

WILSON FAMILY (1)

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.

Benjamin WILSON, private, his wife **Mary Ann WILSON**, and their children **Harriet WILSON**, **Agness WILSON** and **John WILSON** arrived in the Falkland Islands on board the British Barque Ealing Grove 12 January 1858 as part of the Falkland Islands Company detachment of Pensioners. [H14, pg 316] In the Examination of Invalid Soldiers on Tuesday 31 May 1864 Benjamin was recorded as age 44 and had served 1 ½ years in the 12th Foot, 15 years in the 99th Foot – 12 years and 3 months of which in Australia, and 6 years 11 months in the 44th Foot – 6 years and 4 months in the Falkland Islands. He was recorded as of very good character and discharged due to the disbandment of the regiment. He was 6 foot tall with a fresh complexion and was born at Toddington, Bakewell, Derby, England and his trade was corder. [PRO WO.117/12]

Mary Ann, age 62 years and 5 months, died 28 June 1875 in Stanley from general debility, and was buried 4 July 1875 in Grave Ai 197. Benjamin, age 61 and a pensioner and native of Staley Bridge, Manchester, England, died 13 August 1878 from senectus bronchitis and was buried 18 August 1878 in Grave Ai 196.

Children of Benjamin and Mary Ann WILSON:

1. **Harriet Ann WILSON** born circa 1845 in Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia. Harriet arrived on the *Ealing Grove* with her family 12 January 1858. [H14, pg 316] Harriet, age 19 and living in Stanley, was married to **Henry WHITE**, of full age and a sealer of British America living in Stanley, 26 July 1864 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 Alexander Law and Elizabeth Hocking. Henry's father was recorded as White Martell, farmer of Quebec, Canada, and Harriet's father was recorded as Benjamin Wilson, late Lance Corporal of the now disembodied Falkland Islands Corps. Henry, age 46 and a sealer and native of Quebec, Canada, accidentally drowned in a shipwreck 29 April 1875. His body was to be buried at Salvador but was eventually brought into Stanley. Governor D'Arcy started the memorial for the widow with £5. [D17, 107 *no details other than 9 shipwrecked men were brought into Stanley by the "Louisa" 3 May 1875 from the Jason Islands*] Henry was buried 14 May 1875 in Grave Ai 212. Harriet, age 42 years and 5 months, died from syncope 24 July 1888 and was buried 29 July 1888 in Grave Ai 210.
2. **Elizabeth Agnes WILSON** born circa 1847 in Australia. Elizabeth arrived on the *Ealing Grove* with her family 12 January 1858. [H14, pg 316] Elizabeth, age 16 and a servant from Australia living in Stanley, was married to **James WATSON** junior, age 20 and a labourer from the Falkland Islands living in Stanley, 7 July 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 Elizabeth Sarah Boyer and William Culpitt. James' father was recorded as James Watson senior, shepherd, and Elizabeth's father was recorded as Benjamin Wilson, corporal in the Falkland Islands Company. James, age 67 and a shepherd at North Arm, died 28 March 1909 and was buried 31 March 1909 in Grave F 703. Elizabeth, age 63 and a widow, died 2 September 1910 and was buried in Grave F 725.
3. **John WILSON** was born circa December 1850 (*not in Falkland Islands*). Arrived on the *Ealing Grove* with his family 12 January 1858. [H14, pg 316] John was working for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in Camp from February to November 1864 when he got a cash order for the balance of his account of £2-0-5½. He worked again for them from January 1864 to December 1868 when he got a cash order for the balance of his account £0-15-0½. [FIC "D" pg 296, 436-437] John, age 20 years and 8 months and a shepherd, died 5 September 1871 in the Eagle Buildings, Stanley, from consumption, and was buried 10 September 1871 in Grave Ai 211.

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of Harriet WILSON (1) and Thomas WALSH:

- a. **Harriet Ann WILSON** born 14 June 1863 in her grandfather's house in Stanley and baptised 7 October 1863 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father was recorded as Thomas Walsh, drummer in the Falkland Islands Garrison Company. **Harriet Ann WHITE**, age 18, was married to **Matteo PERGOLIS**, age 27 and of Stanley, 9 May 1881 by J Foran, St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. The witnesses were Mariano Mattelich and Laura Roberts. Matteo's father was recorded as Joseph Pergolis of Rovigad, Austria, and Harriet's father was recorded as Henry White. Harriet, age 25, was baptised by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church 14 September 1888. Harriet, age 32, died 3 December 1895 from an accidental haemorrhage and was buried at Douglas Station in the same grave as her daughter. Martin, age 43 and an Italian accidentally drowned when the small cutter he was boatman of was lost with nine others on board in Salvador Inlet on 5 June 1898. An order was granted 5 August 1898 to assume the deaths by drowning of all ten persons.

Children of Harriet (1) and Henry WHITE:

1. **Henry Benjamin WHITE** born 7 August 1865 in Stanley and baptised 13 September 1865 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as mariner and his godparents as Mary Ann Wilson and Joseph Butler. Henry was baptised by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church 23 August 1888. Henry, age 31, was found dead in bed at Bombilla Hill and was buried at Douglas Station.
2. **John Martell WHITE** born 23 September 1867 in his grandfather, B. Wilson's house, Stanley and baptised 25 August 1868 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as seaman and his godparents as James Watson, junior, John Wilson and Harriet Biggs. John, age 31 and a shepherd at Darwin Harbour, was married to **Mary Ann McGILL**, age 23 and living at New House, Whittington's Rincon, 18 May 1898 in the house of John Walsh according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Edwin Coupland Aspinall Canon & Assistant Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were James McGill and Isabella McGill. John's father was recorded as Henry White, sailor, and Mary's father was recorded as William McGill, shepherd. John, age 47 and a shepherd at San Carlos North, died 3 February 1914 from pneumonia (*no burial record*). Mary Ann White, age 68, died 2 August 1942 and was buried 4 August 1942 in Grave O1222.
3. **William Edward WHITE** born 24 September 1869 in Stanley and baptised 20 November 1869 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as seaman and his godparents as his parents, Margaret Ellen Warren(?), James Anderson and William Avery. William was baptised by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church 30 August 1888. William, age 34 and a labourer, died from asphyxia by misadventure 18 September 1903 and was buried 18 September 1903 in Grave A33. He was found dead on the Friday morning on board the crane lighter alongside the East Jetty, and on which he was a night watchman. It was presumed that he died of suffocation from a fire he had for warmth as the ventilation of the place he was lying was almost closed.
4. **Elizabeth "Eliza" Jane WHITE** born 25 February 1872 in Stanley and baptised in a private baptism 27 February 1872 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was

recorded as seaman and her godparents were recorded as James Watson, Agnes Watson and Jane Johnson. Eliza was baptised by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church 14 September 1888. Eliza, age 18 and living in Stanley, was married to **Henry Osborn KELWAY**, age 25 and a shepherd living in Stanley, 11 June 1889 in the house of John Kelway according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Henry White and John George Kelway. Henry's father was recorded as George Frederick Kelway, carpenter, and Eliza's father was recorded as Henry White, mariner. Eliza signed with an X. Eliza died 9 January 1891 from phthisis and was buried 13 January 1891 in Grave I607.

5. **Charles Samuel WHITE** born 31 March 1875 in Stanley and baptised 5 August 1875 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as seaman. Charles, a labourer, died 23 December 1929 of myelitis and morbus cordis and was buried 24 December 1929 in Grave J997.

Children of Harriet WHITE (1):

- i. **Reginald Patrick WHITE** born 17 March 1878 in Stanley. His father was not recorded on his birth certificate. Baptised 31 December 1879 by Holy Trinity Church and his father was recorded as William Kerswell, mariner, and his godparents as James A MacDonald, Anna Maria Clasen and Matthew Pergolis. Reginald, a stockman, was married to **Ellen PITALUGA** 12 February 1912 at Christ Church Cathedral by Edward J Seymour, Dean & Chaplain. The witnesses were Alice Pitaluga, Alex Pitaluga and Murdo McLeod. Reginald's father was recorded as Henry White, mariner, and Ellens father was recorded as Alexander McIntosh Pitaluga, sheep farmer. Reginald and Ellen went to Liverpool on board the Orcoma 21 February 1912.

Children of Elizabeth (2) and James WATSON:

1. **Peter James "Toby" WATSON** born 12 September 1863 at Stanley. He died 2 July 1898 of heart failure and is buried at North Arm.
2. **William Henry WATSON** born 23 February 1869 at Port Louis. He married **Isabella THOMPSON**, of Swan Inlet, in the Tabernacle, Stanley, 20 May 1891. William died 26 January 1946 and is buried in Grave O1313.
3. **Louisa Edith WATSON** born 19 May 1871 at Port Louis. Louisa was married to **William Edwin GLEADELL**, shepherd living at North West Arm, 25 May 1893 at Orquita according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Governor's Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Henry White and Phoebe Jane Gleadell.
4. **Frederick William WATSON** born 21 January 1879 at Orequeta.
5. **George WATSON** born 2 April 1881 at Darwin. Labourer. Married **Louisa Mary BOYER** at the house of James Watson, Stanley by Special Licence by C Rome Hall, Assistant Cathedral Chaplain 6 February 1909. The witnesses were Elizabeth Smith and David Murphy. George died 14 October 1931 of heart failure following pleurisy. He was working as a shepherd at North Arm at the time (*and is buried there? No burial record.*)

SECOND GENERATION:

Children of Harriet (1) (a) and Matthew (Martina/Matteo) PERGOLIS:

1. **George Joseph PERGOLIS** born circa May 1882 and baptised 3 December 1882 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. George, age 4 year 6 months, died in Stanley 2 November 1886 from typhoid pneumonia and was buried 7 November 1886 (*no grave record*).
2. **Hyacinth Regina Daphne PERGOLIS** born 7 June 1884 and baptised 11 January 1885 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as mariner.
3. **Mary Jane PERGOLIS** born 13 September 1886 in Stanley and baptised 7 August 1887 by Holy Trinity Church and baptised 25 August 1888 by St Mary's Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Mary was married to **Nisbet BINNIE**, tailor, 18 November 1908 at the house of William Binnie, Stanley by Special Licence by C Rome Hall, Assistant Cathedral Chaplain. The witnesses were Margaret Lellman and Thomas Binnie. Nisbet's father was recorded as William Binnie, tailor, and Mary's father was recorded as Martin Pergolis, seaman. Nisbet died 29 April 1956 and is buried in Grave Q1570. Mary died 13 June 1971 and is buried in Grave U2165.
4. **Henry John PERGOLIS** born 21 December 1888 in Stanley and baptised 13 January 1889 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Henry, in Government service, was married to **Maud CLIFTON** 21 September 1915 at Christ Church Cathedral by C McDonald Hobley, Chaplain. The witnesses were James Day and Kate Peck. Maud's father was recorded as Harry Clifton, carter, and Henry's father was recorded as Martina Pergolis, mariner. Maud, Henry and their son departed on the *Solstrief* 5 April 1921.
5. **William Speedwell PERGOLIS** born 10 July 1891 and baptised 7 June 1892 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer.
6. **Florence Mabel PERGOLIS** born 22 November 1893 and baptised 9 January 1894 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as farm servant. Florence, age 16 months, died 25 March 1895 from convulsions and was buried 29 March 1895 at Douglas Station.

Children of John (1) (2) and Mary WHITE:

1. **John Martell WHITE** born 23 April 1899 at Danson Harbour. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. John, age 11 days, died 4 May 1899 of inanition and was buried in Darwin Cemetery.
2. **Sarah Harriet WHITE** born 4 August 1901 and baptised 9 September 1901 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Sarah, age 14, died in Stanley 2 August 1915 of influenza and hyperpyrexia and was buried 3 August 1915 in Grave I793.
3. **William Martell WHITE** born 18 November 1904 in Stanley and baptised 12 February 1905 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. William, a labourer, was married to **Mabel Gertrude JONES** 25 August 1934 at Port

Stephens by Registrar's Licence by Charles Honeyman Robertson, Registrar. The witnesses were Clifford Warren Jennings and Kathleen Edith Marguerite Jones. William's father was recorded as John White, deceased shepherd, and Mabel's father was recorded as John William Jones, cook. William and Mabel went to the UK in 1971.

4. **Mary Hyacinth WHITE** born 12 September 1906 in Stanley and baptised 12 September 1906 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as carter. Mary, age 41 and living in Stanley, died 8 September 1947 from acute myocardial failure, bronchitis and Old Potts disease of the spine and was buried 9 September 1947 in Grave O1349.
5. **John Wright WHITE** born 5 October 1912 in Stanley and baptised 31 March 1913 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as butcher, Stanley. John, a shepherd, was married to **Kathleen Elizabeth "Betty" JONES** 13 January 1945 at Chartres, West Falkland by Keith W Luxton, Registrar. The witnesses were A C Jones and K Goodwin. John's father was recorded as John Martell white, deceased, and Kathleen's father was recorded as Albert Hugh Jones, navy. John died 14 January 1987 in Stanley and was buried 19 January 1987 in Grave V3069.

Children of Eliza (1) (4) and Henry KELWAY:

1. **Helen Jane KELWAY** born 16 July 1890 at Estancia, East Falklands. Helen died 21 September 1890 of laximiture and is buried in Grave I606.

Children of William (2) (2) and Isabella WATSON:

1. **Elizabeth Agnes WATSON** born 15 November 1893 at Moffat Harbour, Lafonia. Elizabeth was married **Alexander SIMPSON**, a farm manager at the house of Mrs Edward Biggs, Stanley by Special Licence by Robert Johnson, Nonconformist Minister 12 March 1914. The witnesses were Captain Henry Thomas and Herbert Biggs. [Account of wedding CM May 1914] The family went to the UK in 1923.
2. **Isabella WATSON** born 26 November 1895 at North Arm. 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. Shepherd. Married **Rica Alexandrina ANDERSON** in the house of Mr Anderson, North Arm by J D Denis de Vitre, Assistant Chaplain 10 November 1919. The witnesses were Elizabeth Agnes Simpson and Henry James Anderson. Rica died 12 October 1963 in Stanley and is buried 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. Married (1) **George Edward BOWLES**, a navvy, 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.
5. **Louisa Anna WATSON** born 14 November 1901 in Lafonia. Married **Frederick Henry HANSEN**, a cook, at North Arm, East Falkland by Special Licence by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders 8 July 1920. The witnesses were William Henry Watson and Emma Jane Watson. 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 WATSON** born 14 November 1903 in Lafonia. Married **Hannah Maud LEE** at the Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle), Stanley by Ernest John Brain, Minister of Religion 12 July 1941. The witnesses were Sydney Lee and Mildred Braxton.
7. **Euphemia WATSON** born 26 January 1906 at Moffat Harbour. Married (1) **Frederick William BARNES**, a mariner, at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by J Stanley 3 March 1925. The witnesses were J S Barnes and Emma Jane Watson. Divorced. Married (2) **William John PERRY**, a widower and labourer at the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by Harold Bennett, Registrar General 21 July 1962. the witnesses were H Jennings and M Jennings.
8. **Emma Jane WATSON** born 20 May 1908 at Moffat Harbour, North Arm. Married **Sydney George ALDRIDGE**, a shepherd, at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by S E E Aylward, Clerk in Holy Orders 7 June 1928. The witnesses were William Henry Watson and Alice Dale Watson.
9. **Alice Dale WATSON** born 5 December 1911 at Moffat Harbour. Married **Norris Ellis EVANS**, a labourer, at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Governor's Licence by Malcolm J Stewart, Registrar General 16 May 1936. The witnesses were Hanson Christopher Dettleff and Isabella Bowles.

Children of Louisa (2) (3) and William GLEADELL:

1. **James Edward GLEADELL** born 13 March 1894 at North West Arm.
2. **William George GLEADELL** born 13 June 1895 at North West Arm. Labourer. Married **Nellie POOLE** née **CURRAN**, a widow, at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Registrar General's Licence by G R L Brown, Registrar General 17 September 1932. The witnesses were Mrs A W Summers, Mrs Doris M Summers, Mrs B H Peck and Mrs May Peck.
3. **Eveline Jane GLEADELL** born 1 October 1897 at North West Arm. Married **William James Harrison Barker TROUSDALE**, a shepherd from England, at Christ Church Cathedral by C McDonald Hobley. Chaplain 8 June 1914. The witnesses were William Edwin Gleadell and Catherine B Peck.

4. **Reginald Frederick GLEADELL** born 28 November 1900 at North West Arm.
5. **Edward John GLEADELL** born 19 February 1904 at North Arm. Shepherd. Married **Marion Elizabeth ALDRIDGE** at Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain 14 June 1906. The witnesses were J Clethro, Rebecca Aldridge and John Summers.
6. **Charles Watson GLEADELL** born 1 October 1908 in Lafonia.

Children of George (2) (5) and Louisa WATSON:

1. **Frederick George Francis WATSON** born 3 January 1910.

DESCENDANTS OF BENJAMIN & MARY ANN STILL IN FALKLAND ISLANDS