

THOMPSON 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.

William THOMPSON came to the Falkland Islands in 1869 and worked on different farms.

William, a shepherd from Ireland residing at Albemarle, was married to **Harriet Ann Elizabeth PETTIT**, a minor 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. William, age 59, was employed by the Falkland Islands Company Ltd circa 1906 and by December 1918 was age 71 and working at Goose Green. William left for Port Stephens in the *Afterglow* in December 1921. [FIC/EG/1918 & 1921]

Harriet died 9 November 1912 from chronic nephritis and is buried in Grave B753. William, age 76 and a mariner & labourer, died 24 June 1923 at Port Stephens and is buried there.

Harriet was born 6 July 1853 in Stanley to **Henry Cooper PETTIT** and **Bridget PETTIT** formerly **FLEMING**.

FIRST GENERATION

Children of Harriet PETTIT:

- a. **Ellen PETTIT** born 2 October 1871 at Port Stephens. The father was recorded as **Edward DOWNS**, seaman. Ellen died 12 February 1933 from a cerebral haemorrhage and is buried in Grave K1038.
- b. **Catherine “Kate” PORTER** born 4 October 1873 at Albemarle, West Falkland and baptised 9 May 1874 as **Catherine PETETT**. Her father was not recorded. 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 [CM May 1905, p.6]

Children of William and Harriet THOMPSON:

1. **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 was buried in Grave B219. [FI Magazine Oct 1899]
2. **Mary THOMPSON** born 8 June 1883 and baptised 18 March 1884 by Holy Trinity Church. Mary was married to **James Stewart EDDY**, hunter on the 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 Bolling and Mrs Lazo Carvajal. James’ father was recorded as James Eddy, miner, and Mary’s father was recorded as William Thompson, mariner. Mary left Friday 29 April 1904 on board the sealing schooner *Ola M Balcom* for Halifax. [CM May 1904, pg 6]

SECOND GENERATION

Children of Catherine PETTIT (b):

1. **George Henry Cowper PETTIT** born 18 March 1900. George, age 1y 9m, died 3 January 1902 of acute bronchitis and is buried in Grave B220. In CM Jan 1902 as George Henry Cooper Pettitt Thompson.

Children of Catherine (b) 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 Mary THOMPSON (2):

1. **William Henry Roy THOMPSON** born 18 May 1903 and baptised **William Henry Roy Flowers THOMPSON** 18 June 1903. His godparents were William Thompson and Kate Carvjal. Known as **William Henry Roy FLOWERS**. William, a sailor and labourer, died 28 September 1965 in Stanley and is buried in Grave T2037.