

LEHEN 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 spellings of names are recorded as written in the records at the time.

John LEHEN was born 31 March 1840 in Cork, Ireland. [PPL/PPA/5; 19]

John was married to **Jane O'CONNOR** (*not in Falkland Islands*).

John and Jane, with their children, **Cornelius LEHEN, Helena LEHEN, Daniel LEHEN, William LEHEN** and **Elizabeth LEHEN** appear to have come to the Falkland Islands sometime after the birth of their daughter Elizabeth in 1879 but before the birth of their daughter Anne in 1881.

John LEHEN died 7 January 1916, age 76, and was buried 7 January 1916 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Grave I 803. He was recorded as a British merchant. [Obituary FIM Feb 1916] In his will dated 1 March 1904 he left all of his estate to his wife to look after and divide between their children. [Reg: Vol VII, pg 205]

Jane LEHEN died 25 September 1927, age 85, and was buried 25 September 1927 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Grave I 968. She was recorded as being British.

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of John and Jane LEHEN:

1. **Cornelius Michael LEHEN** born circa 1868 (*not in Falkland Islands*). Cornelius died 30 October 1928, age 60, and was buried 30 October 1928 in Grave N987.
2. **Helena Mary LEHEN** born 9 June 1870 in Uruguay. Helena was married 27 June 1888 to **Thomas DETTLEFF** by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Thomas died prior to 27 June 1925. Ellen, who ran a boarding house, emigrated to Punta Arenas in 1925.
3. **Daniel O'Connor LEHEN** born 27 June 1872 in Uruguay. Daniel, a shepherd living at San Salvador, was married to **Margaret "Madge" PITALUGA**, age 20, 13 August 1901 in the Parish Church according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Andreas Pitaluga and Mary Pitaluga. Margaret was living at San Salvador at the time. Margaret's father was recorded as Alexander McIntosh Pitaluga, sheep farmer. Daniel worked for the Falkland Islands Government from 1908 to 1931. Margaret died 21 November 1916 in child birth and was buried in Grave I 814. Daniel, age 58, a widower and civil servant (carter), went to the UK in 1931 on vacation. He was recorded as being 5' 10" tall with blue eyes and grey hair. Daniel died 9 June 1946 and is buried in Grave N1323. [Obituary FI Weekly News 13 Jun 1946]



4. **William LEHEN** born circa 1877 (*not in Falkland Islands*). Died 31 July 1891, age 14, from an accidental gunshot wound inflicted Saturday 5 July 1891 while he was shooting geese at Eliza Cove with friends. [Inquest FIM Aug 1891] William was buried in Grave A19.
5. **Elizabeth Jane LEHEN** born circa 1879 (*not in Falkland Islands*). Baptised 24 January 1883 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Died 25 October 1892 from tubercular meningitis and was buried 25 October 1892 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Grave A18.
6. **Anne "Annie" LEHEN** born 15 May 1881 and baptised 24 January 1883 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Annie, a seamstress living in Stanley, was married to **Walter HARDY**, baker living in Stanley, 24 February 1903 at Stanley by P J Diamond Roman Catholic Priest. The witnesses were John Lehen and A Burnell. Walter's father was recorded as Frederick Hardy, mason. [Account of wedding FIM Apr 1903] Annie died 18 June 1927 in Punta Arenas, Chile. [FIM Jul 1927]
7. **Frances "Fannie" LEHEN** born 30 May 1883 and baptised 7 March 1884 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was not recorded.
8. **Joseph Aloysius LEHEN** born 30 April 1885 in Stanley and baptised 8 May 1885 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Joseph, age 38 and a labourer, travelled to Chile in 1923 for his health. Joseph died at his mother's residence, Stanley, 16 February 1925 from phthisis and was buried in Grave N918. John, a private in the Falkland Islands Defence Force, was given a military funeral. [DEF/FID/3#1]

SECOND GENERATION:

Children of Helena (2) and Thomas DETTLEFF:

1. **Marcus Henry DETTLEFF** born 27 July 1889 in Stanley and baptised 27 August 1889 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
2. **Ellen Mary DETTLEFF** born 26 December 1890 and baptised 30 May 1891 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer.
3. **Elizabeth Jane DETTLEFF** born 31 August 1892 and baptised 15 October 1892 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as carter.
4. **William James DETTLEFF** born 14 May 1894. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. William, an accountant, was married to **Florence Sarah Alice LANGFORD**, age 22, 20 September 1922 in St James Church, Punta Arenas, Chile. The witnesses were Margaret Alice Langford and Roderick John McAskill. Both William and Florence were living in Punta Arenas at the time of the marriage. Florence's father was recorded as William Charles Langford, capataz.
5. **John George DETTLEFF** born 28 April 1896 and baptised 17 March 1897 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. John, a clerk, was married to **Maud Christina McDONALD**, age 19, 28 February 1920 in St James Church, Punta Arenas, Chile. Both John and Maude were living in Punta Arenas at the time of the marriage. Maud's father was recorded as Angus McDonald, manager. Maud was buried 14 May 1974 in Patagonia.
6. **Honora Agatha DETTLEFF** born 9 January 1898 and baptised **Frances Helen Honoraria DETTLEFF** 13 March 1898 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
7. **Cornelius DETTLEFF** born 3 November 1899 and baptised 3 February 1901 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
8. **Richard DETTLEFF** born 6 April 1901. His father's occupation was recorded as carter. Richard died 14 May 1901 from peritonitis (*no grave recorded*).
9. **Kathleen DETTLEFF** born 23 February 1910 in Magallanes, Chile.

Children of Daniel (3) and Margaret LEHEN:

1. **Agnes LEHAN** born 19 October 1902 at San Salvador and baptised 20 November 1902 by Christ Church Cathedral and baptised 31 August 1910 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Agnes, age 25 and a nurse, went to the UK in 1928 for training. She was recorded as being 5' 3" tall with grey eyes and dark hair. Agnes, a certified nurse, was married to **Cyril William HENRICKSEN**, labourer, 19 November 1929 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Banns by Mario Louis Migone, Priest in Charge. The witnesses were E J McAtasney, D Lehen and J Lehen. Cyril's father was



recorded as Harry Henricksen, deceased. Agnes and Cyril retired to the UK in 1963.

2. **Dennis LEHEN** born 8 February 1904 at Salvador and baptised 24 February 1904 by Christ Church Cathedral and baptised 5 September 1910 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Denis, a shepherd, was married to **Rosa Florence Mabel MAY** 1 March 1928 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by Fredk S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were E J McAtasney and I B Lehen. Rosa's father was recorded as Fred May, deceased. Dennis, age 47 and a labourer, and Rosa, age 45 and a housekeeper, emigrated to the UK in 1951. Dennis was recorded as being 5' 8" tall with blue eyes and brown hair. Rosa was recorded as being 5' 5" tall with light brown eyes and brown hair.



Dennis and Rosa 1951

3. **Doris LEHEN** born 16 December 1905 in Stanley and baptised 9 March 1906 by Christ Church Cathedral and baptised 5 September 1910 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Doris was married to **James Frederick HARLING**, carpenter, 18 October 1926 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Banns by Mario Louis Migone, Priest in Charge. The witnesses were J Dickson, Iris Lehen and M Lehen. James' father was recorded as Frederick Harling, local engineer. Doris, age 24, and James, age 28 and a carpenter, went on holiday to the UK in 1930. Doris was recorded as being 5' 1" tall with blue eyes and fair hair. James was recorded as being 5' 9 ¼ " tall with blue eyes and fair hair and slightly lame.



Doris and James

4. **Maurice LEHEN** born 28 November 1907 in Stanley and baptised 27 January 1908 by Christ Church Cathedral and baptised 5 September 1910 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Maurice was married to **Annie Elizabeth NEWING**, age 36, 24 March 1939 at 1121, Calle 21 de Mayo, Punta Arenas. The witnesses were A Conroy, Caroline Hardy, Cecil Bertrand and Nellie Conroy. Annie's father was recorded as Henry Newing, deceased. Both Maurice and Annie were resident in Punta Arenas at the time of wedding. Annie died 19 September 1975 in Stanley, age 73, and was buried 22 September 1975 in Grave U1858. Maurice, age 69 and a retired mechanic, died 30 October 1977 in the British Hospital, Buenos Aires, Argentina. [FI Times & FI Monthly Review 21 Nov 1977] Maurice's ashes were buried on top of Annie's grave 6 December 1977.



Maurice 1925

5. **Iris Beatrice LEHAN** born 24 August 1913 in Stanley and baptised 29 December 1913 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Iris was married to **Stanley Percival ATKINS**, wireless operator, 26 March 1934 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Banns by Mario Louis Migone, Priest in Charge. The witnesses were H H Sedgwick and I Sedgwick. Stanley's father was recorded as Richard Daniel Atkins, engineer. Iris was recorded as being 5' 3" tall with grey eyes and dark brown hair. Iris, age 23, and their daughter Arlene were added to Stanley's passport in 1936. Iris was recorded as being 5' 2" tall with grey eyes and dark brown hair. Stanley was recorded as being 5' 9" tall with grey eyes and brown hair.



Stanley, age 23 and Iris, age 23

Children of Annie (6) and Walter HARDY:

1. **Doreen Nora HARDY** born 21 December 1903 in Stanley and baptised **Agnes Doreen Nora HARDY**. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer.
2. **Percival Ronald HARDY** born 2 June 1906 (*not in FI birth registers*) and baptised 3 November 1907 by St Mary's Catholic Church.
3. **Girl HARDY** died as an infant in Punta Arenas. [FIM Jul 1916]