

SOLLIS 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.

Frank Pinkney SOLLIS was married to **Catherine Mary AXON** (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

Frank started work for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in the Lafonia area 21 September 1910 on a monthly salary of £7-10-0. v [FIC/IW8, pg 449]

Frank, age 36 and a British Mason, died 15 November 1918 at Darwin. A verdict of manslaughter was brought against Angus MacAulay. Frank, a member of the Darwin Section of the FI Defence Force was given a military funeral and buried 19 November 1918 in Grave I 830.

Catherine, a widow and dressmaker, was married to **George ROBSON**, sheep farmer, 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. George's father was recorded as Timothy Robson, deceased sheep farmer, and Catherine's father was recorded as Alfred Axon, pilot. Catherine died 12 December 1952, age 73, and is buried in Grave 1498. George, a retired sheep farmer, died 21 June 1955, age 79, and is buried in Grave M1549.



FIRST GENERATION:

Children of Frank and Catherine SOLLIS:

1. **Edna Ruby SOLLIS** born 30 November 1904 at High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, England. Edna was married to **Douglas FLEURET**, police constable, 22 April 1935 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by A R Hoare, Ag Registrar General. The witnesses were Arthur Isadore Fleuret and Gladys Helena Fleuret. Douglas' father was recorded as Gaston Nicholas Fleuret, deceased farm worker, and Edna's father was recorded as Frank Sollis, deceased sculptor. Douglas was a second lieutenant in the Falkland Islands Defence Force in 1945. Edna, age 44 and a housekeeper went to the UK in 1948.

2. **Leslie Holland SOLLIS** born 10 January 1913 at Darwin and baptised 23 March 1913 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as mason. Leslie, age 23 and a shepherd at Spring Point, departed 23 May 1936 for Montevideo on board the *Lafonia* for a holiday, arriving back 18 June 1936 on the *Lafonia*. Leslie was recorded as being 5' 10" tall with brown hair and brown eyes. Leslie, a shepherd, was married to **Iola Winifred SMITH** 29 August 1944 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by J E Hamilton, Registrar General. The witnesses were Maud Sollis and E J Brain. Leslie's father was recorded as Frank Sollis, deceased, and Iola's father was recorded as Andrew Cecil Smith, sheep farmer.



Leslie, age 23

Leslie and Iola were married again by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church 22 March 1953. Leslie, age 51 and a sheep farmer died from natural causes and a cerebral haemorrhage 28 May 1964 at Port Louis and was buried 30 May 1964 in Grave P1751.

3. **Denis John "Jack" SOLLIS** born 19 November 1915 at Darwin and baptised 9 December 1915 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as mason. Denis, age 20 and a seaman, departed for Montevideo 29 August 1936 on board the *Lafonia* for Montevideo. He was proceeding to the UK to help bring out the new FIC ship. Dennis was recorded as being 6' 2" tall with brown hair and blue eyes. **Dennis John "Jack" SOLLIS**, a seaman, was married to **Sarah Emma Maud "Maud" DUFFIN** 23 May 1940 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by Gerald K Lowe, Senior Chaplain. The witnesses were Leslie Sollis and Nellie Hansen. Dennis' father was recorded



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as Frank Sollis, stonemason, and Maud's father was recorded as Alfred Henry Duffin, policeman. Maude, age 44, went to Montevideo in 1960 for medical treatment, and Jack, age 44 and a civil servant accompanied her. Maud and Jack went on holiday in 1970 and 1973. Jack, age 70, died in England 31 May 1985 while on leave and his ashes were interred 3 September 1985 in Grave V3040. Maud died in 2005 and was buried in Grave

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