

## McGOWAN/McGOVERN/MAGOVERN 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.*

**John McGOWAN**, age 24, was a passenger on the *Matilda* departing London 17 November 1866 and arriving in Stanley 22 January 1867. [H22: D12; 378]

**John McGOWAN**, age 22 and a shepherd, was a passenger on the *Epsilon* departing Swansea 29 May 1867 and arriving in Stanley 12 August 1867. John started work for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in their Camp establishment on a monthly wage of £3-10-0 plus £5 a year for growing turnips & potatoes & taking charge of cart horses & peat carting. [FIC/C1; 345: D13; 35: H22: FIC/IW1; 472-473]

**John McGOVERN**, shepherd from Ireland living at Darwin, was married to **Jane Carlyle GREIERSON**, age 18 and a domestic from Scotland living at Darwin, 16 June 1870 at Trinity Church Stanley according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by Banns by Charles Bull MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were David Patterson and Jessie Carlyle. John's father was recorded as Owen McGovern, farmer, and Jane's father was recorded as Anthony Greierson, farmer.

By October 1870 they were living at Swan Inlet. [FIC/D2; 649, 650] In June 1873 John got a cash order for £42-13-6 for the balance of his account. [FIC/IW2; 274]

**John MacGOVERN** wished to be re-engaged as a carter and shepherd in 1878. He had been in Canada since leaving the Falkland Islands. He returned on his own account per the *Guardiana* and paid in cash for his wife and five children to join him. [FIC/C1; 525, 528] Jane and her five children sailed from Cardiff 11 April 1879 on board the *Falcon*. [FIC/C1; 537, 538, 539] **Jane MAGOVERN**, age 35, Mary, age 10, James, age 7, Andrew, age 6, Jessie, age 3, and Peter, age 3, were passengers per the *Falcon*, leaving Cardiff April 1879. [H35; 180]

In 1880 John wrote to the FIC to say that Jane was not happy with the sewing machine that they had supplied her with. [FIC/C1; 577] John worked for the FIC in the Lafonia area until 3 October 1889 on a monthly salary of £6.

**John McGOVERN**, Jane and three children departed for England 28 March 1891 on board the *Isis*.

## FIRST GENERATION:

### Children of Jane GRIERSON (1) and Thomas PRICE:

1. **Mary GRIERSON** born 28 March 1868 to Thomas Price, domestic servant now seafarer, and Jane Grierson, single woman of Darwin. Mary was baptised 6 March 1869 by Holy Trinity Church. Mary, age 16, died 7 August 1884 from inflammation of the brain and was buried 10 August 1884 at Darwin. The informant was John McGovern, Mappa. According to the Colonial Annual Report for 1884 Mary was suffering from exophthalmic goitre and her death was due to cerebro-spinal inflammation following a fall from a horse.

### Children of and John and Jane McGOVERN:

- a. **James McGOVERN** born 19 March 1871 at Swan Inlet. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. James started work for the FIC in the Lafonia area 4 December 1883 and finished working for them 30 April 1888. James restarted work with the FIC 22 October 1888 and finished working for them 28 February 1891. James departed for England 28 March 1891 on board the *Isis* with his family.
- b. **Andrew McGOVERN** born 27 June 1872 at Bluff Creek, Choiseul Sound. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Andrew started work for the FIC in the Lafonia area 2 December 1885 and finished working for them 28 February 1891. Andrew departed for England 28 March 1891 on board the *Isis* with his family.
- c. **Jessie McGOVERN** born circa May 1875 (twin) (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Departed for England 28 March 1891 on board the *Isis* with his/her family.
- d. **Peter McGOVERN** born circa May 1875 (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Peter, age 7 years & 7 months died 19 December 1882 from an accident and was buried 22 December 1882 at North Arm.