

MAY 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.

Frederick Richard MAY came out from Goring-on-Thames to work at Chartres prior to December 1891.

A **Miss WELLER** arrived in Stanley from England 20 December 1891 on board the “Abydos”.

Frederick, age 25, shepherd of Stanley and Chartres, was married to **Harriett WELLER**, age 25 of Stanley, 23 December 1891 in the house of Edward Wilkins according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Edward Wilkins and M Wilkins. Frederick’s father was recorded as Charles May, publican and Harriett’s as Frederick Weller, gardener. The family travelled to Liverpool on board the “Oropesa” 16 May 1911. They returned 6 February 1913 on the same vessel.

Frederick died 11 April 1926 age 59 and is buried Grave J936. Harriet died 14 December 1930 age 66 and is buried in Grave J1016

FIRST GENERATION

Children of Frederick and Harriet MAY:

1. **Frederick Albert Charles MAY** born 12 November 1893. Died 12 August 1957 and is buried at Darwin.
2. **Horace James Edward MAY** born 7 April 1895. Horace, a labourer, was married to **Gertrude Maud COLEMAN** 27 May 1920 at The Chartres, West Falkland by Registrar's Licence by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were William Binnie and Rose May. [CM Jul 1920 for account of wedding] Horace died 27 February 1946 of Miliary tuberculosis and is buried in Grave P1317. Gertrude was married to (2) **Alfred Peter ANDERSON**, labourer, 15 May 1947 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by J E Hamilton, Registrar General. The witnesses were Mrs Lena Smith and F C Coleman. Gertrude died 26 May 1993 age 92 and is buried in Grave R1854.
3. **Muriel Avis Elizabeth “Dolly” MAY** born 9 March 1897. Muriel was married to **James George BINNIE**, shepherd, 8 July 1916 at Chartres Station, West Falkland by Registrar's Licence by C McDonald Hopley, Chaplain. The witnesses were Marion Binnie, Frederick May and William Binnie. Muriel died 2 August 1937 at Chartres and is buried there. James died 10 April 1963 at Chartres (*and is buried there?*) [Obituary FI Monthly Review 6 May 1963]

4. **Archie George Alexander MAY** born 30 May 1898 at Chartres. Archie, a naavy, was married to **Kathleen Leah BIGGS** 23 December 1929 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by M Craigie Halkett, Registrar General. The witnesses were Horace Harold Biggs and Sydney George Aldridge. Archie died 4 October 1941 of pulmonary tuberculosis and is buried in Grave L1196. Kathleen was married to (2) **William John PERRY**, labourer, 24 May 1946 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by H Bennett, Ag Registrar General. The witnesses were H H Biggs and Milly Grant. Kathleen died 14 April 1949 of pulmonary tuberculosis at Pioneer Row and is buried in Grave Q1399.
5. **Elsie Kathleen Alice MAY** born 9 November 1899 at Chartres. Elsie was married to **Albert George SKILLING**, shepherd, 8 June 1916 at San Carlos North by Registrar's Licence by C McDonald Hobley, Chaplain. The witnesses were Rosa Florence Mabel May, Fred G Langdon and Alexander Shedden. Elsie died 31 January 1917 at Port Howard of tubercular meningitis and tubercular peritonitis and is buried there. Albert died 29 August 1950 age 60 at Pebble Island and is buried there.
6. **Alfred Manfred Wilfred MAY** (twin) born 10 February 1905 at Chartres. Alfred, a seaman, was married to **Theodora Emily BETTS** 20 August 1938 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by Gerald K Lowe, Senior Chaplain. The witnesses were E J McAtasney and E A Biggs. Theodora, a divorced clerk, was married to (2) **William John JONES**, manager, Government Employees Canteen, 14 October 1961 at the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by Harold Bennett, Registrar General. The witnesses were P W Peck and J M Hardy. Alfred died 2 September 1974 at Douglas Station and is buried in Grave U1836.
7. **Rose Florence Mabel MAY** (twin) born 10 February 1905 at Chartres. Rose was married to **Denis LEHEN**, shepherd, 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. They emigrated to the UK with their daughter in 1951.

DESCENDANTS OF FREDERICK & HARRIET STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS