

## ROBSON 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. Any variations which may occur in the spellings of names are recorded as written in the records at the time.*

**Timothy ROBSON** came to the Falklands after the 1851 census and possibly came on the *Carlton* a British ship travelling from Swansea to Panama which was wrecked on Cape Carysfort 9 August 1855.

Timothy was married to **Rosa ROACH** 28 May 1856 by Henry Martyn Faulkner, Colonial Chaplain in Holy Trinity Church by Banns with consent of parents of bride. The witnesses were H W Chappell and J Rudd. Neither the name nor occupation was recorded for Timothy and Rosa's fathers.

Timothy and Rose appear to have returned to the UK as the next record of them is in the Falkland Islands Company Ltd's Directors Minutes of 20 February 1861 when Timothy, a ship carpenter, agreed to come out under agreement. Timothy, age 26, and Rose, age 23, arrived in the Falkland Islands 12 June 1861, with their 17 month old son Timothy, on board the *Fantome* from London. [H17, p550].

The *Fantome*, a 196 ton British barque with eleven crew and four passengers touched on Billy Rock, Wednesday evening 12 June 1861 at 7 pm. Anchored south of lighthouse at 9pm, making water. Crew left 12 at night and would not rejoin. Ship beat in next day, 13 June. Contained cargo and passengers for Falkland Islands Company. [Shipping Register]

Timothy, a ships carpenter, was employed by the Falkland Islands Company Ltd from March 1861 to March 1867 when he was discharged by James Lane, the Colonial Manager, as not being required. [FIC C1, Desp 355]

Timothy was appointed a Justice of the Peace 27 December 1894. [FI Gazette 52, pg 440]

Timothy died 2 March 1896 in Stanley, age 61, and is buried in Grave D347. *(No obituary)*  
Rose died 25 November 1924, age 85, and is buried in Grave D910. *(Obituary CM April 1924, be aware of mistakes – see facts below)*

**Rose ROACH** is listed in the 1851 census as being age 12 and the daughter of Edward, a pensioner, and Ellen Roach. The whole family, including her sister Ann, age 3, are recorded as being from Ireland. The **ROACH** family arrived on the *Victory* 13 October 1849 which was carrying military pensioners and their families; 122 men, women and children in all.

## FIRST GENERATION

1. **Timothy ROBSON** born c. January 1860 (*not in Falkland Islands*). Arrived in the Falkland Islands 12 June 1861, age 17 months, with his parents, on board the *Fantome* from London. [H17, p550]. Timothy, a sheep farmer, died 20 September 1932 at Port Louis North, age 74, and is buried in Grave N1035. [Obituary "Penguin" 22 Sept 1932]
2. **Joseph ROBSON** born 30 May 1862 in Stanley and baptised 4 November 1862 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was listed as carpenter. Married **Mary SMITH**, age 24, 3 June 1889 in the house of Chas Burnel according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were George Patterson Smith and Edward Robson. Mary's father was recorded as George Patterson Smith, sheep farmer. Joseph's occupation was recorded as manager living in Stanley. Joseph, a sheep farmer died 7 March 1911, age 49, in Stanley from gastroenteritis and is buried in Grave I733. [Obituary CM April 1911] Mary died 3 August 1960, age 95, in Stanley and is buried in Grave R1676. (No obituary)
3. **Edward ROBSON** born 28 July 1864 in Stanley and baptised 7 December 1864 by Holy Trinity church. His father's occupation was listed as ship carpenter. Edward, a farmer, died 13 June 1923 from heart failure, exposure and acute alcoholism and is buried in Grave N889.
4. **Thomas ROBSON** born 2 November 1866 in Stanley and baptised 25 November 1866 by Holy Trinity church. His father's occupation was listed as carpenter. Thomas died 22 July 1873 in Stanley from cyanche, age 6 years and 8 months, and is buried in Grave A152.
5. **Lionel ROBSON** born 12 March 1869 in Stanley and baptised 29 March 1869 by Holy Trinity church. His father's occupation was listed as carpenter. Lionel drowned at Rio Pentia, Chile 27 September 1899, age 29, and was buried at Punta Arenas. [CM Dec 1899]
6. **John Roach ROBSON** born 5 February 1871 in Stanley and baptised 29 September 1871 by Holy Trinity church. His father's occupation was listed as carpenter. Married **Laura Lucy McCARTHY** 28 December 1897 in St Mary's Catholic Church. John, a sheep farmer, died 18 March 1950, age 79, and is buried in Grave M1423. Laura died 5 September 1957 in Stanley, age 81, and is buried in Grave M1592.
7. **Thomas Austin ROBSON** born 15 October 1873 in Fitzroy Road, Stanley and baptised 16 November 1875 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shipwright. Farmer. Donated old coins found at Port Louis to the Falklands Museum. [CM March 1911] Thomas, a farmer, died 26 October 1941, age 69, and is buried in Grave N1198.
8. **George ROBSON** born 20 November 1875 in Stanley and baptised 19 December 1875 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shipwright. Sheep farmer. Married **Catherine Mary SOLLIS** née **AXON**, widow and dressmaker, 19 September 1921 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Special Licence by Mario Luis Migone, Priest in Charge. The witnesses were Margaret Scally and Julia O'Toole. Catherine's father was recorded as Alfred Axon, pilot. Catherine died 12 December 1952, age 73, and is buried in Grave M1498.

George, a retired sheep farmer, died 21 June 1955, age 79, and is buried in Grave M1549.

9. **Anne Elizabeth ROBSON** born 15 October 1877 at Port Louis and baptised 14 November 1877 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shipwright. Married **Montague Cecil CRAIGIE-HALKETT**, gentleman, Colonial Service, 20 April 1904 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Special Licence by P J Diamond Roman Catholic Priest. The witnesses were George Robson and M A Enestrom. Montague's father was recorded as Frederick Craigie Halkett, deceased Colonial Service. Ann died 25 November 1926, age 47, from heart failure and acute septic pharyngitis and was buried in Grave N955. Montague married (2) **Mabel Ruby Eleanor ENESTROM** 18 February 1928 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Mario Louis Migone, Priest in Charge. The witnesses were J M Ellis, J M Coutts and Charles Enestrom. Mabel's father was recorded as Charles W Percy Enestrom, engineer.
10. **Michael ROBSON** born 24 September 1879 in Stanley and baptised 19 October 1879 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shipwright. Manager. Donated marine specimens to the Falklands Museum. [CM March 1911] Married **Winifred Maud DUROSE** 10 April 1921 at Fox Bay East, West Falkland by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were J Innes Wilson and W J Luxton. Winifred's father was recorded as Frederick Durose, schoolmaster. Michael, a retired sheep farmer, died 21 December 1958, age 79, in Stanley and is buried in Grave R1623. Winifred died 19 June 1968 in Stanley, age 80, and is buried in Grave T2104.
11. **Rose Ellen ROBSON** born 3 November 1882 at Port Louis and baptised 12 December 1882 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shipwright. Rose died 17 April 1884 at Port Louis from convulsions, age 1 year and 6 months, and is buried there.

## SECOND GENERATION

### Children of Joseph (2) and Mary ROBSON:

1. **George Austin ROBSON** born 28 August 1890 at Port Louis and baptised 18 September 1890 by Holy Trinity Church. George, a labourer, died 3 August 1915, age 24, from heart failure and pericarditis at San Carlos South and is buried at Port San Carlos. [Mention CM Sept 1915]
2. **Walter Conrad ROBSON** born 4 September 1892. Walter, a shepherd, died 23 December 1957, age 65, in Stanley and is buried in Grave R1602. [No obituary – no local periodical at time]
3. **Mary Agnes ROBSON** born 12 January 1895 and baptised 10 September 1895 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Married **George Alfred BROWN**, Royal Navy, 21 December 1916 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Banns by Mario Louis Migone. The witnesses were Clifford H G Lewthwaite and Roy Robson. George's father was recorded as James Brown, fish porter. Later divorced. Mary departed Stanley 27 March 1920 for Liverpool with her sister Margaret on board the *Bombay*, a whaler. Returned from Liverpool with her husband 25 December 1920 on board the *Orita*. Mary died 24 February 1953 from pulmonary tuberculosis and is buried in Grave M 1504. [No obituary – no local periodical at time]
4. **Margaret Anna ROBSON** born 5 October 1897 at Fitzroy and baptised 11 October 1897 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer. Married (1) **Clifford Cyril PARKER**, a member of the Royal Navy, 12 December 1916 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Banns by Mario Louis Migone. The witnesses were W Peck and John Rolls. Clifford's father was recorded as Alfred Parker, farmer. Clifford, a first class stoker, travelled to Montevideo by the ss *Falkland*, en route for the UK, leaving Stanley 22 September 1919. Margaret and her two children, Clifford and Dorothy, departed Stanley 27 March 1920 for Liverpool on board the *Bombay*, a whaler. Margaret and the children returned to the Falkland Islands from Liverpool 8 July 1921 on board the *Oruba*. Margaret, divorced and no occupation recorded, married (2) **Alexander Stanley ETHERIDGE**, labourer, 24 April 1935 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by A R Hoare, Ag Registrar General. The witnesses were Helbert Stanley Hansen and Mary Agnes Brown. Alexander's father was recorded as William Etheridge, deceased mariner. Margaret and Alexander both emigrated to the UK in 1956.
5. **Joseph Fitzroy "Roy" ROBSON** born 26 May 1900 at Fitzroy North and baptised 29 September 1900 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Roy, a labourer, died 23 October 1963, age 63, in Stanley and is buried in Grave R1746. [No obituary]
6. **Wilhelmina Blanche ROBSON** born 6 February 1903 at Fitzroy North and baptised 14 September 1903 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Married **Glynn JONES**, CFM, REME, 26 October 1943 at St Mary's Catholic Church, Stanley by Special Licence by Hugh F Drumm, RC Priest. The witnesses were Mary Fullerton and Johnathan Boyce Pennington. Glynn's father was recorded as Evan Jones, park keeper. Wilhelmina went to the UK in 1944 to join her husband.

7. **Edward Andrew ROBSON** born 22 July 1905 at Fitzroy North and baptised 14 January 1907 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Farm worker. Married **Elsbeth Lucy "Lucy" McCULLUM** 26 June 1939 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Registrar General's Licence by A R Hoare, Registrar General. The witnesses were Jacob Goss and Annie Eliza Browning. Lucy died 25 March 1976, age 71, in Stanley and is buried in Grave U1869. *[No obituary]* Edward, a retired farm worker, died 30 August 1976, age 71, in Stanley and is buried in Grave U1870. *[No obituary]*
8. **Thomas Edmond ROBSON** born 11 January 1908 at Fitzroy North and baptised 19 February 1908 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Thomas, a labourer, died 25 December 1942, age 36, from chronic pulmonary tuberculosis and is buried in Grave M1230. *[Obituary FI Weekly News 7 Jan 1943]*
9. **Malvina Rose ROBSON** born 15 May 1910 and baptised 15 March 1911 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Malvina died 14 May 1912, age 2, from influenza meningitis and is buried in Grave E1745. *[No obituary]*

#### Children of John Roach (6) and Laura ROBSON:

1. **James Timothy Roach ROBSON** born 17 December 1898 and baptised 22 January 1899 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. James, a sheep farmer, died 11 December 1963, age 64, and is buried in Grave R1748.
2. **Robert Lionel ROBSON** born 10 January 1900 at Port Louis and baptised 21 November 1900 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Carpenter. Married **Violet Malvina Emily KING** 27 December 1928 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Special Licence by Mario Louis Migone, Priest in Charge. The witnesses were George John Robson and Gwendolin Isabella King. Robert, a carpenter, died 16 August 1976, age 76, and is buried in Grave R1877. Violet died 28 March 1987, age 85, and is buried in Grave V3074.
3. **Rose Ellen ROBSON** born 15 September 1901 and baptised 7 October 1901 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Married **Harry Edward SLADE**, wireless operator, 13 August 1930 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Banns by Mario Louis Migone, Priest in Charge. The witnesses were Arthur W Beardmore and P L Robson. Rose, Harry and their daughter went on holiday to South Australia in July 1936, returning January 1937. Rose, age 45 and a housewife, died 24 October 1946 from a sub-arachnoid haemorrhage & cerebral aneurysm and was buried in Grave N1330. Harry, age 75 and a retired electrician from Australia, died in Stanley 1 January 1977 and was buried 4 January 1977 in Grave R1879.
4. **Patricia Laura ROBSON** born 18 March 1904. Patricia died 15 January 1983, age 79, in Stanley and is buried in Grave R1993.
5. **George John ROBSON** born 5 January 1906 and baptised 27 February 1908 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. George, a shepherd, died 5 August 1959, age 53, from cancer and is buried in Grave R1641.

**Children of Ann (9) and Montague CRAIGIE-HALKETT:**

1. **Cecil Mayne HALKETT** born 25 April 1905 in Stanley and baptised 5 June 1905 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as gentleman. Cecil, a shepherd, was married to **Ethel Jane Primrose PAULONI** 29 September 1934 at St Mary's Catholic Church, Stanley by Special Licence by Hugh Drum, Assistant Priest. The witnesses were Charles Fisher Thompson and Helen Vittoria Pauloni. Cecil's father was recorded as Montague Cecil Craigie Halkett, civil servant, and Ethel's father was recorded as William Pauloni, shepherd. Cecil, age 52 and a shepherd, died 5 September 1957 at Fox Bay West from broncho pneumonia, and was buried 9 September 1957 in Grave R1593. Ethel went to the UK in 1980.
2. **Ursula Malvina CRAIGIE-HALKETT** born 7 October 1909 in Stanley and baptised 31 January 1911 in St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as civil servant. Ursula travelled to the UK in 1925.
3. **Enid Edith Maud CRAIGIE-HALKETT** born 4 January 1914 in Stanley and baptised the same day by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as civil servant. Enid travelled to the UK in 1934.
4. **Lionel Montague CRAIGIE-HALKETT** born 28 December 1915 in Stanley and baptised 20 March 1916 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as civil servant. Lionel travelled to the UK in 1928 with his father.
5. **Elaine Kathleen CRAIGIE-HALKETT** born 31 December 1919 in Stanley and baptised **Elaine Kathleen Anne CRAIGIE-HALKETT** 7 March 1920 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as civil servant. Elaine travelled to the UK in 1936.

**Children of Michael (10) and Winifred ROBSON:**

1. **Louis Michael ROBSON** born 31 December 1923 at Fox Bay West and baptised 10 June 1925 by Christ Church Cathedral. At age 20 he was a Stoker in the Royal Navy. Marine engineer. In 1945 ERA Louis was serving on a fleet mine sweeper off the Italian coast. Before that he had been stationed for a few months on Malta. [FI Weekly News 15 Nov 1945, pg 15] Married **Gladys Mary SKILLING** 19 September 1952 at Christ Church Cathedral by J Durno Steele, Acting Senior Chaplain. The witnesses were Michael Robson, W M Robson, Emily Skilling and R Jones. Gladys' father was recorded as Frederick McMurray Skilling, shepherd. Louis, a pensioner, died 10 January 1994, age 70, and is buried in Grave V3201. Gladys, a pensioner, died 25 September 2002, age 71.

***DESCENDANTS OF TIMOTHY AND ROSE STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS***