

WILLIS 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.

George WILLIS was born circa 1835 in Long Island, USA.

George, a carpenter from the United States of America, was married to **Robina BOYD**, domestic from Scotland, 7 May 1868 at Trinity Church Stanley according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by Charles Bull MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were E Boyer and J Anderson. George signed with a X. George's father was recorded as John Willis, farmer, and Robina's father was recorded as Hugh Boyd, shoemaker.

George was sworn as a British Subject 26 August 1870. [D14; pg 117]

George, about 45 and a carpenter and native of Long Island, United States, died 17 August 1880 in the house of Emile F Boyer, Stanley from inflammation of the bowels and was buried 19 August 1880 in Grave I 552. He was working as a shipwright at Teal Inlet at the time of his death.

Robina, a widow living in Stanley, was married to **Mariano MATTOLICH**, publican living in Stanley, 9 March 1882 in the Parish of Holy Trinity according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were H Clasen and A M Clasen. Mariano signed with a X. Mariano's father was recorded as Mathew Mattolich, publican, and Robina's father was recorded as Hugh Boyd, shoemaker.

Robina BOYD, age 18 and a servant, was a passenger on the *Beta*, leaving Swansea, England 15 July 1867. She received a cash advance of £10 in September 1867. [H22: FIC/C1; 349]

FIRST GENERATION

Children of George and Robina WILLIS:

1. **Catherine WILLIS** born 15 December 1868 in Stanley and baptised **Catherine Sophia WILLIS** 11 February 1869 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter and he signed with a X.
2. **Agnes Jane WILLIS** born 11 January 1870 in Stanley and baptised 7 February 1870 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter and he signed with a X. Agnes, age 17 and living in Stanley, was married to **Frederick BAKER**, age 22 and a shepherd living in Stanley, 8 September 1886 in the Service room according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Thomas Marcus Dettleff and Kate Willis. Frederick's father was recorded as Harrison Baker, farmer, and Agnes' father was recorded as George Willis, carpenter.
3. **Mary Jane WILLIS** born 10 September 1874 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter and the informant was her mother.
4. **Hugh Boyd WILLIS** born 27 June 1876 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter and he signed with a X.

SECOND GENERATION

Children of Agnes (2) and Frederick BAKER:

1. **Robina Agnes BAKER** born 11 October 1887 and baptised 27 October 1887 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Robina, age 17 days, died 28 October 1887 and was buried 30 October 1887 (*no grave record*).