward DOWNS**, seaman. Ellen died 12 February 1933 from a cerebral haemorrhage and is buried in Grave K1038. Ellen was also known as **Ellen THOMPSON**. [FIM Mar 1933]
2. **Katherine "Kate" PORTER** born 4 October 1873 at Albemarle, West Falkland. Father not listed. Baptised 9 May 1874 as **Catherine PETETT**. Married (as **Catherine THOMPSON**) **Lazaro CARVAJAL** 13 September 1901 by Patrick J O'Grady, of St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. The witnesses were Harry Thompson, Ellen Thompson and Harriet Thompson. Catherine's father was listed as William Thompson. Catherine was found dead next to a newborn infant 8 April 1905 and is buried in Grave B221. Her husband was away in the *Fortuna* at Salvador at the time. A coroner's inquest was held [FIM May 1905, p.6]

### Children of Harriet (1) and William THOMPSON:

- a. **Jessie Jane THOMPSON** born circa 1875. Jessie, age 16 and living in Stanley, was married to **John HALLIDAY**, age 23 and a shepherd living at Spring Point, 8 July 1891 in the house of William Thompson according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were William Thompson and Harriet Thompson. John's father was recorded as Andrew Halliday, shepherd, and Jessie's father was recorded as William Thompson, mariner. John, age 72 and retired, died 29 July 1939 and was buried 31 July 1939 in Grave L1138. Jessie, age 79 and a widow, died 9 October 1953 in Stanley and was buried 12 October 1953 in Grave L1520.
- b. **Harriet Ann Elizabeth THOMPSON** born 4 October 1879 at Port Stephens. Harriet, age 19, was found dead in bed 14 September 1899. She had died from a cerebral haemorrhage and is buried in Grave B219. [FI Magazine Oct 1899]
- c. **Mary THOMPSON** born circa 1884 (*no record in Falkland Islands*). Married, under the age of 21 and living in Stanley, **James Stewart EDDY**, hunter on sealing schooner *Edward Roy* and from Tanga, Halifax, Canada, 12 August 1903 at Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley by C K Blount MA Assistant Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were William James Bollong and Mrs Lazo Carvajal. James' father was recorded as James Eddy, miner. Mary left for Nova Scotia with her husband on board the sealing schooner *Ola M Balcom* 29 April 1904. [FIM May 1904, pg 6] Mary died in 1925 in Nova Scotia. James, circa 50, died 8 July 1931 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Their shared headstone reads '*Our Beloved Parents*'.

### Children of Lucy (2) and David STEWART:

1. **William Douglas STEWART** born 7 August 1876 at Port Stephens and baptised 30 April 1877 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. William, a shepherd, went to Chile in 1935 travelling.
2. **Agnes Sarah STEWART** born 24 August 1878 at Port Stephens. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Agnes, age 2 years & 4 months, died 3 April 1881 (*no cause of death*) and was buried in Port Stephens Cemetery.



3. **Harold Duncan STEWART** born 24 July 1880 at Port Stephens. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. An H Stewart was a passenger on the RMS *Oravia* which departed 1 November 1910. A Harold STEWART died in the British Hospital, Buenos Aires 26 December 1910. [H52; 128]
4. **George Thomas STEWART** born 25 August 1882 at Port Stephens and baptised 16 March 1884 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. George, age 20 and a shepherd living in Stanley and late of New Island, was married to **Rachel Maria DUNCAN**, age 23 and living in Stanley and late of Beaver Island, 18 June 1903 at the house of Mr Etheridge, Stanley by Special Licence by C K Blount MA Assistant Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Helen Etheridge and John Summers. They left for Liverpool on board the *Oropesa* 28 June 1903. In July 1905 they were living in Moose Jaw, North West Territories, Canada. Rachel died 9 October 1911 at Pembina, North Dakota, USA. [FIM Mar 1912]
5. **David Gordon STEWART** born 17 August 1884 and baptised 11 May 1885 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. In December 1895 David was eleven years old and living with Richard Short at Moss Side, San Carlos N, when he was thrown by a horse and sustained a broken thigh bone. [FIM Dec B 1895] David, a shepherd, was married to **Mary Ann PECK** 4 August 1915 at Christ Church Cathedral by C McDonald Hobley, Chaplain. The witnesses were W Peck Senr, Murdo Morrison and May Peck. Davy became Moss Side shepherd after old Dick Short died. Mary died 14 August 1954 and is buried in Grave Q1539. David, age 84 and a cook, died 1 March 1969 in Stanley and was buried 4 March 1969 in Grave T2114.
6. **Lucy Mary Ann STEWART** born 21 September 1886 at Port Stephens and baptised 3 May 1887 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
7. **Stanley Alexander "Alec" STEWART** born 18 October 1888 in Stanley and baptised 9 December 1888 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Alexander, age 17, commenced work for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd 21 June 1905 in their Camp establishment. Alec, a shepherd, was married to **Charlotte Edith BOWLES** 6 August 1913 at Darwin by Edward J Seymour, Dean & Chaplain. The witnesses were David Gordon Stewart and Jane Burns. Charlotte's father was recorded as George Bowles, labourer, and Stanley's father was recorded as David Stewart, shepherd. [Account of wedding FIM] Alec finished working for the FIC 31 July 1912 and went to work on Bleaker Island. Alec started working for the FIC again 11 May 1915 and worked for them until his retirement in September 1945. Stanley, age 36 and a cook living in Darwin, and Charlotte, age 30, went on holiday to England in 1925. Alec was recorded as being 5' 3" tall with blue eyes and brown hair. Lottie was recorded as being 5' 7" tall with blue eyes and brown hair. Stanley, age 57 and a labourer, and Charlotte emigrated to the UK in 1945, travelling from



Montevideo to the UK on board the *Port Jackson*. Their address in the UK was 72 Warminster Road, Bathampton, Bath. [FIC/EF/]



Alec and Lottie in 1925

### WEDDING AT DARWIN.

MISS LOTTIE BOWLES & MR. ALEC. STEWART

THIS wedding took place on 6th. August in ideal winter weather. The country-side was dressed in pure white after a very cold and unpleasant day and night, while the sun shone brightly making everything sparkle and cheerful looking. The ceremony was at 2 p. m., the church being packed to over flowing.

The bride (looking as happy as it is possible for a bride to look) was given away by her father Mr. George Bowles. She was attended by Miss Jane Burns as brides-maid, while Mr. David Stewart acted as best man to his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bowles subsequently entertained their many guests to a sumptuous wedding breakfast in a marquee. The cake (as indeed was all the catering) was the work of Mr. Frank Hodges who proved himself to be an expert in artistic patisserie of every description.

A most enjoyable dance followed at night in the Assembly Room, followed on the following night by the same. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Allan and house party, which included the Very Rev. Dean and Mrs. Seymour, Miss Lewis-Dean, Miss Allan, Mr. A. F. Cobb, and Mr. David Allan, also Dr. and Mrs. Wace and family, Mr. R. L. Adam and M. James Lackie. On the third night another dance was given under the auspices of the Overseas Club, as so many of the visitors were unable to get home owing to the wet state of the camp. The music was provided by Messrs. Alec, Blyth, W. Myles and Herbert Birge.

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Stewart were the recipients of a very large number of wedding presents too numerous to describe here, but a beautiful model of a steamer complete with details such as cabin doors, life-buoys, wireless apparatus etc. and appropriately named the "Union" made by Mr. Charles Westerly might be mentioned, also a handsome piece of fretwork done by Mr. David Ogilvie containing the words "Peace and Plenty" which is what all their friend heartily wish for the happy pair.

### Children of Lucy (2) and Britanicus BENTSEN:

1. Son BENTSEN born 13 March 1894 in Stanley. Stillborn.

## THIRD GENERATION

### Children of Catherine PETTIT (THOMPSON) (1) (2):

1. **George Henry Cowper PETTIT** born 18 March 1900. Died 3 January 1902 (*recorded in death register as Andrew*) of acute bronchitis and is buried in Grave B220. In FIM of January 1902 as George Henry Cooper Pettitt Thompson.

### Children of Catherine (1) (2) and Lazro CAVAJAL:

1. **Violet Elizabeth CAVAJAL** born 3 July 1903 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer.
2. **Child CAVAJAL** born 8 April 1905. Died soon after birth. Probably buried with mother in Grave B221.

### Children of Jessie (1) (a) and John HALLIDAY:

1. **Agnes HALLIDAY** born 28 January 1893 and baptised 12 April 1893 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Agnes was married to **David Henry DUNCAN**, head shepherd, 11 August 1911 at Carew Harbour, Port Stephens by J Meredith Bate, Assistant Cathedral Chaplain. The Witnesses were J Robertson and John William Jones. David's father was recorded as William Duncan, shepherd, and Agnes' father was recorded as John Halliday, shepherd. Agnes died 28 July 1955 and is buried in Grave Q1555. David died 28 November 1961 at Port Stephens (*is buried there?*)
2. **William John 'Bill' HALLIDAY** born 17 June 1896 at Spring Point and baptised 28 October 1896 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. William, a shepherd, was married to **Mabel WATTS** 22 July 1919 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were A J Halliday and Elsie Short. William's father was recorded as John Halliday, shepherd, and Mabel's father was recorded as John Watts, deceased shepherd. [Account of wedding CM Aug 1919] In 1965 William, age 68 and a handyman, and Mabel, age 64 and a housewife, went to Montevideo on holiday. William was recorded as being 5' 11" tall with blue eyes and grey hair and Mabel was recorded as being 5' 1" tall with blue eyes and brown hair. William, age 88 and a pensioner, died 6 May 1985 and was buried 9 May 1985 in Grave V3032. Mabel, age 89, died 27 May 1989 and was buried 31 May 1989 in Grave V3033.



William age 68 and Mabel age 64

3. **Andrew John HALLIDAY** born 27 December 1899 and baptised 23 January 1900 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Andrew, a shepherd, was married to **Lilian KIDDLE** 27 August 1930 at Christ Church Cathedral by F S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were S N Kiddle and N S Kiddle. Andrew's father was

recorded as John Halliday, shepherd, and Lilian's father was recorded as Albert John Stephen Kiddle, shepherd. Andrew, age 63 and a handyman, and Lillian, age 54 and a housewife, went on holiday to Australia in 1963. Andrew was recorded as being 6' 2 ½ " tall with blue eyes and grey hair. Lillian was recorded as being 5' 3" tall with grey eyes and dark hair.



Andrew age 20



Andrew age 63 and Lillian age 44



4. **Georgina HALLIDAY** born 11 December 1901 and baptised 1 January 1902 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Georgina was married to **Howard Eric DUNCAN**, shepherd, 25 March 1922 at Port Stephens, West Falkland by J Robertson JP, Deputy Registrar. The witnesses were David Henry Duncan and Emily Louisa Goodwin. Howard's father was recorded as William Duncan, deceased, and Georgina's father was recorded as John Halliday, shepherd. Georgina died 18 January 1961 at Hill Cove and is buried there. Howard died 10 October 1964 and is buried in Grave T2016.
5. **John James HALLIDAY** born 18 December 1913 at Port Stephens and baptised 25 June 1916 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. John, a soldier, was married to **Ann Miller HEADFORD** 12 April 1941 at Christ Church Cathedral by Gerald K Lowe, Senior Chaplain. The witnesses were P J Duncan and Rosina Clausen. John's father was recorded as John Halliday, deceased shepherd, and Ann's father was recorded as Edward Headford, orderly. John, age 61 and a cook, and Ann, age 54, went on holiday in 1975. John was recorded as being 5' 11" tall with blue eyes and black hair.



John age 61

#### Children of Mary THOMPSON (1) (c):

1. **William Henry Roy THOMPSON** born 18 May 1903 to Mary THOMPSON and baptised **William Henry Roy Flowers THOMPSON** 18 June 1903. The godparents were William Thompson and Kate Carvjal. Known as **William Henry Roy FLOWERS**. Sailor. Labourer. Died 28 September 1965 at Stanley and is buried in Grave T2037.



**Children of Mary (1) (c) and James EDDY:**

1. **Lester Stewart EDDY** born 1904 in Nova Scotia.
2. **Clarence Earnest EDDY** born 1907 in Nova Scotia.
3. **Annie Elizabeth EDDY** born 1909 in Nova Scotia.
4. **Frances Evelyn EDDY** born 1912 in Nova Scotia.
5. **Harry J EDDY** born 1913 in Nova Scotia.
6. **Mabel V EDDY** born 1917 in Nova Scotia.

**Children of David (2) (5) and Mary STEWART:**

1. **David William Harold STEWART** born 24 January 1917 at San Carlos North and baptised 19 May 1917 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. David, a labourer, was married to (1) **Lily Anne McCALLUM** 28 August 1948 at Teal Inlet by A G Barton, JP & Registrar. The witnesses were John D McCallum and William Parrin. Divorced. Married (2) **Maria Elvira MORALES**, from Uruguay, 13 June 1964 at the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by Harold Bennett, Registrar General. The witnesses were D Tasker and Iris Tasker. David, age 86, died 31 July 2003 in Stanley and was buried in Grave W 3371.
2. **Charlotte Lucy STEWART** born 18 May 1920 and baptised 12 September 1920 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Lucy, age 18, died 12 September 1938 at Port San Carlos of acute bulbar paralysis and muscular dystrophy and is buried there in Grave 14.
3. **Alexander Amador STEWART** born 24 December 1922 and baptised 10 February 1924 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Alexander, age 16 and of Port San Carlos, died 15 December 1938 in KEM Hospital of malnutrition and mental deficiency and was buried 18 December 1938 in Grave K 1133.
4. **Daphne Leah STEWART** born 10 July 1927 and baptised 7 November 1928 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Daphne, age 8, died 11 September 1935 of gastro enterocolitis and is buried in Grave 13 at Port San Carlos.

**Children of Stanley (2) (7) and Charlotte STEWART:**

1. **Frances Edith STEWART** born at Goose Green. Frances, a teacher, emigrated to the UK with her parents in 1945.

***DESCENDANTS OF HENRY AND BRIDGET STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS***