

WALSH FAMILY (2)

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 Frances WALSH was born circa 1851 in Newfoundland. [FIM May 1904, pg 6]

William, age 31 and a mariner living in Stanley, was married to **Mary Jane McINNES**, age 19 and living in Stanley, 13 April 1882 in the House of Joseph Alazia according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were J Alazia and E Alazia. William's father was recorded as James Walsh, mariner and Mary's father was recorded as Angus McInnes, carpenter.

Mary was a passenger on the *Vicar of Bray*, leaving London 9 July 1880. She was coming down to marry **William DOOLAN** however he wrote to the Falkland Islands Company Ltd from Montevideo 13 July 1880 saying that he was about to get married and return to Stanley so he could not marry her. Mary's mother wrote to the London Office of the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in 1881 saying that she would like Mary to return if she was not properly settled. Mary's mother, who was living at 51 Cawford Street, Greenock, wrote again in January 1883 in distress as she had not heard from her daughter. [FIC/C1; 567, 571, 585, 618]

On 7 February 1890 William, a labourer, purchased Crown Grant 107 being $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre in the southern suburbs of Stanley for £25. [Reg: Vol III, pg 163]

On 26 March 1890 William purchased Crown Grant 80 being twenty four poles and including a cottage for £31. [Reg: Vol III, pg 168]

On 12 July 1890 William, a labourer, purchased Crown Grant 326 being 12 perches on St Mary's Walk for £17-10-0. [Reg: Vol III, pg 187]

On 29 July 1897 William, a labourer and his wife, Mary, sold Crown Grant 107 for £25. Both William and Mary signed with a X. [Reg: Vol IV, pg 222]

On 25 April 1904 William, of Stanley, sold Crown Grants 80 and 326 for £180. [Reg: Vol V, pg 92]

On 29 April 1904 William, Mary and their family departed for Halifax, Newfoundland on board the sealing schooner *Ola M Balcom* as he had taken the opportunity to leave the Falkland Islands. [FIM May 1904, pg 7]

They lived for ten months in Halifax before moving out west to Winnipeg. They lived there for three months but it was bitterly cold so they moved up to Calgary, Alberta. They then moved to Vancouver and settled there. [FIM Mar 1906]

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of William and Mary WALSH:

1. **Mary Ellen 'Nellie' WALSH** born 24 January 1883 and baptised 13 March 1884 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd and he signed with a X. Left for Halifax, Newfoundland on board the sealing schooner *Ola M Balcom* with her family 29 April 1904. Mary was married to **Harry COOLEN**, of Prospect, Nova Scotia, 19 August 1905 in Okotoks, Alberta and they moved in with her parents in Calgary. [FIM Mar 1906] Mary Ellen, age 23, died 3 November 1907 in Calgary, Canada. [FIM Jan 1907]
2. **Florence Jane 'Flora' WALSH** born 13 May 1885 and baptised 13 November 1885 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as sailor and he signed with a X. Left for Halifax, Newfoundland on board the sealing schooner *Ola M Balcom* with her family 29 April 1904. In 1906 Flora was working on a steam mangle in a steam laundry in Calgary. [FIM Mar 1906]
3. **James Arnold WALSH** born 24 August 1887 and baptised 31 January 1890 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd and he signed with a X. Left for Halifax, Newfoundland on board the sealing schooner *Ola M Balcom* with his family 29 April 1904. James was working on the steamer *Chippewa* in Victoria, British Columbia in 1908 when he slipped and fell in and accidentally drowned. [FIM Oct 1908]
4. **Laura Ann WALSH** born 1 September 1889 and baptised 31 January 1890 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd and he signed with a X. Left for Halifax, Newfoundland on board the sealing schooner *Ola M Balcom* with her family 29 April 1904. In 1906 Laura was learning dress making in a large store in Vancouver. [FIM Mar 1906] Laura was married to **M J LAWLER** 8 July 1908 in Victoria, British Columbia. [FIM Oct 1908]
5. **William Francis 'Willie' WALSH** born 21 June 1891 and baptised 28 March 1893 by Christ Church Cathedral. Left for Halifax, Newfoundland on board the sealing schooner *Ola M Balcom* with his family 29 April 1904. In 1906 he was to go into a trade when he was a little older. [FIM Mar 1906]