

WILKINSON 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 Dixon WILKINSON was born circa 1837 in Lancashire, England to **Henry WILKINSON**.

William was appointed office keeper and messenger by the Governor on 1 August 1862 on an annual salary of £60. He lived in the offices.

William, age 26 and a Government Messenger from Lancashire, England, was married to **Sarah ELMER**, age 17, 17 June 1863 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 George Smith and Mary Ann Smith. William's father was recorded as Henry Wilkinson, soap manufacturer, and Sarah's father was recorded as William Elmer, soldier.

William started residing in the house of H Wagner, Punta Arenas on 17 May 1886.

William, circa 50 years old, married and a native of England, died from disease 27 June 1886 in H Wagner's house, Punta Arenas. He left debts which Sarah could not pay so his effects were sold for \$90.59 and, after expenses, the sum of 8 shillings and 8 pence along with his personal letters were returned to his wife. [H41; 108, 176]

On 7 July 1888, Sarah, a widow of Stanley, purchased Crown Grant 191, being Lot 5 in Section B, from her son-in-law, Hugh MacLean, for £420. This is now 8 John Street.

Sarah, a widow and midwife, was married to (2) **Edward Francis CRESSARD**, a shipwright, 16 February 1892 in the house of E F Cressard according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were H Maclean and Kezia Prior. Edward's father was recorded as John Cressard, wine merchant, and Sarah's father was recorded as William Elmer, pensioner of 51st foot.

Sarah sold 8 John Street 11 January 1893 for £410.

Sarah, age 78, died 2 February 1925 and is buried in Grave K915. Edward, age 82, died 10 September 1926 and is buried in Grave K944.

FIRST GENERATION

Children of William and Sarah WILKINSON:

1. **Mary Helen WILKINSON** born 21 July 1864 in Stanley and baptised **Mary Ellen WILKINSON** 26 October 1864 by Holy Trinity Church. Her godparents were Catherine Elmer, Hannah Clarke and her father. Her father's occupation was recorded as government messenger. Mary, age 19, was married to **Hugh MACLEAN**, age 23 and a shipwright, 12 July 1883 in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were W C Wilkinson and Mary Margaret Hardy. Hugh's father was recorded as Hector Maclean, shipwright, and Mary's father was recorded as William Dixon Wilkinson, mariner. On 17 July 1889 Hugh went into partnership with Charles Burnell, John Gowen Poppy and William Henry Rutter, all residing in Stanley, to form McLean & Company as sheep farmers in the Argentine. [BUG/REG/4; pg 137] Hugh, Mary and their children departed on board the *Louisa* 13 August 1890 for Santa Cruz. On 19 February 1891 Hugh retired from the partnership. [BUG/REG/4; pg 244] Hugh drowned in 1894 in Patagonia. Mary, age 34 and a widow living in Punta Arenas, was married to **William Henry BETTS**, age 38 and a shepherd living in Punta Arenas, 21 July 1898 in Punta Arenas according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England by John Williams, English Chaplain. The witnesses were Henry Hutton and George McGeorge. William's father was recorded as John Betts, deceased, and Mary's father was recorded as William Dickson Wilkinson, deceased. William died 19 May 1927 in Santa Cruz.
2. **William Charles WILKINSON** born 15 July 1866 on Keppel Island and baptised on Keppel Island 4 October 1866 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer and the sponsors were recorded as the parents and Thomas Bridges. William, a carpenter, was married to **Alice WILLIAMS** 27 March 1889 in the house of Mr E Cressard according to the rites and ceremonies of the Baptist Church by governor's Licence by George H Harris, Baptist minister. The witnesses were Hugh Maclean and Mary Ellen MacLean. William's father was recorded as William Dixon Wilkinson, mariner, and Alice's father was recorded as Henry Williams, labourer. Alice and her two children departed 7 March 1895 on board the *Ramses* bound for Europe. Circa December 1897 William was living at Canon de los Machos when he subscribed to the Patagonia Prize Fund. [FIM Dec 1897]

SECOND GENERATION

Children of Mary (1) and Hugh MACLEAN:

1. **Flora McLEAN** born 17 April 1884 in Stanley and baptised 18 May 1884 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter.
2. **Sarah MACLEAN** born 14 April 1885 in Stanley and baptised 29 April 1885 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Sarah, age 20 days, died 3 May 1885 from spina bifida and was buried 6 May 1885 in Grave A91.
3. **Mary MACLEAN** born 18 October 1886 in Stanley and baptised 7 November 1886 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shipwright.
4. **William MacLEAN** born 2 September 1888 and baptised 7 October 1888 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shipwright.
5. **Hugh MACLEAN** born 28 June 1890 in Stanley and baptised 12 July 1890 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shipwright.

Children of Mary (1) and William BETTS:

1. **Margaret BETTS** born in Santa Cruz.
2. **Sarah Ellen BETTS** born in Santa Cruz.
3. **Lilian BETTS** born in Santa Cruz.
4. **Boy BETTS** born in Santa Cruz. Died at about 5 weeks old.
5. **Mary Clarissa "Molly" BETTS** born in Punta Arenas 1913. Adopted at 10 months old. Birth parents Henry Thomas and Elizabeth Leckie "Lizzie" WILSON née DOUGHTY/DOCHERTY (see *HALLETT Clara family*). Molly died in 1995.

Children of William (2) and Alice WILKINSON:

1. **Alice WILKINSON** born 12 April 1889 and baptised 25 October 1889 by Holy Trinity Church. Her godparents were her parents and Caroline Clifton. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Alice departed with her mother and sister 7 March 1895 on board the *Ramses* bound for Europe.

Children of Alice WILKINSON (2):

1. **Kathlina Marian WILKINSON** born 16 January 1894 and baptised **Kathileena Marion WILKINSON** 29 August 1894 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her godparents were William Williams and Jessie Spencer. Her father's name and occupation were not recorded and in the baptism register the work illegitimate was crossed out. Kathileena departed with her mother and sister 7 March 1895 on board the *Ramses* bound for Europe.