

## BROWNING 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.*

**Benjamin BROWNING** was married to **Susan E PERRY** (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

**Benjamin BROWNING** is engaged by the London directors of the Falkland Islands Company Ltd 26 September 1879 as gardener to replace JARDINE who has been dismissed. Benjamin, age 31, Susan, age 35, Mary Anna, age 7, Frederick, age 5, William, age 3, and James age 1 were passengers on the *Vicar of Bray* leaving 27 September 1879. *He is to receive £7 a month. He is not a professed gardener but understands plain garden work and can be employed at other labour.* [FIC/C1, Desp 545; H35; 264a]

Benjamin served from 24 December 1879 to March 1892 at £7 per month with right to passages home. The passages were granted that year. Benjamin, Susan and three of their children departed 17 March 1892 on board the *Isis*, arriving back 13 October 1892 on board the *Herodot*. Benjamin's agreement was renewed at £7-10 per month without right to passage back and he served from 13 October 1892. [FIC/D11; 224]

On 4 September 1905 Benjamin purchased half an acre in the southern suburbs of Stanley for £350 with a mortgage to the Falkland Islands Company Limited for £350 repaid at a rate of £50 per annum and an interest rate of 5% on the outstanding balance. [Reg: Vol V, pg 137-140]

On 30 September 1905 Benjamin wrote to the Falkland Islands Company Limited giving six months notice as his contract was due to terminate 31 March 1906. [FIC/ES/LOC/1#7-o]

Benjamin gave his farewell address in the Tabernacle Sunday 22 April 1906. He had conducted two services each Sunday for seven years without a break and was leaving the Tabernacle entirely clear of debt and with a cash balance on the credit side. [FIM May 1906]

Benjamin, Susan and their daughter, Ellen, left for Liverpool, England 26 April 1906 on board the *Panama*.

Susan, age 84, died at Watergrove, South Petherton, Somersetshire, England 9 November 1926.

Benjamin, age 78, died at Watergrove, South Petherton, Somersetshire, England 9 December 1926. [FIM Feb 1927] Benjamin left all of his property in the Falkland Islands to the widow of his deceased son Frederick Browning and their four youngest children, Fanny Elizabeth Browning, Fanny Stanbury Browning, David Leonard Browning, and Mary Ellen Browning. [Reg: Vol VIIIA, pg 204-205]

## FIRST GENERATION

### Children of Benjamin and Susan BROWNING:

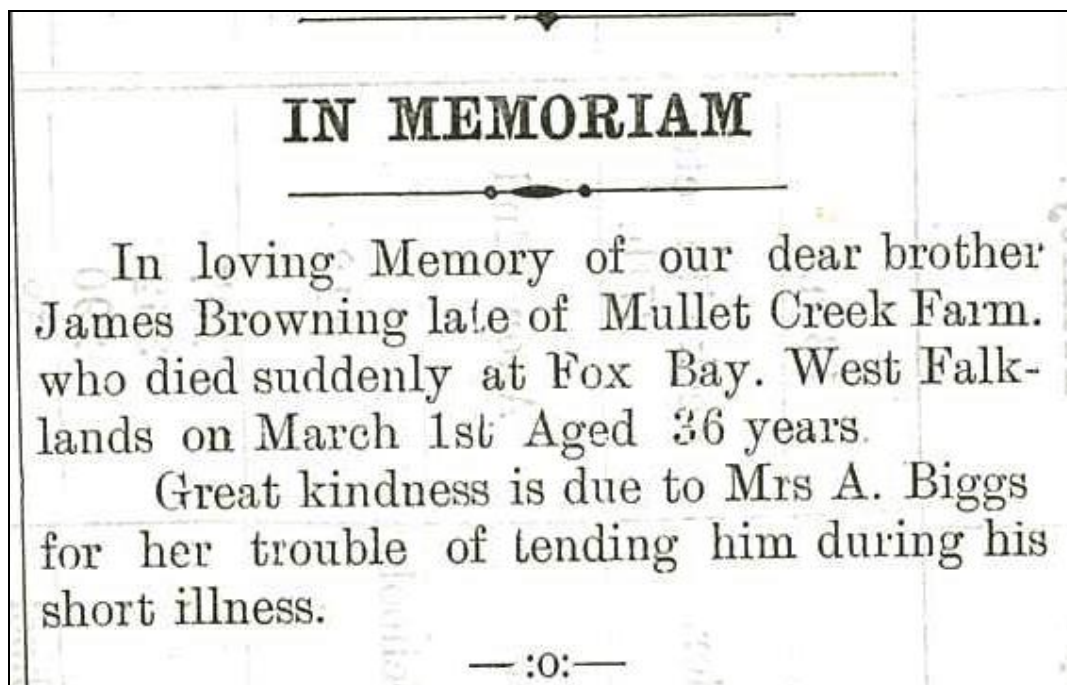
1. **Mary Ann BROWNING** born circa 1872 (*not in Falkland Islands*). Mary, age 21 and living in Stanley, was married to **Thomas MARTIN**, age 24 and living in Stanley, 2 June 1893 by Patrick O'Grady of St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. The witnesses were John Lehan and Josephine Martin. Thomas' father was recorded as William Martin, and Marian's father was recorded as Benjamin Browning. By the time of his daughter Jane's marriage 23 January 1919 Thomas was recorded as dead and by January 1920 his estate was beginning to be sold by his heirs. [Reg Off Vol VII, pg 311] Mary departed for the UK 9 April 1920 with her two daughters Elizabeth and Ellen on board the whaler *Svend Foyn*. Mary arrived back in Stanley 7 February 1924 on board the *Oropesa* with her daughters E M, M M, H T. Mary, a domestic, emigrated to the UK via Chile and Peru with her three daughters 4 February 1925 on board the *Oropesa*. In a letter dated 2 August 1927 from Hugh R Poole & Son, solicitors, it was stated that Mary would have to go to the Workhouse. [FIC/EF]



Mary, Ellen and Elizabeth in 1920

2. **Frederick BROWNING** born 4 January 1874 in Yeovil, South Petherton, England. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Frederick leased the Mullet Creek Farm. Frederick, age 27 and a sheep farmer living in Stanley, was married to **Fanny (Frances) Elizabeth HALLIDAY**, age 21 and living in Stanley, 30 October 1901 in the house of Mr J J Halliday according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were John Burley and Susan Elizabeth Halliday. Frederick's father was recorded as Benjamin Browning, gardener, and Fanny's father was recorded as John Jardon Halliday, blacksmith. Frederick, age 52, died from cardiac disease 12 October 1926 and was buried 14 October 1926 in Grave J 947. Frances, age 50, died from cardiac failure and valvular disease of the heart and was buried 18 November 1931 in Grave K 1026.

3. **William BROWNING** born circa 1876 (*not in Falkland Islands*).
4. **James BROWNING** born circa 1879 (*not in Falkland Islands*). James, age 36 and a shepherd, died from natural causes at Fox Bay 1 March 1915 and was buried at Fox Bay West. He had been at Mullet Creek Farm and died suddenly at Fox Bay.



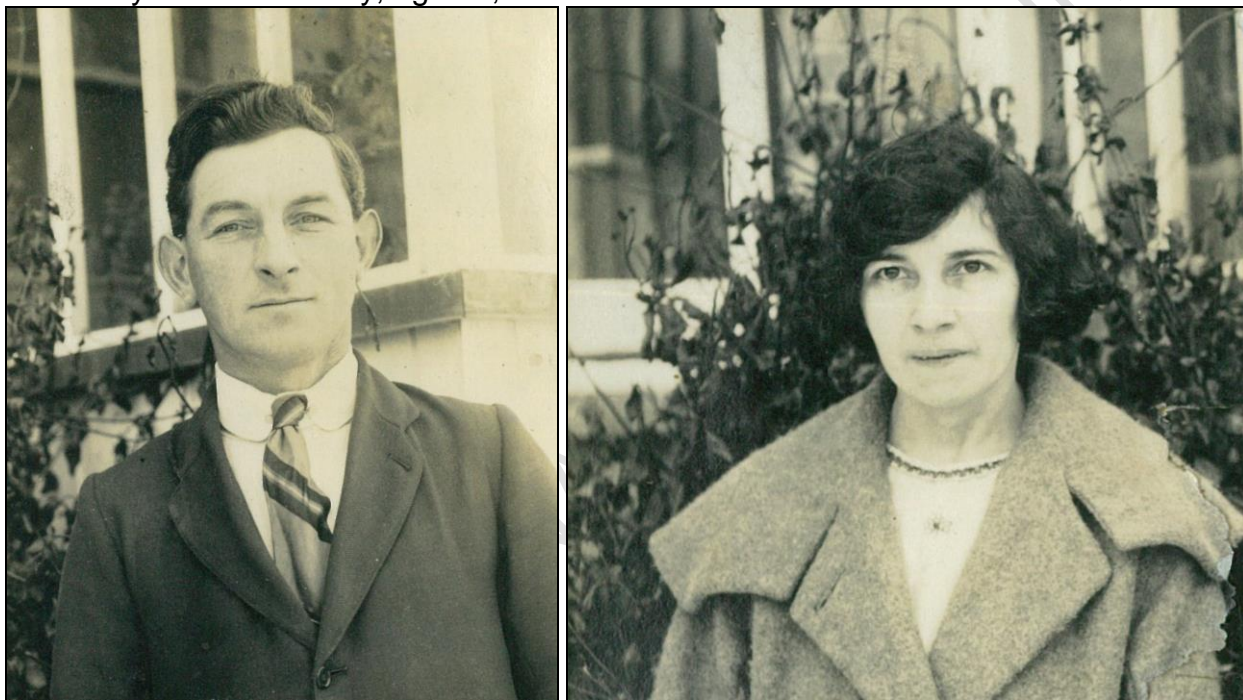
[FIM June 1915]

5. **Henry BROWNING** born 22 October 1880 in Stanley and baptised 26 December 1880 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as gardener. Henry, age 8 years and 10 months, died 3 September 1889 after two days illness from a rupture of the apex of the heart (*no burial or Grave record*).
6. **Ellen Jane BROWNING** born 8 February 1883 in Stanley and baptised 25 March 1883 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as gardener. Ellen, age 42, died at Watergrove, South Petherton, Somersetshire, England 12 July 1926. [FIM Feb 1927]

## SECOND GENERATION

### Children of Mary (1) and Thomas MARTIN:

1. **Mary Louisa Jane MARTIN** born 24 February 1894 at Spring Point, West Falkland. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Mary was married to **John Henry Archibald "Archie" CLARKE**, cutterman, 23 April 1919 in the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by Governor's Licence by M Craigie-Halkett, Registrar General. The witnesses were E Kelway and Mary Isabel Clarke. Mary's father was recorded as Thomas Martin, a deceased shepherd and John's father was recorded as George Henry Clarke, carter. John worked as assistant gardener at Government House from 1938 and as acting head gardener from 1 January 1947. His employment was terminated due to poor health 30 June 1956. He died 27 May 1959 in Stanley and is buried in Grave S1631. Mary died 22 February 1963 in Stanley, age 69, and is buried in Grave S1734.



John age 32 and Mary age 30

2. **William Henry Benjamin MARTIN** born 26 January 1896. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. William died 9 August 1900, age 4, from dysenteric diarrhoea and was buried 12 August 1900 in Grave A53.
3. **Josephine Susan MARTIN** born 12 May 1897. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Josephine died 27 June 1897, age 6 weeks, from acute gastritis (*no burial or grave record*).
4. **Jane Lucasia MARTIN** born 11 June 1899 in Santa Cruz, Argentina. Jane, a domestic servant, was married to **Andrew James "James" CLARKE**, carter, 23 January 1919 in the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by Governor's Licence by M Craigie-Halkett, Registrar General. The witnesses were John Henry Archibald Clarke and Mary Louisa Martin. Jane's father was recorded as Thomas Martin, deceased and Andrew's father was recorded as George Henry Clarke, carter. James started work as a carter for the Public Works Department 1 September 1919 but had left work by 1920. Andrew drowned in Stanley Harbour 8 March 1937 when he was lost overboard from the schooner "Shamrock" and was buried in Grave K1106. Jane died 10 September 1995 and was buried in Grave V3236.

5. **Elizabeth May MARTIN** born 24 May 1900 in Santa Cruz, Argentina. Elizabeth, age 8, departed for the UK 9 April 1920 with her mother and sister Ellen on board the whaler *Svend Foyn*. Elizabeth arrived back in Stanley 7 February 1924 on board the *Oropesa* with her mother and sisters Ellen and Minnie Malvina.



**Elizabeth in 1920**

6. **Ellen Minnie Malvina "Minnie" MARTIN** born 17 January 1901 in Stanley and baptised 6 March 1901 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Minnie, who did needlework, emigrated with her mother and two sisters to England via Chile and Peru in 1925 but arrived back in Stanley 3 February 1931 on board the *Orduna*. On 30 June 1931 she travelled to West Point on board the *Falkland*. Minnie, a domestic at West Point, West Falkland, was married to **Alexander Rodger McLAREN**, cook of Roy Cove, West Falkland, 20 October 1932 at Roy Cove, West Falkland by Special Licence by Harold E Lumsdale, Dean of Christ Church, Stanley. The witnesses were J B Browning and S E Browning. Minnie's father was recorded as Thomas Martin, shepherd and Alexander's father was recorded as James Roger MacLaren, shepherd. Alexander, Minnie and their family emigrated to the UK in 1936 seeking employment. Minnie was recorded as being 4' 10" tall with brown eyes and black hair. They later returned and in 1959 Alexander and Minnie emigrated to Australia via the UK.



**Minnie in 1936**

7. **Ellen/Helen Thurza MARTIN** born 12 January 1904 in Santa Cruz, Argentina. Ellen, age 17, departed for the UK 9 April 1920 with her mother and sister Elizabeth on board the whaler *Svend Foyn*. Ellen arrived back in Stanley 7 February 1924 on board the *Oropesa* with her mother and sisters E M and M M. Ellen, age 22 and a domestic servant, emigrated to the UK via Chile and Peru with her mother and two sisters 4 February 1925 on board the *Oropesa*.



**Ellen in 1920**

8. **Ann Elizabeth MARTIN** born 23 January 1906. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer.

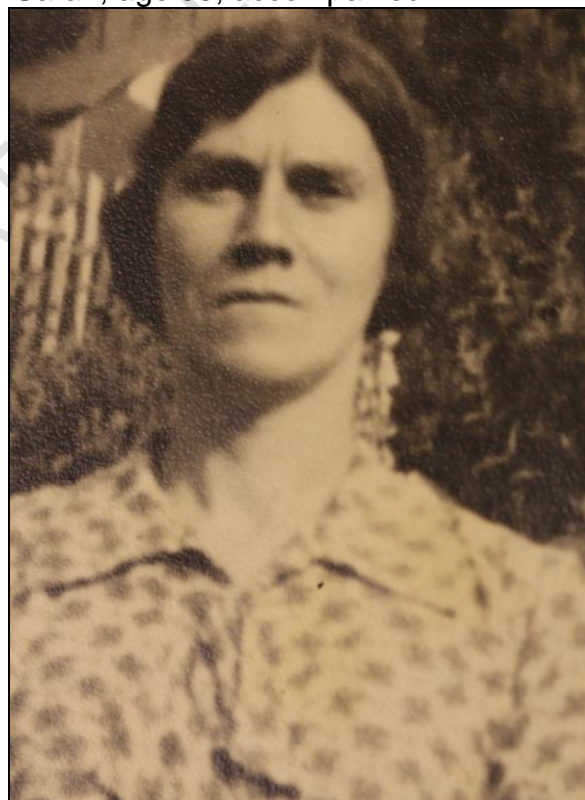
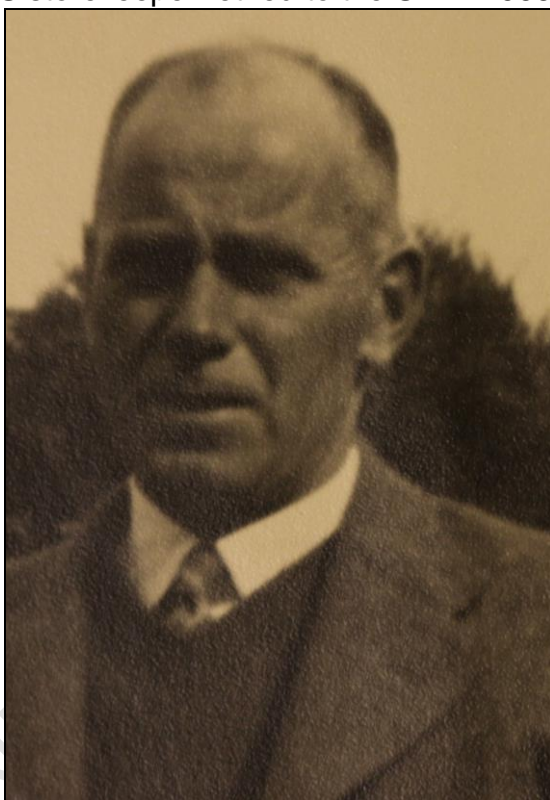
#### **Children of Frederick (2) and Fanny BROWNING:**

1. **William Charles BROWNING** born 30 January 1902 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer. William, a labourer, was married to **Margaret Lilian HENRICKSEN** 31 March 1931 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by Fredk S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Fred Browning and Kathleen Perry. William's father was recorded as Frederick Browning, farmer and Margaret's father was recorded as Henry Henriksen, mariner. William, age 35 and a labourer, went on holiday to the UK in 1937. He was recorded as being 5' 8" tall with grey eyes and dark hair. In June 1956 the Falkland Islands Co Ltd provided William and his wife with free 2<sup>nd</sup> class passages to the UK and three months leave with pay excluding time taken on voyage. [FIC/EF/] William, age 55 and a foreman labourer, and Margaret went on holiday to the UK in 1957. William was awarded a BEM. William, age 65 and a retired foreman, died 18 May 1966 in Stanley and was buried 20 May 1966 in Grave T 2050. Margaret, age 87 and a widow, died in Stanley 15 September 1980 and was buried 19 September 1980 in Grave T2051.



**William in 1937**

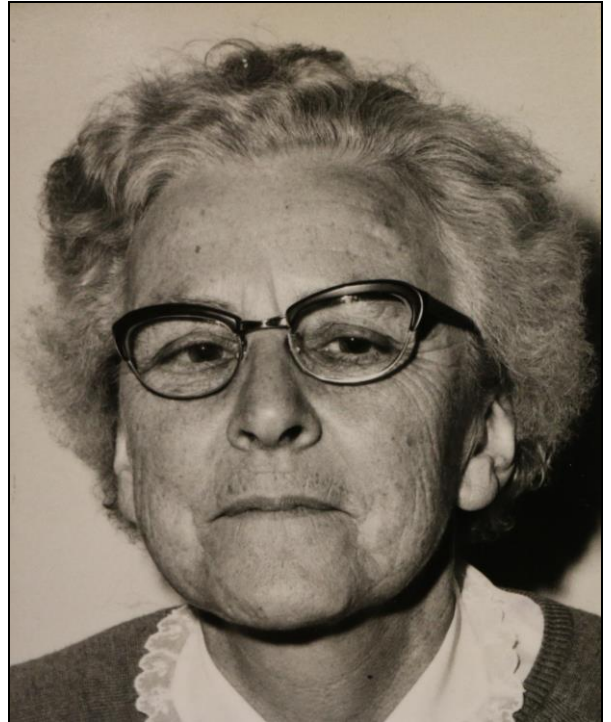
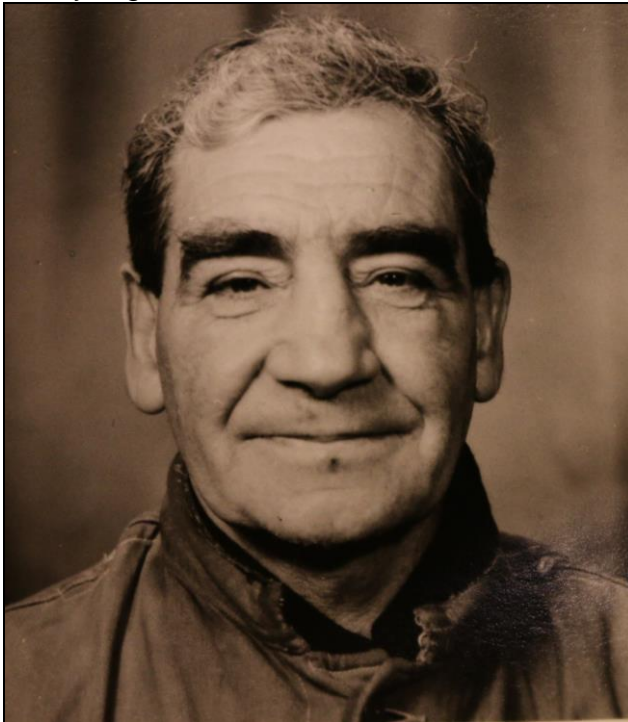
2. **Henry Stanbury BROWNING** born 28 January 1903 in Stanley and baptised 5 September 1937 by the Tabernacle. His father's occupation was recorded as farmer. Henry, a farmer, was married to **Gladys Elizabeth HALLIDAY** (*first cousin*) 31 October 1934 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by A R Hoare, Ag Registrar General. The witnesses were George Albert Sornsen and Fanny Stanbury Browning. Henry's father was recorded as Frederick Browning, deceased farmer, and Gladys' father was recorded as John Jordon Halliday, labourer. Henry, age 39 and a farmer, died 15 June 1943 from cardiac weakness and exposure and was buried 18 June 1942 in Grave L 1217. Gladys, age 62 and a widow at Mullet Creek, died 28 September 1977 in Stanley and was buried 30 September 1977 in Grave U 1901.
3. **John Benjamin BROWNING** born 26 February 1904 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as farmer. John, a foreman, was married to **Sarah Elizabeth JOHNSEN** 30 October 1930 at Roy Cove, West Falkland by Special Licence by Fredk S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Peter Olai Johnsen and Beatrice Scott. John's father was recorded as Frederick Browning, deceased sheep farmer, and Sarah's father was recorded as Peter Olai Johnsen, carpenter. John, age 48 and a civil servant on a leave of absence, and Sarah, age 41, travelled to South America, the British Empire and Norway in 1952. John was recorded as being 5' 8 ½ " tall with blue/grey eyes and grey hair. Sarah was recorded as being 5' 2 ½ " tall with brown eyes and dark brown hair. John, age 62 and a BAS storekeeper retired to the UK in 1966. Sarah, age 55, accompanied him.



John and Sarah in 1952

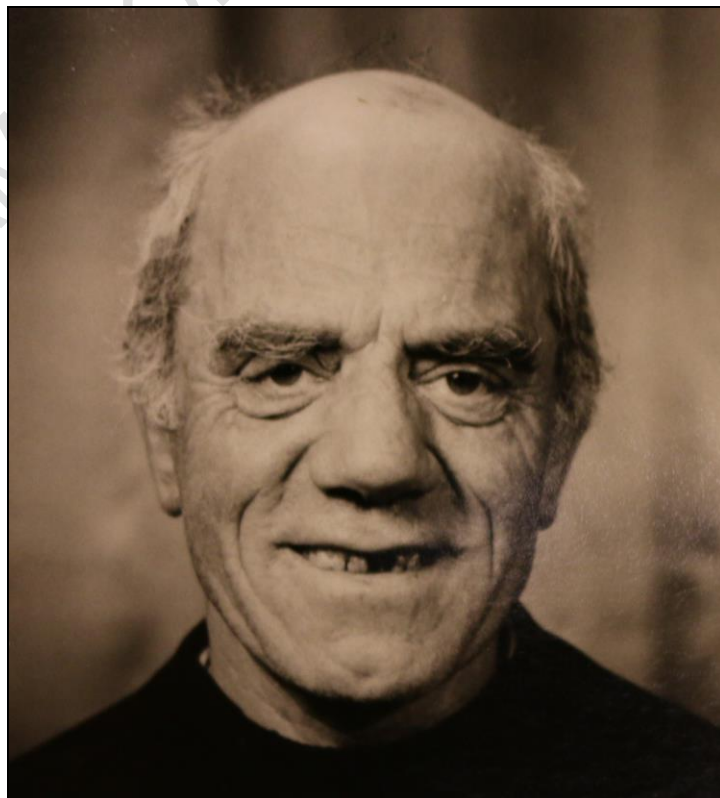
4. **Frederick 'Nibbles' 'Nibs' BROWNING** born 31 October 1905 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as farmer. Frederick was well known on the Stanley Racecourse having ridden a number of Mrs R Greenshields' horses to the winning post, among them being Rose Marie on which he won the Douglas Plate in 1930. [Penguin 8 Sep 1933; 1] Frederick, a shepherd, was married to **Marjorie Helena FLEURET** 6 September 1933 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by G R L Brown, Registrar General. The witnesses were William Browning and Lilian Dettleff. Frederick's father was recorded as Frederick Browning, deceased, and Marjorie's father was recorded as Clovis Austin Fleuret, shepherd. Frederick, age 57 and a labourer, went to Montevideo on holiday in 1963. He was recorded as being 5' 5" tall with brown eyes and grey hair. Marjorie, age 61

and a housewife, travelled to Argentina for medical attention in November 1974. She was recorded as being 5' 6" tall with hazel eyes and greying hair. Marjorie died in the British Hospital, Buenos Aires, Argentina 23 December 1974. Frederick died 18 April 1975 in Stanley, age 67, and is buried in Grave J 947.



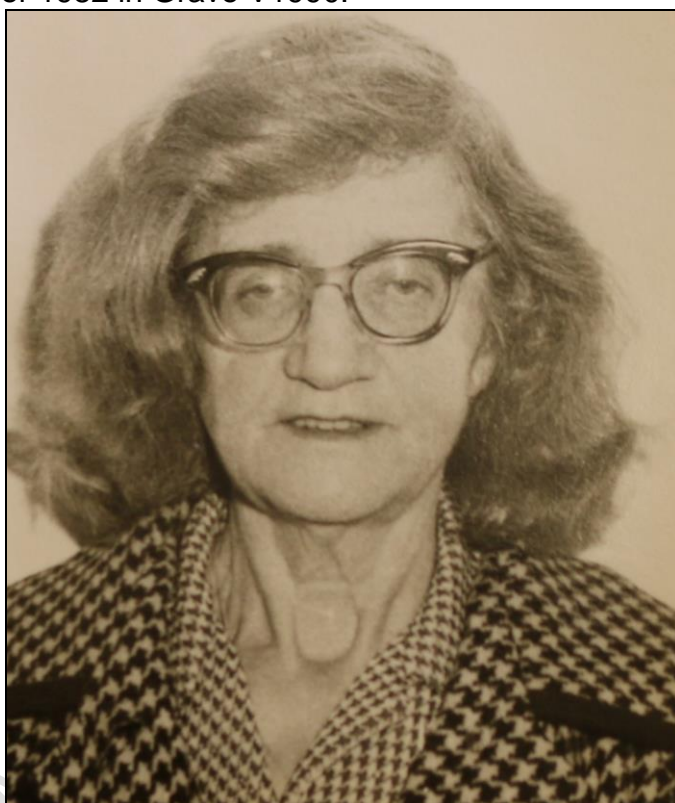
**Frederick in 1963 and Marjorie in 1974**

5. **James Samuel BROWNING** born 13 December 1906 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as farmer. James, age 56 and a labourer, travelled to Montevideo for medical treatment in 1963. He was recorded as being 5' 2" tall with brown eyes and grey hair. James, age 65 and a labourer, emigrated to New Zealand in 1972. He later returned and age 82 and a retired labourer died 26 September 1989 and was buried 29 September 1989 at Mullet Creek.



**James in 1963**

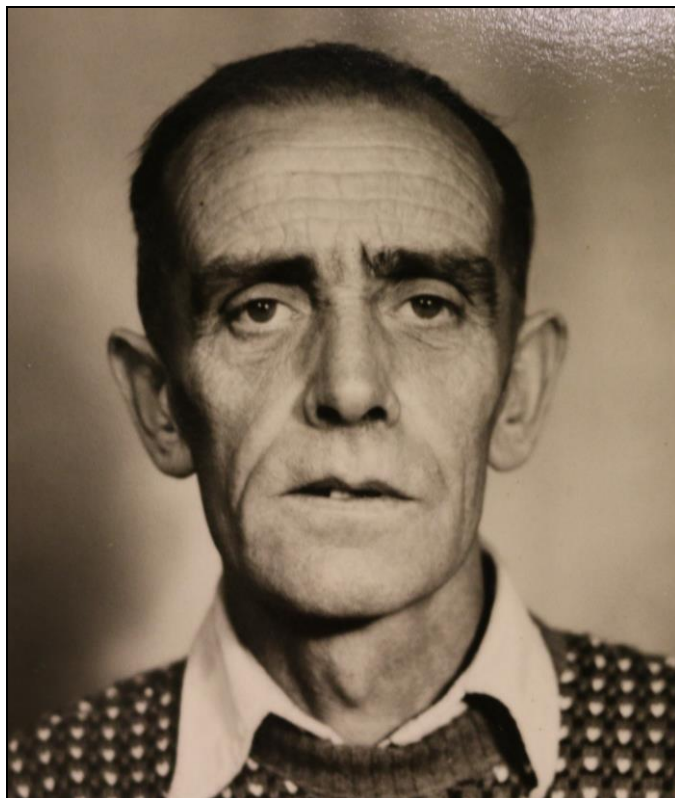
6. **Charles Thomas BROWNING** born 9 February 1908 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer. Charles, age 18, died 3 September 1926 from general tuberculosis and was buried 5 September 1926 in Grave J 943.
7. **Susan Elizabeth BROWNING** born 19 May 1909 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as farmer. Susan was married to **Stanley Stanford HALLIDAY** (*first cousin*), labourer, 2 September 1935 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by A R Hoare, Ag Registrar General. The witnesses were David Leonard Browning and Agnes Caroline Sornsen. Stanley's father was recorded as John Jordan Halliday, labourer, and Susan's father was recorded as Frederick Browning, deceased sheep farmer. Stanley, a certified lunatic, was sent to the UK on the *Ripplingham Grange* June 1953. Susan, age 63 and a housemaid, emigrated to New Zealand in 1972. She was recorded as being 5' tall with blue eyes and grey hair. Susan, age 73, died 28 December 1982 in Stanley and was buried 31 December 1982 in Grave V1990.



**Susan in 1972**

8. **Benjamin BROWNING** born 10 March 1911 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as farmer. Benjamin, age 75 and a farmer at Port Harriet, died 17 March 1986 and was buried 20 March 1986 at Mullet Creek.
9. **Joseph BROWNING** born 26 February 1912 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as farmer. Joseph, age 36 and a labourer, died from a coronary occlusion 25 January 1950 and was buried 28 January 1950 in Grave Q 1422.
10. **Fanny Stanbury BROWNING** born 15 April 1915 in Stanley and baptised 23 April 1939 by the Tabernacle. Her father's occupation was recorded as farmer. Fanny was married to **John Henry HALLIDAY** (*first cousin*), labourer, 27 April 1939 at the Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle), Stanley by Special Licence by Walter Forrest McWhan, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were Lucy Rowlands and Fred Browning. John's father was recorded as John Jordan Halliday, labourer, and Fanny's father was recorded as Frederick Browning, farmer.

11. **David Lenard BROWNING** born 13 February 1918. His father's occupation was recorded as farmer. David, a labourer, was married to **Violet Maud BIGGS** 29 March 1941 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by A R Hoare, Registrar General. The witnesses were Freddy Biggs and Lucy Robson. David's father was recorded as Frederick Browning, sheep farmer, and Violet's father was recorded as Herbert Biggs, labourer. David and Violet divorced in 1961 and Violet was married 18 January 1962 to John Henry Thompson. David, age 47 and a divorced civil servant went on holiday to the UK in 1965. He was recorded as being 5' 8" tall with brown eyes and brown/grey hair. David, age 59 and a retired transport officer for the PWD, died 30 September 1977 in Stanley and was buried 3 October 1977 in Grave U 1902.



David in 1965

12. **Mary Ellen "Nanny Flo" BROWNING** born 31 January 1919 in Stanley and baptised 23 April 1939 by the Tabernacle. Her father's occupation was recorded as farmer. Mary was married to **David FULLERTON**, stoker RN, 7 January 1943 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by J E Hamilton, Registrar General. The witnesses were Wilhelmina Blanche Pearson and Glyn Jones. David's father was recorded as John Fullerton, deceased labourer, and Mary's father was recorded as Frederick Browning, deceased sheep farmer. Mary and David were divorced in 1954.
13. **Annie Eliza BROWNING** born 6 January 1922. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Annie was married to **James Andrew HALLIDAY**, seaman, 28 June 1940 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by A R Hoare, Registrar General. The witnesses were David Leonard Browning and Agnes Janet Mary Halliday. James' father was recorded as George Halliday, labourer, and Annie's father was recorded as Frederick Browning, deceased. Annie, age 25 and a housewife, died 17 October 1947 from cancer and was buried in Grave P1354.

## ***DESCENDANTS OF BENJAMIN & SUSAN STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS***