

WILSON FAMILY (5)

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 James “Jim” WILSON was born circa 1870 (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

William was appointed a police constable April 1895 on an annual salary of £60 and a house allowance.

William, age 25 and a police constable, was married to **Elizabeth “Ligg” BINNIE**, age 19, 9 January 1896 in the Parish Church according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Thomas Binnie and Marion Binnie. William’s father was recorded as Robert Wilson, plumber, and Elizabeth’s father was recorded as William Binnie, tailor.

William was dismissed as a police constable in 1896 but was reappointed 1 December 1899 on an annual salary of £72 and a house allowance.



William departed for the UK 11 March 1921 on board the *Svend Foyn*. He returned 30 November 1921.

On 30 December 1921 William signed an agreement with Elizabeth that in exchange for the Stanley Arms Business and the furniture, etc lodged in 3 Jubilee Villas that he would accept a second class passage to England at the first opportunity and a gratuity of £2 a week for duration of life or whilst the licence for the Stanley Arms was held by Elizabeth. [BUG/REG/7; 261]

William departed 18 January 1922 on board the *Orita* bound for Liverpool.

Elizabeth, age 75 and a widow, died in Stanley 14 August 1952 and was buried 17 August 1952 in Grave 1492.

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of William and Elizabeth WILSON:

1. **Ruth Stella WILSON** born 7 September 1899 on West Point Island and baptised 2 July 1900 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Ruth was married to **Thomas Oscar DETTLEFF**, a carpenter, 16 August 1923 at Christ Church Cathedral by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Ernest Dettleff and Hilda Wilson. Thomas' father was recorded as John Dettleff, butcher, and Ruth's father was recorded as William James Wilson, painter. Thomas and Ruth went on holiday to the UK in 1946.
2. **Hilda Mabel Kathleen WILSON** born 1 April 1901 and baptised 13 May 1901 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as police constable. Hilda was married to **Norman Alfred PAGE**, a lighthouse keeper at Cape Pembroke, 17 January 1928 at Christ Church Cathedral by Frederick S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were N Binnie and S Dettleff. Norman's father was recorded as Henry Richard Page, master, Trinity House Service, and Hilda's father was recorded as William James Wilson, painter. Norman was born 1 July 1900 at Ramsgate, Kent, England. Hilda emigrated to the UK with Norman in 1931.