

THOMPSON FAMILY (1)

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.

Children of Joseph and ? THOMPSON

1. **John THOMPSON** born circa 1846 in Scotland. John THOMPSON, a shepherd, was a passenger on the *Epsilon* which left England in June 1867, arriving in Stanley 12 August 1867. John, age 65 and a labourer from Scotland died at Walker Creek 22 October 1911 from morbus cordis and heart failure and was buried in Darwin Cemetery. His headstone reads

IN
MEMORY
OF
JOHN THOMPSON
WHO DIED AT WALKER CREEK
22 OCTOBER 1911
FOR OVER 44 YEARS
THE FAITHFUL SERVANT
OF
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS COY

In his will dated 15 June 1911, John left all of his estate to Catherine FINLAYSON, the wife of Murdoch FINLAYSON, overseer of Walker Creek. If Catherine was to predecease him then his estate was to go to Murdoch and if he also predeceased John then the estate was to be divided equally among their living children. The value of his estate amounted to £697-2-5 consisting of £667-15-6 in the government Savings Bank, £4-5-6 of personal effects and £25-1-5 wages due. After costs Catherine received £667-15-6. [FIC/IE/2#35]

2. **Isabella THOMPSON** born circa 1847 in Scotland. Isabella, age 21, left London at 6pm on the 29th February 1868 on board the *Athole*. The *Athole*, a 305 ton barque, arrived in Stanley, Falkland Islands 13th June 1868 with cargo and shepherds for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd. Isabella was a servant for Mr Robinson but he was not impressed with her. [FIC/D2; 2] Isabella, a domestic from Scotland living in Stanley, was married to (1) **William MOORE**, a labourer from Ireland living in Stanley, 14 December 1868 at Trinity Church Stanley according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England after Banns by Charles Bull MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were W McDaid, Jane Sharp and M A McDaid. William's father was recorded as Daniel Moore, labourer, and Isabella's father was recorded as Joseph Thompson, labourer. William died 12 December 1895, age 60, of cirrhosis of the liver and is buried in Grave A22. In his will dated November 1895 he left all of his money to his brother-in-law **George THOMPSON** of Swan Inlet and the residue of his estate to his wife **Isabella MOORE**. [BUG-REG-5; 107] Isabella, a widow living in Stanley, was married to (2) **William Henry MARTIN**, a widower and labourer living in Stanley, 4 April 1896 in the House of W H Martin according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Polm Leloux and E A Davis. William's father was recorded as Thomas Martin, coastguard, and Isabella's father was recorded as Joseph Thompson, labourer. Isabella died 26 July 1918 from shock following burns and was buried in Grave A828. In her will she had left all of her real and personal estate to her brother George and on his death to his son George. [BUG/REG/VI; 109]
3. **George THOMPSON** born circa 1848 in Scotland. George was married to **Margaret SCOTT** (*not in the Falkland Islands*). George, age 20, Margaret, age 19, and their daughter Robina, age 4 months, left London at 6pm on the 29th February 1868 on board the *Athole*. The *Athole*, a 305 ton barque, arrived in Stanley, Falkland Islands 13th June 1868 with cargo

and shepherds for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd. George entered service with the Falkland Islands Co Ltd as a shepherd 11 June 1868 on an annual salary of £40 rising to £50. In 1873 he was on £5 a month; in 1877 £5.10.0 a month and in 1884 £6 a month. He was dismissed once and was finally paid off 20 November 1903. [FIC A Moir to Stanley 1903] George died 8 September 1919 and is buried in Grave Ei 841 in Stanley Cemetery. At the time of his death he was an FIC pensioner living in Stanley. [FIC/D13; 464] In his original will he had left all of his personal estate to his sister Isabella. [BUG/REG/VI; 109] No further mention of Margaret found to date.

4. **Joseph THOMPSON** born circa 1849 in Scotland. Joseph, age 19, left London at 6pm on the 29th February 1868 on board the *Athole*. The *Athole*, a 305 ton barque, arrived in Stanley, Falkland Islands 13th June 1868 with cargo and shepherds for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd. On 1 January 1872 Joseph was described as '*Rather crazy, but willing to work.*' [FIC/D1; 343] He was still working for the Company in June 1873.

FIRST GENERATION

Children of George (3) and Margaret THOMPSON:

1. **Robina (Lavinia) THOMPSON** born circa November 1867 (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Robina, age 29, died 9 May 1896 and was buried 10 May 1896 in Grave A686.
2. **Hannah THOMPSON** born 5 June 1869 at Mackinnon Creek. Hannah was married to **William SMITH**, a shepherd from Scotland, 20 February 1885 at George Thompson's house, Swan Inlet, according to the rites & ceremonies of the Presbyterian Church by Governor's licence by William Hill Philip Minister. The witnesses were James Bond and Isabella Thompson. Hannah, William and their two children, departed 18 May 1892 on board the *Serapis*.
3. **Isabella THOMPSON** born 30 June 1871 at Mackinnon Creek. Isabella, of Swan Inlet, was married to **William Henry WATSON**, age 22, a shepherd, 20 May 1891 in the house of Mr William Harrison, Stanley according to the rites & ceremonies of the Baptist Church by Governor's licence by C E Lawson Good, Baptist Minister. The witnesses were William Harrison and Jessie Jennings. Isabella, age 73, died 24 April 1944 and was buried 27 April 1944 in Grave O1269. William, age 76, died 26 January 1946 and was buried 27 January 1946 in Grave O1313.
4. **Georgina Rae THOMPSON** born 11 October 1872 at Swan Inlet. Married **Frederick George JENNINGS**, age 24, a shepherd living at North Arm House, 29 May 1894 in the house of William Bound according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Edward C Aspinall asst Col Chaplain. The witnesses were Mary Jane Jennings and Thomas John Jennings. Georgina died, 30 November 1896, age 23, of phthisis and is buried at North Arm.
5. **William THOMPSON** born 6 November 1875 at Swan Inlet. William was buried 15 November 1914 in Patagonia.
6. **John THOMPSON** born 14 April 1878 at Swan Inlet.
7. **George Henry THOMPSON** born 5 May 1886 at Swan Inlet. George, a shepherd, was married to **Hannah Frances SHORT**, 18 August 1921 at San Carlos N, East Falkland by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Thomas Stanley Clifton and Sarah Maria Short. George's father was recorded as George Thompson, deceased shepherd, and Hannah's father was recorded as Richard Francis Short, shepherd. George died 1 October 1950 and is buried in Grave 1435. Hannah, age 69, died 17 January 1973 and was buried in Grave U2199.

SECOND GENERATION

Children of Hannah (3) (2) and William SMITH:

1. **Boy SMITH** born 17 March 1886 at Ceritos. Stillborn. Might be buried in Darwin Cemetery.
2. **Margaret SMITH** born 24 March 1888 at Teal Creek and baptised 6 June 1888 by the United Free Church. Margaret left with her family 18 May 1892 on the *Serapis*.
3. **Alexander SMITH** born 14 November 1889 at Teal Creek and baptised 17 February 1890 by the United Free Church. Alexander left with his family 18 May 1892 on the *Serapis*.

Children of Isabella (3) (3) and William WATSON:

1. **Elizabeth Agnes WATSON** born 15 November 1893 at Moffat Harbour, Lafonia and baptised 8 January 1894 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd and he signed with a X. Elizabeth was married to **Alexander SIMPSON**, a farm manager, 12 March 1914 at the house of Mrs Edward Biggs, Stanley by Special Licence by Robert Johnson, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were Captain Henry Thomas and Herbert Biggs. Alexander's father was recorded as Alexander Simpson, labourer, and Elizabeth's father was recorded as William Watson, shepherd. [Account of wedding CM May 1914] The family went to the UK in 1923.
2. **Isabella WATSON** born 26 November 1895 at Moffat Harbour, North Arm and baptised 3 December 1895 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd and he signed with a X. Isabella was married to **William John BOWLES**, a shepherd, at North Arm, East Falkland by Governor's Licence, by C McDonald Hobley, Chaplain Christ Church Cathedral 30 June 1915. The witnesses were Mary Ellen Watson, William Henry Watson and George Edward Bowles. William's father was recorded as George Bowles, farm labourer, and Isabella's father was recorded as William Watson, shepherd. William, a retired handyman, died 31 May 1963 in Stanley and was buried 3 June 1963 in Grave Q1739. Isabella died 6 December 1975 in Stanley, age 80, and was buried 9 December 1975 in Grave U1863.
3. **James WATSON** born 16 September 1897 at Moffat Harbour, North Arm and baptised 19 January 1898 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd and he signed with a X. James, a shepherd, was married to **Rica Alexandrina ANDERSON** 10 November 1919 in the house of Mr Anderson, North Arm by J D Denis de Vitre, Assistant Chaplain. The witnesses were Elizabeth Agnes Simpson and Henry James Anderson. James' father was recorded as William Henry Watson, shepherd, and Rica's father was recorded as Ludovic Anderson, assistant overseer. Rica, age 60, died 12 October 1963 in Stanley from post-operative shock and was buried 16 October 1963 in Grave Q1745. James went to Comodoro Rivadavia 8 December 1975 for medical treatment and died there 20 March 1976.
4. **Mary Ellen WATSON** born 24 November 1899 in Lafonia and baptised 26 November 1899 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Married (1) **George Edward BOWLES**, a navy, at North Arm, East Falkland by Special Licence by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders 8 July 1920. The witnesses were William John Bowles and Isabella Bowles. George's father was recorded as George John Bowles, storekeeper, and Mary's father was recorded as William Henry Watson, shepherd. Mary, divorced, was married to (2) **Donald Ewen MORRISON**, a British carter, 12 March 1930 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by M Craigie Halkett, Registrar General.

The witnesses were Elspeth L McCullum and H C Ley. Donald's father was recorded as Donald Morrison, shepherd, and Mary's father was recorded as William Watson, carter. Mary, age 85, died 10 August 1985. Donald, age 91 and a pensioner, died 27 October 1995 in Stanley and was buried 2 November 1995.

5. **Louisa Anna WATSON** born 14 November 1901 in Lafonia and baptised 18 March 1902 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Louisa was married to **Frederick Henry HANSEN**, a cook, 8 July 1920 at North Arm, East Falkland by Special Licence by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were William Henry Watson and Emma Jane Watson. Frederick's father was recorded as Charles Hansen, navy, and Louisa's father was recorded as William Henry Watson, shepherd. Louisa and Frederick later divorced. Louisa died 25 January 1978 and is buried in Grave U1913. Frederick died prior to this but no record of his death in the Falkland Islands.
6. **William Henry Charles "Ben" WATSON** born 14 November 1903 in Lafonia and baptised 5 May 1904 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. William, a labourer, was married to **Hannah Maud LEE** 12 July 1941 at the Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle), Stanley by Ernest John Brain, Minister of Religion. The witnesses were Sydney Lee and Mildred Braxton. William's father was recorded as William Henry Watson, retired, and Hannah's father was recorded as Frederick George Lee, retired. William, age 71 and a retired handyman, died 22 August 1975 in Stanley and was buried 26 August 1975 in Grave U1856. Hannah, age 81 and a pensioner, died 11 January 1999 in Stanley and was buried 14 January 1999 in Grave U1857.
7. **Euphemia WATSON** born 26 January 1906 at Moffat Harbour and baptised 4 February 1906 by Christ Church Cathedral. Euphemia was married to (1) **Frederick William BARNES**, a mariner, 3 March 1925 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by J Stanley. The witnesses were J S Barnes and Emma Jane Watson. Frederick's father was recorded as Arthur James Barnes, labourer, and Euphemia's father was recorded as William Henry Watson, carter. Euphemia, divorced, was married to (2) **William John PERRY**, a widower and labourer General 21 July 1962 at the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by Harold Bennett, Registrar. The witnesses were H Jennings and M Jennings. William's father was recorded as James Julian Perry, deceased shepherd, and Euphemia's father was recorded as William Henry Watson, deceased carter. William, age 65 and a foreman, died 27 December 1977 and is buried in Grave U1910. Euphemia, age 76 and a widow, died 18 April 1982 at Stanley and is buried in Grave V1977.
8. **Emma Jane WATSON** born 20 May 1908 at Moffat Harbour, North Arm and baptised 6 September 1909 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Emma was married to **Sydney George ALDRIDGE**, a shepherd, 7 June 1928 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by S E E Aylward, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were William Henry Watson and Alice Dale Watson. Sydney's father was recorded as John G Aldridge, hotel keeper, and Emma's father was recorded as William Henry Watson, carter.
9. **Alice Dale WATSON** born 5 December 1911 at Moffat Harbour and baptised 31 March 1913 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Alice was married to **Norris Ellis EVANS**, a labourer, 16 May 1936 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Governor's Licence by Malcolm J Stewart, Registrar General. The witnesses were Hanson Christopher Dettleff and Isabella Bowles. Norris' father was recorded as John David Evans, deceased engineer, and Alice's father was recorded as William Henry Watson, carter. Norris and Alice went to the UK in 1962.

Children of Georgina (4) and Frederick JENNINGS:

1. **Henry George JENNINGS** born 19 March 1895 at North Arm and baptised 22 November 1895 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Henry, age 13, started work for the FIC in Lafonia 26 November 1908 and worked for them for many years then for six years at Douglas Station then for the last 20 years lived in Stanley. Henry, a labourer, was married to **Ada Caroline KIDDLE** 29 April 1929 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by S E E Aylward, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Alexander Lee Kiddle and Ethel Summers. Henry's father was recorded as Frederick George Jennings, retired shepherd, and Ada's father was recorded as Alexander Lee Kiddle, labourer. Henry, age 50 and a labourer, died 23 September 1945 from endocarditis and bronchitis and was buried 25 September 1945 in Grave O1303. [Obituary FI Weekly News 27 Sep 1945].

Children of George (7) and Hannah THOMPSON:

1. **George Henry THOMPSON** born 18 October 1921 at San Carlos. George, a shepherd, was married to **Eveline Bertha McRAE** 17 December 1941 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by James Erik Hamilton, Registrar General. The witnesses were Millie Biggs and Lennard Grant. George was charged with indecent assault on a woman in the Town on 2 December 1946. He plead guilty and was sentenced to two months imprisonment with hard labour. [FI weekly News 12 Dec 1946, pg 14] George was divorced in 1955. George emigrated to the UK with his brother William in 1973. George returned and died 20 October 1997 and is buried in Grave 3274.
2. **William John THOMPSON** born 3 June 1923 at Speedwell Island. Emigrated to the UK with his brother George in 1973.
3. **Stillborn male THOMPSON** born 21 August 1925.
4. **John Henry THOMPSON**. John was married to **Violet Maud BROWNING** née **BIGGS**, divorced, 18 January 1962 at the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by Harold Bennett, Registrar General. The witnesses were R B Hansen and M C Fullerton. The family emigrated to the UK in 1973.

DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE AND MARGARET STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS