

JOHNSEN 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. Any variations which may occur in the spellings of names are recorded as written in the records at the time.

John Oscar JOHNSEN was born 17 December 1870 in Fredreckstad, Norway.

John, age 26 and a navy living in Darwin, was married to **Jane SMITH**, age 27 & living at Darwin, 4 June 1896 in the House of James Smith at Darwin according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Arthur Bourne and Henry Billington Hollen. John's father was recorded as Peter Johnsen, labourer and Jane's father was recorded as James Smith, navy.

Jane, age 33, died 15 March 1904 at Darwin from erysipelas (from childbirth) and was buried at Darwin.

In 1931, John, a farm foreman, applied for a Norwegian passport. His height was recorded as 5' 7", eyes blue-grey and hair greying black. John departed 10 May 1931 on board the *Falkland*, arriving back 21 October 1931. John departed for Port Howard on board the *Fleurus* 4 November 1931.

John, a labourer from Norway, died 5 November 1946, age 77, and was buried in Grave P1331.



FIRST GENERATION:

Children of John and Jane JOHNSEN:

1. **Jessie JOHNSON** born 9 July 1896 at Darwin and baptised 23 July 1896 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Jessie was married to **Charles William FORD**, carpenter from England, 14 September 1917 in the office of the Deputy Registrar, Darwin, East Falkland by Alex Moir, Deputy. The witnesses were Blanche Nicholls and Sydney Arthur Griffiths. Charles' father was recorded as William Ford, deceased mason, and Jessie's father was recorded as John Johnsen, labourer. Jessie, age 30, died 10 November 1926 at Darwin from glandular fever and a rupture of an abscess and was buried at Darwin.
2. **Peter JOHNSON** born 3 December 1898 and baptised 9 January 1899 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Peter, age 42 and a farm labourer, died 14 March 1941 from chronic pulmonary tuberculosis and was buried 16 March 1941 in Grave L1181.
3. **Paulina Ovadea JOHNSON** born 21 February 1901 at Darwin and baptised 24 February 1901 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Paulina was married to **Franz Karl Emil BUSE**, shepherd, 24 May 1926 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Banns by Mario Louis Migone, Priest in Charge. The witnesses were L Sornsen and Jessie Smith. Franz's father was recorded as Franz Buse, mariner, and Paulina's father was recorded as John Johnsen, carpenter. In 1927 Franz, age 26 years, 10 months and a labourer, and Paulina, age 26, went to Punta Arenas on holiday. Franz was recorded as being 5' 8" tall with grey eyes and black hair and Paulina was recorded as being 5' 1" tall with blue eyes and brown hair. In September 1928 Franz and Paulina were living at Calle Quillota 370, Punta Arenas when Paulina's father sent her £22 through the Falkland Islands Company Ltd. Franz departed 13 October 1934 for South Georgia on board the *Lafonia*. He was engaged in the whaling industry. He arrived back in Stanley 13 April 1935 on board the *Lafonia*. Franz departed for South Georgia on board the *Fitzroy* 30 October 1930, to work with the whalers, returning 23 March 1937. Franz departed 30 October 1937 for South Georgia on board the *Lafonia* and again on 29 October 1938. Franz, a labourer, died 26 November 1953 from coronary thrombosis, age 53, and was buried 29 November 1953 in Grave R1524. Paulina died 4 June 1978 in Stanley, age 77, and was buried 7 June 1978 in Grave U1921.



Franz, age 26, and Paulina, age 26

4. **James JOHNSON** born 8 September 1902. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. James, age 7 days, died 15 September 1902 at Darwin from convulsions and is buried in Darwin Cemetery.
5. **Jane Christina JOHNSON** born 19 August 1903 at Darwin and baptised 27 September 1903 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Jane was married to (1) **John WATTS**, cook, 22 June 1940 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by A R Hoare, Registrar General. The witnesses were Walter Watts and Doreen Halliday. John's father was recorded as John Watts, deceased mason, and Jane's father was recorded as John Johnsen, handyman. John, a labourer, committed suicide whilst of unsound mind 7 January 1942 and was buried in Grave L1203. Jane, a widow, was married to (2) **John Arthur Leslie HALLIDAY**, divorced labourer, 19 April 1948 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by J E Hamilton, Registrar General. The witnesses were M Henricksen and Albert James Henricksen. John's father was recorded as William George Halliday, deceased shepherd, and Jane's father was recorded as John Johnsen, deceased handyman.
6. **Infant JOHNSON** died 5 March 1904 and buried at Darwin.

Descendants of John and Jane still in the Falkland Islands