

MORRISON FAMILY

NB: The following is prepared from Falkland Islands Registers and files – there may be other family born, married, died, etc, outside the Falklands. Unless stated otherwise, all dated births, deaths and marriages occurred in the Falklands.

Kenneth MORRISON was born at 11am on 26 June 1861 at Scalpa, Harris, Inverness, Scotland to **Finla MORRISON**, fisherman and **Marion MORRISON** née **McINNIS**. His parents were married January 1853 in Harris.

Kenneth signed an agreement as a shepherd with the Falkland Islands Company Ltd 16 September 1886 and his pay started 21 October 1886. **Donald MORRISON** a former employee returning to the Falklands, his brother **Alexander MORRISON** and **Norman McLEOD** also signed up as shepherds the same day. All four men were from the Isle of Harris and travelled on the Kosmos steamer *Setos*. [FIC Despatch 677, par15] The *Setos*, a 1234 ton steamer with 39 crew, arrived in Stanley 21 October 1886. [FIG Shipping Register]

Kenneth, age 27, a shepherd living in Stanley and Mount Pleasant, was married to **Violet Wilhelmina MIDDLETON**, age 19, also living in Stanley and Mount Pleasant, 17 May 1892 at the house of Mr Chaplin according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Norman McLeod and Andrew Middleton. Kenneth's father was listed as Finlay Morrison, farmer. Kenneth, Violet and their sons Stewart, Angus and Kenneth left for Liverpool 1 May 1929 on board the *Orita*, on holiday.

In January 1944 Violet was living at Hillside, Montrose, Scotland. [WAR/W2H/8#1]

FIRST GENERATION

Children of Kenneth and Violet MORRISON:

1. **Margaret Ann (Martha) MORRISON** born 14 December 1892 at Hill Foot and baptised 14 February 1893 by Christ Church Cathedral. Margaret was married to **Arthur EARLE**, mariner, 4 June 1919 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were William Earle and Salvia Middleton Morrison. [Account of wedding CM August 1919] The family went on holiday to New Zealand in 1924 with Arthur's brother, William. Arthur died 24 March 1950, age 58, from a coronary occlusion and is buried in Grave Q1425. He was a barman at the Globe Hotel at the time. Margaret emigrated to the UK in 1952.
2. **Mary Anne MORRISON** born 15 February 1895 at Bluff Creek and baptised 3 May 1895 by Christ Church Cathedral. Mary Anne was married to **Charles William CAREY**, storekeeper, 29 June 1925 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were R L Robson and A M Morrison. Emigrated to the UK in 1958.
3. **Finlay MORRISON** born 15 February 1897 at Bluff Creek and baptised 30 April 1897 by Christ Church Cathedral. Finlay, a shepherd, was married to **Frances Maud SARNEY**, domestic servant, 7 April 1924 at Darwin Harbour by Governor's Licence by Alexander Moir, Deputy Registrar & JP. The witnesses were Harry Sarney and Salvia Morrison. Finlay and Frances went to the UK in March 1956 with a view to residing permanently.
4. **Dolina MORRISON** born 20 July 1899 and baptised 14 September 1899 by Christ Church Cathedral. Went to the UK on the Svend Boyd in 1919. *Returned in 1927?*
5. **Ann Middleton MORRISON** born 17 September 1901 and baptised 14 October 1901 by Christ Church Cathedral. Married **Duncan Fell COUTTS**, labourer, 24 July 1925 at Darwin Harbour by Special Licence by Alexander Moir, Deputy Registrar & JP. The witnesses were Peter Coutts and Violet Morrison. Duncan died 2 December 1927 of tuberculosis and is buried in Grave L972.
6. **Salvia Middleton MORRISON** born 17 December 1903 at Mount Pleasant and baptised 11 February 1904 by Christ Church Cathedral. Salvia, a housekeeper, went to the UK in 1928.
7. **Stewart Middleton MORRISON** born 13 January 1906 at Mount Pleasant and baptised 29 July 1906 by Christ Church Cathedral. Stewart, a shepherd, was married to **Catherine Elizabeth CANTLIE**, domestic cook, 8 July 1936 at the Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle), Stanley by Banns by Walter Forrest McWhan, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were Kenneth Morrison and Elizabeth Catherine Finlayson. [Account of wedding Penguin 9 July 1936] Stuart and Catherine emigrated to Scotland in 1953. Stuart was a gardener at the time.
8. **Violet Wilhelmina MORRISON** born 29 January 1909 at Hope Cottage, Lafonia and baptised 7 September 1909 by Christ Church Cathedral. Violet, a nursemaid, went to the UK in 1927 as a nursemaid.
9. **Kenneth MORRISON** born 1 April 1911 at Hope Cottage, Lafonia and baptised 25 September 1911 by Christ Church Cathedral. Kenneth was attested into the Falkland Islands Defence Force 25 May 1940. Kenneth, age 32 and a private in the FIDF Mounted Infantry volunteered to join the Royal Air Force in December 1943. Kenneth, a carter, went

to the UK in 1944 to enlist in the RAF. In February 1946 Kenneth was serving in the Royal Air Force and applied for release for farm purposes in the Falkland Islands. [WAR/W2H/8#1]

10. **Angus MORRISON** born 1 March 1916 at North Arm and baptised 7 December 1917 by Christ Church Cathedral. Went to the UK on holiday in 1929 with his father.

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