

PHILLIPS 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.

Jesse PHILLIPS was born 29 September 1848 in Old Basing, Hampshire, England to **John PHILLIPS** and **Harriet PHILLIPS** formerly **BAGGS**.

Jesse, age 19 and a farm labourer, left London 6pm, 29 February 1868 on board the *Athole*, a 365 ton British barque, which was carrying cargo for the Falkland Islands Company Limited from London. He came out under contract to the Falkland Islands Company Ltd and arrived at Stanley 13 June 1868. He started work in the Company's Camp Establishment on £3-6-8 per month. On 11 June 1869 his wages were increased to £3-10-10 per month and in September of the same year he was gifted a wild horse colt for satisfactory services up to 1 August 1869. On 11 June 1870 his wages were increased to £3-13-4 per month and in October of that year he was living at Fitzroy. In June 1871 his wages were increased to £3-14-10 per month and on 1 September 1871 to £5-0-0 a month. Jesse finished work 11 June 1873 and left with a cash order for £37-2-10½. He was working at Darwin. [H26; shipping registers; FIC Camp Diary 1869: FIC/C1; 361: FIC/D2; 651]

Jesse called in to the London Office of the Falkland Islands Company Ltd 8 October 1874 and engaged at his old wages of £78 a year. He was to marry and wished to start at once and it was proposed to send him on the 9th of November as he would be required at the clipping and baling. [FIC/C1; 478]

Jesse, age 26 and a labourer of Basing Parish, was married to **Harriet CLIFT**, age 21, of Basing Parish, 20 October 1874 in Basingstoke. The witnesses were George Butler, Daniel Clift, Ann Clift and Emily Phillips. Jesse's father was recorded as John Phillips, boot maker, and Harriet's father was recorded as Thomas Clift, deceased farmer. Harriet was born 26 September 1853 in Bramley, Hampshire, England.

Jesse, age 26, and Harriet, age 21, left Southampton, England, 9 November 1874 on board the *Neva* which took them to Montevideo, Uruguay. They left Montevideo on board the Falkland Islands Company's vessel *Black Hawk*, a 110 ton British schooner, arriving in Stanley 18 December 1874. [D17, pg 103; shipping registers; FIC/C1, 478, 479]

Also on board the *Black Hawk* was Jesse's brother, **Charles PHILLIPS**, age 18, who was employed on an annual salary of £45, rising to £50 a year. In 1876 Charles was a herdsman in the Company's Camp on an annual salary of £46 with no wife or children. There is no further mention found to date so he most likely returned to England at the end of his five year contract. [FIC/C1, 478, 479: FIC/D4] Charles was baptised 3 August 1856 in Old Basing, Hampshire, England. His father's occupation was recorded as shoemaker.

On 31 December 1876 Jesse was employed in the Company's Camp and had a wife and one child. He was foreman of labourers on an annual salary of £78. [FIC/D4]

By 1883 Jesse was earning £7-10-0 a month.



Jesse Phillips being carried around the crowd at Darwin after being presented with his cheque
- Brandon Album, JCNA

In February 1907 Jesse was presented with a cheque subscribed to by his friends on his approaching departure after nearly 38 years residence in Darwin. Jesse was paid up to 23 March 1907 and Jesse, Harriet and family departed 28 March 1907 on board the RMS *Ortega* bound for Liverpool. [FIM Mar 1907, pg 1 & 5; Apr 1907, pg 11: FIC/D11; 478,6]

In 1913 Jesse, Harriet, two of their sons and their daughter Virginia, travelled to New Zealand on the ss *Ruapehu*. [PN 3 Dec 1994]

Jesse, age 66, was buried 21 July 1915 in Shortland Cemetery, 201 Danby Street, Thames, New Zealand in 3PUBL-PLOT-3480. Harriet, age 72, was buried 19 April 1926 in Shortland Cemetery in 3PUBL-PLOT-3481. [Thames-Coromandel District Council]

FIRST GENERATION

Children of Jesse and Harriet PHILLIPS:

1. **Ernest Jessie PHILLIPS** born 1 September 1875 at Darwin and baptised 5 May 1877 by Holy Trinity Church. Ernest started working for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in their Camp Establishment 1 December 1891 on £2-10-0. Ernest finished working for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd 17 May 1897 and departed for England on board the *Herodot* 28 May 1897 with his brother Gilbert. Ernest arrived back from England on board the *Ammon* 20 October 1897 with his brother Gilbert and started work for the Falkland Islands Company in their Camp Establishment again 25 October 1897, finishing 17 September 1898. He arrived in Stanley from Darwin on board the *Hornet* 20 September 1898 and departed for Punta Arenas on board the *Itauri* 23 September 1898. At some point after this he fought in the second Anglo Boer war. In the July 1901 edition of the Falkland Islands Magazine Ernest is recorded as being in South Africa in the Prince of Wales' Lighthouse. On 12 January 1902 he was recorded as being at the front again having joined Scott's Railway Guards stationed between Kimberley and Mafeking [FIM May 1902]. Ernest started working for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in their Camp Establishment again 16 December 1902. In 1903 he helped build the Cantera fence and in 1904 helped build the Ceritos fence. In 1905 he helped build the Tranquilidad and Goose Green fences. Ernest finished working for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd 16 April 1905 and departed Stanley 25 April 1905 on board the *Oruba* bound for Liverpool then on to Canada with two families McKenzie. Ernest was recorded on the 1914 New Zealand Electoral Roll as a farmer in Ngatea, Waikato. Ernest, age 46, died 7 February 1922 at Malvinia, Ngatea, New Zealand [FIC/ A1, A2; FIM Jun 1922]. He was buried in Shortland Cemetery in 3PUBL-PLOT-3480. [Thames-Coromandel District Council]
2. **Louisa Harriet PHILLIPS** born 2 October 1876. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Louisa, age 1 month, died 30 October 1876 from convulsions and was buried in Darwin Cemetery.
3. **Emily Annie PHILLIPS** born 11 September 1877 at Darwin and baptised 26 September 1877 by Holy Trinity Church. Emily, age 19 and living at Darwin Harbour, was married to **John ALLAN**, age 24 and a carpenter living at San Carlos North, 16 June 1896 in the Church, Darwin according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Hector A McDonald and Jessie Jennings. John's father was listed as William Allan, labourer, and Emily's father was recorded as Jesse Phillips, foreman. Hector McDonald was the best man and the bridesmaids were the three Misses Jennings and Miss Dora Phillips. [Account of wedding FIM Jul 1896] John was born 10 May 1872 in Woodside, Wester Fintray, Aberdeen in Scotland. Emily and John lived at San Carlos for three years before moving to Patagonia for forty years. Emily, John and their three youngest children arrived in Wellington, New Zealand on board the ss *Remuera* in May 1936 and settled at Mareretu. Emily, age 68, died in Mareretu, New Zealand in 1945. [FI Weekly News 20 Jun 1946]
4. **Henry Charles PHILLIPS** born 10 May 1879 at Darwin and baptised 21 November 1879 by Holy Trinity Church. Henry started working for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd Company in their Camp Establishment 1 October 1895 on £2-10-0 per month. In 1904 Henry received £5-0-0 a month and helped build the Ceritos and Swan Inlet fences. In 1905 he helped build the Tranquilidad and Goose Green fences, in 1906 helped build the Racecourse fence and in 1907 Packe's fence. Henry finished working for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd 18 June 1908. Henry started work again in the Camp 12 April 1909 and received a share of the K Harbour and Salinas fences. Henry finished working for the Company 5 July 1911 and departed 11 July 1911 on board the RMS *Orcoma* bound for Liverpool. Private 34421

Phillips, age 37, died 15 September 1916 in Featherstone Training Camp as the result of measles and was buried 20 September 2016 in Plot 3481 in the Shortland Cemetery, 201 Danby Street, Thames, New Zealand. According to his obituary in the Thames Star of 20 September 1916 he was accorded a large military funeral with returned soldiers as pall bearers, the 6th (Hauraki) Regimental Band playing the Dead March on route and the High School Cadets who also provided the firing party and fired three volleys.

5. **William John PHILLIPS** born 11 February 1881 at Darwin. William, age 7 months, died 23 September 1881 from inflammation of the bowels and was buried in Darwin Cemetery.
6. **Albert James PHILLIPS** born 29 November 1882 at Darwin and baptised 17 May 1883 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Albert worked for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd Company in their Camp Establishment from 2 December 1895 to 8 February 1896 on £1-10-0 a month. He started work for them again 1 August 1899 and worked as a labourer and carter. Albert finished working for the Company 29 June 1907. Albert, a labourer, was married to **Elliot Fell COUTTS** 6 September 1907 at Cantera, Darwin District by C Rome Hall, Assistant Cathedral Chaplain. The witnesses were W Coutts, Mary Coutts and H Phillips. Albert's father was recorded as Jesse Phillips, retired foreman, and Elliot's father was recorded as William Coutts, shepherd. Albert, age 57, died 19 August 1940 at the home of Mrs Robert Reive from pulmonary carcinoma and was buried 22 August 1940 in Grave L 1163. According to his obituary he had been working at the Cantera for the last seventeen years. [FI News Weekly 2 Aug 1940] Elliot, age 75 and a widow, died 6 June 1960 in Stanley and was buried 10 June 1960 in Grave S 1669.
7. **Ellen Jane PHILLIPS** born 13 August 1884 at Darwin. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Ellen, age 14 days, died 27 August 1884 from "*deathness of nervous system*" and was buried in Darwin Cemetery.
8. **Frederick PHILLIPS** born 8 July 1885 at Darwin and baptised 13 July 1885 by the United Free Church, Darwin. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Frederick, age 16 days, died 24 July 1885 from natural weakness and buried in Darwin Cemetery.



Frederick's grave in Darwin Cemetery.

Ellen is buried two spaces to the left and Arthur is buried to the right

9. **Arthur PHILLIPS** born 7 June 1886 at Darwin. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Arthur, age 1 month and 11 days, died 18 July 1886 from natural weakness and was buried in Darwin Cemetery.
10. **Walter PHILLIPS** born 26 July 1887 at Darwin and baptised 3 April 1889 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Walter started work for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd Company in their Camp Establishment as a boy 2 December 1901 and finished working for them 23 March 1907. When he left he was a labourer on £5-10-0 a month. Left with his parents 28 March 1907 on board the RMS *Ortega* for Liverpool.

Walter, age 28 and a farmer last living at Patetonga, joined the New Zealand Expeditionary Force 14 December 1915. Walter, age 30, was married to **Lucy Annie CRUMP** 10 November 1917 in St Mary, Willesden, Brent, England. Walter, a private, was classified unfit for service 14 November 1917. He embarked for New Zealand 14 March 1918. He was discharged 16 July 1918 as no longer physically fit for war service on account of illness contracted on active service. His unit was the 2nd Battalion Auckland Infantry Regiment. In 1919 Walter was living in Ngatea, Hauraki Plains. Walter, age 63, died 5 December 1950 in Auckland, New Zealand and was buried in Waikumete Cemetery.

11. **Dora PHILLIPS** born 25 June 1888 at Darwin and baptised 3 April 1889 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. In the English 1911 census Dora was recorded as being age 22 and a domestic housemaid for the Lawson family living at 8 Grosvenor Road, Weymouth, Dorset (*Malvina Lawson was a Falkland Islands Felton before her marriage; she died in New Zealand in 1944*). Dora was married to **McLEAN**. Dora, age 66, died 17 July 1954 and was buried 19 July 1954 in Totara Memorial Park in 2PUBL-066-0010. [Thames-Coromandel District Council]
12. **Gilbert PHILLIPS** born 11 August 1890 at Darwin and baptised 30 November 1890 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Gilbert departed for England on board the *Herodot* 28 May 1897 with his brother Ernest. He arrived back from England on board the *Ammon* 20 October 1897 with his brother Ernest. Gilbert started work for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd Company in their Camp Establishment at Darwin as a boy 1 December 1903. Gilbert finished working for the Company 23 March 1907. He started work with them again 15 September 1907 and was charged £14 for his passage from England. Gilbert finished working for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd 16 February 1911 and departed 22 February 1911 on board the *Oravia* bound for Liverpool. Gilbert, age 82, was buried 18 May 1973 in Totara Memorial Park in 2RSAL-PLOT-0264. [Thames-Coromandel District Council]
12. **Adeline Elsie PHILLIPS** born 16 November 1891. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Adeline, age 7 weeks, died 8 January 1892 from malnutrition convulsions and was buried at Darwin.
13. **Samuel PHILLIPS** born 18 January 1893 at Darwin and baptised 29 January 1893 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Samuel started work for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd Company in their Camp Establishment as a boy on £2-0-0 a month 28 November 1906 and finished work 23 March 1907. He left with his parents 28 March 1907 on board the RMS *Ortega* for Liverpool. Samuel, age 49, was buried 17 April 1942 in Totara Memorial Park in 2PUBL-006-0003. [Thames-Coromandel District Council]
14. **Virginia Minnie "Min" PHILLIPS** born 13 May 1894 at Darwin and baptised 7 June 1894 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. The 1911 English census recorded her as age 16 and a parlour maid in the Helena Nursing Home, Reading. On the occasion of her 100th birthday in New Zealand the Thames Star of 17 May 1994 reported that in 1913 when she was 20 she travelled to New Zealand on the ss *Ruapehu* with her parents and two brothers. [PN 3 Dec 1994] On the occasion of her 101st birthday in New Zealand the Hauraki Herald reported that her family followed three of their sons to New Zealand where they settled in Ngatea. Min, age 25, was married to **John Samuel "Sam" McWATTERS**, age 37, in 1919. [PN 2 Aug 1995] Sam, age 82, died 10 June 1964 in Thames and was buried in Totara Cemetery, Thames Valley. Min died 3 January 1996 in Thames, New Zealand and her ashes were interred at Ngatea Ashes Wall, Ngatea, Waikato.

SECOND GENERATION

Children of Emily (3) and John ALLAN:

1. **Harriet Cliff ALLAN** born 23 October 1897 at San Carlos. Harriet was married to **Ernest William MUGGERIDGE** in 1927. Ernest died 28 June 1960. Harriet, age 70, died 25 November 1967 and was buried in Waihi Cemetery, Thames Valley, New Zealand.
2. **Ernest Phillips ALLAN** born 1 January 1903 at Darwin.
3. **Edith May ALLAN** born 8 May 1908 at Punta Arenas, Chile.
4. **Henry James ALLAN** born 20 October 1913 at Punta Arenas, Chile.

Children of Albert (6) and Elliot PHILLIPS:

1. **Ann PHILLIPS** born 18 December 1907 at San Carlos South and baptised 1 October 1909 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Ann was married to (1) **Alexander McKENZIE**, shepherd, 27 August 1928 at Darwin Harbour by Dudley Richardson, Registrar. The witnesses were Isabella Margaret Mckenzie and William John Reive. Alexander's father was recorded as Alexander McKenzie, shepherd, and Ann's father was recorded as Albert James Phillips, shepherd. Alexander, age 49, died 22 January 1952 from post-operative shock and was buried in Grave 1472. Ann, a widow, was married to (2) **Sidney Markham GLEADELL**, widower and shepherd, 7 September 1954 at the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by H Bennett, Registrar General. The witnesses were D McLeod and B McLeod. Sidney's father was recorded as Edwin Gleadell, deceased, and Ann's father was recorded as Albert James Phillips, deceased shepherd. Sydney, age 58 and a shepherd, shot himself with a rifle while of an unsound mind 3 November 1954 at Brenton Loch and was buried in the small plot next to Darwin Cemetery. Ann, age 78, died 22 September 1986 and was buried 24 September 1986 in Grave V3066.
2. **Jesse PHILLIPS** born 7 January 1910 at Third Corral, San Carlos and baptised 9 May 1910 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Jesse, a shepherd, was married to **Jessie Catherine MIDDLETON** 15 September 1933 at the Registrar General's Office, Darwin by Registrar General's Licence by J Traill Wood, Registrar. The witnesses were David John Middleton and Emily Phillips. Jesse's father was recorded as Albert James Phillips, shepherd, and Jessie's father was recorded as David Middleton, shepherd. Jesse, age 68 and a farm worker, died 12 June 1978 at Goose Green and was buried 14 June 1978 in Grave U 1922. Jessie, age 82 and a widow, died 11 March 1991 and was buried 14 March 1991.
3. **Emily PHILLIPS** born 2 November 1911 at Darwin and baptised 23 April 1912 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Emily was married to **John Thomas Alexander McLEOD**, shepherd, 1 September 1937 at the Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle), Stanley by Special Licence by Walter Forrest McWhan, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were Mrs Francis Mary Lyse and George McLeod. John's father was recorded as Alexander McLeod, deceased shepherd, and Emily's father was recorded as Albert Phillips, shepherd. Emily died 11 February 1954 from breast cancer and was buried in Grave Q1530. John died 7 October 1961 in Stanley and was buried in Grave S1701.
4. **Dorothy Minnie PHILLIPS** born 30 June 1917 at Douglas and baptised 1 February 1918 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Dorothy was married to **James Edward FORD**, farm labourer, 14 July 1944 at Goose Green, Lafonia by

Karl V Lellman, Deputy Registrar. The witnesses were Jesse Phillips and Doris Ford. James' father was recorded as Charles William Ford, carpenter, and Dorothy's father was recorded as Albert James Phillips, deceased shepherd. Dorothy, age 74, died 11 May 1992 and is buried in Grave V3171. James, age 72 and a pensioner, died 26 February 1997 in Stanley and was buried 3 March 1997 in Grave 3265.

5. **Charles William PHILLIPS** born 7 February 1920 at Teal Inlet and baptised 17 September 1920 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Charles, age 64 and retired, died 6 June 1984 and was buried 9 June 1984 in Grave V 3024.

Children of Virginia (14) and John McWATTERS:

1. **Harriet Ellen "Nell" McWATTERS** born 25 November 1919 at Sperry Home, Thames, New Zealand. [NZ Herald 15 Dec 1919] Harriet was married to **Thomas Allan "Allan" WHEELER** circa 1946 in Ngatea, Hauraki Plains. Harriet died 13 December 2011 in Te Kauwhata, Waikato. Allan died 20 December 2011.
2. **Annie Margaret "Madge" McWATTERS** born 18 April 1921 in Ngatea, Waikato, New Zealand. Her father's occupation was recorded as farmer. Madge, age 69, died 2 March 1991 and was buried in Totara Memorial Park, Thames Valley.
3. **Ken McWATTERS** born ? in New Zealand.
4. **Verna Minnie McWATTERS** born circa 1924 in New Zealand. Verna, age 90, died 20 September 2014 and was buried in Totara Memorial Park, Thames Valley.
5. **John Leslie "Les" McWATTERS** born circa 12 December 1928 in New Zealand. Les was married to **June Mary ?**. June, age 66, died 4 April 1999 and was buried 8 April 1999 in Totara Memorial Park, Thames Valley. Les, age 91, died 30 June 2020 in Thames Hospital and was buried Friday 3 July 2020 in Totara Memorial Park, Thames Valley.

DESCENDANTS OF JESSE AND HARRIET STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS