

LEES FAMILY (2)

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.

David LEES was born 3 August 1889 in Glasgow, Renfrewshire, Scotland.

David was educated at Shawlands Academy, HG, Glasgow. He passed journeyman, joiner and carpenter.

David came out to the Falkland Islands in 1912 on Government Contract to work on the first Town Hall, a timber construction. David worked as a carpenter for the Falkland Island Government from 6 January 1912 to 24 March 1920 and also worked on the erection of the King Edward VII Memorial Hospital.

David, a carpenter from Scotland, was married to **Harriet Elizabeth SKILLING** 2 February 1914 in the United Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle) after Banns by Robert Johnson, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were Gordon Leslie Challen and Harriet Simpson. David's father was recorded as David Lees, carpenter, and Harriet's father was recorded as John Skilling, labourer.



David and Harriet with Elizabeth, Harriet and Mildred in 1920

David, Harriet and their three children departed 27 March 1920 for the UK on board the whaler *Bombay*.

On 22 November 1920 David wrote to the Falkland Islands Company Ltd applying for the position of foreman carpenter at Darwin. He stated that he was a practical carpenter and joiner of 17 years' experience and had completed 8 ½ years continuous service with the Falkland Islands Government.

David and his family arrived back 1 July 1922 on board the *Oriana* from Liverpool.

David was appointed foreman carpenter for the Public Works Department 1 July 1925.

David, age 40 and a joiner, Harriet, age 35, and their son David, went on holiday to the UK in 1929.

David was appointed general foreman of works for the PWD 30 July 1942.

David, age 55 and a general foreman, and Harriet, age 51, went to the UK on leave May 1945 with their daughter Mildred. David was recorded as being 5' 8" tall with brown eyes and grey hair and Harriet was recorded as being 5' 4" tall with brown eyes and greying dark brown hair.

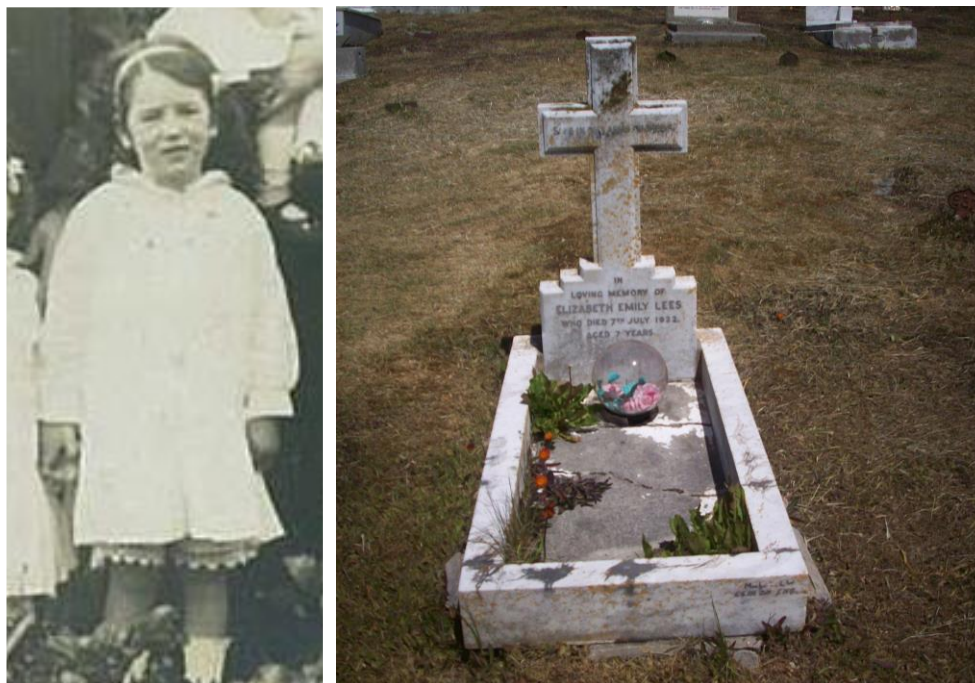


David and Harriet in 1945

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of David and Harriet LEES:

1. **Elizabeth Emily LEES** born 24 August 1914 in Stanley and baptised 11 October 1914 by the Tabernacle. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Elizabeth, age 8, died 7 July 1922 from acute gastro enteritis and was buried in Grave K 872.



Elizabeth in 1920

2. **Harriet Helen LEES** born 29 May 1916 in Stanley and baptised 10 March 1917 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Harriet, age 28 and a clerk, emigrated to the UK 21 August 1944. She was recorded as being 5' 6" tall with hazel eyes and brown hair. Helen, age 99, died in Glasgow, Scotland 2 April 2016. [Penguin News 22 Apr 2016]



Harriet in 1944

3. **Mildred Nessie "Milly" LEES** born 7 November 1917 in Stanley and baptised 7 November 1917 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Mildred, age 27 and a telephone operator living at 5 John Street, went to the UK on leave May 1945 with her parents. She was recorded as being 5' 5 ½" tall with brown eyes and dark brown hair. Mildred, a civil servant, was married to (1) **Leslie Charles GLEADELL**, civil servant, 28 June 1946 at Christ Church Cathedral by R G R Calvert, Senior Chaplain. The witnesses were Richard Jones and David Lees. Leslie's father was recorded as Franklyn Edmund Gleadell, mason, and Mildred's father was recorded as David Lees, general foreman PWD. Mildred and Leslie divorced in 1960. Mildred, a divorced store assistant, was married to (2) **Hector Christian ANDERSON**, second officer, RMS *Darwin*, 1 October 1960 at the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by Harold Bennett, Registrar General. The witnesses were A D Goss and M S Barnes. Hector's father was recorded as Louis Anderson, deceased shepherd, and Mildred's father was recorded as David Lees, general foreman. Hector died 9 December 1992, age 74, and is buried in Grave V3187. Millie, age 92, died 5 January 2010 and was buried 14 January 2010 in Grave V3188.



Mildred in 1945

4. **David John LEES** born 6 November 1922 in Stanley and baptised 6 March 1923 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. David was educated at St Mary's School and in the Government School in Stanley. David worked in the Treasury as a messenger from 1938 to March 1940. David started work for the Harbour Department as an apprentice coxswain 14 March 1940. In May 1944 David requested permission to travel to Montevideo and work there. Permission was refused as he was a member of the Falkland Islands Defence Force and he could not be released unless he volunteered for active service overseas. David's articles were suspended and he enlisted in the Royal Navy 11 September 1944. David, age 21 and in the Royal Navy, went to the UK September 1944 on naval service. He was recorded as being 5' 10" tall with blue eyes and brown hair.



David in 1944