

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

- 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 Lelaux 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]
- 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/D12; 464] In his original will he had left all of his personal estate to his sister Isabella. [BUG/REG/VI; 109] There is no further record of Margaret.
- 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 and Margaret THOMPSON:

1. **Robina (Lavinia) THOMPSON** born circa November 1867 (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Died 9 May 1896, age 29 and was buried 10 May 1896 in Grave A686.
2. **Hannah THOMPSON** born 5 June 1869 at Mackinnon Creek. Married **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.
3. **Isabella THOMPSON** born 30 June 1871 at Mackinnon Creek. Married **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 died 24 April 1944 and is buried in Grave O1269. William died 26 January 1946 and is buried 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. 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. Married **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 died 1 October 1950 and is buried in Grave 1435. Hannah died 17 January 1973, age 69, and is buried in Grave U2199.

SECOND GENERATION

Children of Hannah (2) and William SMITH:

1. **Stillborn boy SMITH** born 17 March 1886 at Ceritos.
2. **Margaret SMITH** born 24 March 1888 at Teal Creek.
3. **Alexander SMITH** born 14 November 1889 at Teal Creek.

Children of Isabella (3) and William WATSON:

1. **Elizabeth Agnes WATSON** born 15 November 1893 at Moffat Harbour, North Arm. Married **Alexander SIMPSON**, farm manager, 12 March 1914 at the house of Mrs Edward Biggs, Stanley by Special Licence by Robert Johnson, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were Henry Thomas and Herbert Biggs. The family emigrated to the UK in 1923.
2. **Isabella WATSON** born 26 November 1895 at North Arm. Married **William John BOWLES**, shepherd, 30 June 1915 at North Arm, East Falkland by Governor's Licence, by C McDonald Hobley, Chaplain Christ Church Cathedral. The witnesses were Mary Ellen Watson, William Henry Watson and George Edward Bowles. William died 31 May 1963 in Stanley and is buried in Grave Q1739. Isabella died 6 December 1975 and is buried in Grave U1863.
3. **James WATSON** born 16 September 1897 at Moffat Harbour, North Arm. Shepherd. Married **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. Rica died 12 October 1963 at Stanley and is buried in Grave Q1745.
4. **Mary Ellen WATSON** born 24 November 1899. Married (1) **George Edward BOWLES**, navy, 8 July 1920 at North Arm, East Falkland by Special Licence by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were William John Bowles and Isabella Bowles. Divorced. Married (2) **Donald Ewen MORRISON**, 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. Mary died 10 August 1985 and is buried in Grave V 3037. Donald died 27 October 1995 in Stanley.
5. **Louisa Anna WATSON** born 14 November 1901. Married **Frederick Henry HANSEN**, 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. Louisa died 25 January 1978 and is buried in Grave U1913. Frederick died prior to this but there is no record of his death in the Falkland Islands.
6. **William Henry Charles WATSON** born 14 November 1903. Labourer. Married **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 died 22 August 1975 in Stanley and is buried in Grave U1856. Hannah died 11 January 1999 and is buried in Grave U1857.
7. **Euphemia WATSON** born 26 January 1906 at Moffat Harbour, North Arm. Married (1) **Frederick William BARNES**, mariner, 3 March 1925 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were J S Barnes and Emma Jane

Watson. Divorced. Married (2) **William John PERRY**, widower, 21 July 1962 at the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by Harold Bennett, Registrar General. William died 27 December 1977 and is buried in Grave U1910. Euphemia 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. Married **Sydney George ALDRIDGE**, 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 died in England in 1972. Emma died 23 February 1979 and is buried in Grave U1940.
9. **Alice Dale WATSON** born 5 December 1911 at Moffat Harbour, North Arm. Married **Morris Ellis EVANS**, labourer, 16 May 1936 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Governor's Licence by Malcolm J Stewart, Registrar General. The witnesses were Hansen Christopher Dettleff. They may have emigrated in 1962.

Children of Georgina (4) and Frederick JENNINGS:

1. **Henry George JENNINGS** born 19 March 1895 at North Arm. Labourer. Died 23 September 1945 and is buried in Grave O1303.

Children of George (7) and Hannah THOMPSON:

1. **George Henry THOMPSON** born 18 October 1921 at San Carlos. Shepherd. Married **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] Divorced in 1955. Emigrated to the UK with his brother William in 1973. Returned. 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** born 5 February 1928 at Stanley. Married **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