

## McATASNEY 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 the spellings of names are recorded as written in the records at the time.*

**John McATASNEY** was born 7 June 1866 in Port Glasgow, Scotland. John was married to **Ellen BAKER** (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

**Mrs E McATASNEY** and son arrived from Europe on board the *Totmes* 14 October 1893.

Ellen, age 77, died before 8am on Friday 2 April 1943 in her home and was buried in Grave M1235. [Obituary FI News Weekly 8 Apr 1943]

John, age 77 and a blacksmith, went on holiday to Montevideo in December 1943. John, age 78 and retired, died Monday 28 May 1945 in KEM Hospital, Stanley, and was buried in Grave M1249. He had retired some months before from the post of head blacksmith for the Falkland Islands Company Limited. [Obituary FI News Weekly 31 May 1945]

Neither John nor Ellen has a headstone.

## FIRST GENERATION

### Children of John and Ellen McATASNEY:

1. **William John McATASNEY** born 8 March 1890 in Port Glasgow, Scotland. William arrived from Europe on board the *Totmes* 14 October 1893 with his mother. William, a clerk, was married to **Mabel Nora BIGGS** 26 August 1915 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Mario Louis Migone. The witnesses were Joe McAtasney and Nellie McAtasney. William's father was recorded as John McAtasney, blacksmith, and Mabel's father was recorded as George P Biggs, carpenter. [Account of wedding FIM Oct 1915] Mabel, age 56 and a housewife and dressmaker, emigrated to the UK in 1949.
2. **Joseph McATASNEY** born 1 August 1894 and baptised 6 September 1894 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as finisher. Joseph, a clerk, was married to **Evelyn Margaret Emma ALDRIDGE** 18 March 1922 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Special Licence by Mario Luis Migone, Roman Catholic Priest. The witnesses were Emma Florence Aldridge and E J McAtasney. Joseph's father was recorded as John McAtasney, blacksmith, and Evelyn's father was recorded as Joseph Aldridge, gardener. Joseph and Evelyn departed 10 April 1922 on board the ss *Solstrief* for Montevideo. In 1939 and in 1945 he appears to be still living in Montevideo.
3. **Edward John "Ted" McATASNEY** born 25 May 1896 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as finisher. Edward joined the Colours in Glasgow in 1916 and is recorded on the Roll of Honour in January 1916. By November 1917 it was recorded that his left ankle was smashed with a piece of shrapnel and by December 1917 that he was in hospital in Oxford, England. Edward was a patient in Erskine Hospital for some time. [Penguin 19 Jan 1938] Edward arrived back in Stanley 25 December 1921. Edward, age 30 and a boot repairer, travelled to Argentina and Chile to see his sick brother in 1926. In 1929 Edward was selected to represent the Falkland Islands in the shoot for the Junior Kolopore Cup at Bisley. Edward, age 40 and a bootmaker, travelled to Great Britain in 1937. Edward, age 51 and a merchant, travelled to Uruguay, Brazil, Africa, Portugal and the UK in 1948 for a holiday. Edward, a general merchant, was married to **Orissa Mary Jane LUXTON** 17 March 1956 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Stanley by J Ireland, Rt Rev Monsignor, Prefect Apolostic. The witnesses were Des Peck, E F Luxton and S G Luxton. Edward's father was recorded as John McAtasney, deceased blacksmith, and Orissa's father was recorded as John Thomas Luxton, deceased carpenter. Orissa, age 50, died 15 September 1957 in Stanley and was buried 18 September 1957 in Grave S1594. Edward, age 65 and a merchant, died 3 August 1961 in Stanley and was buried 4 August 1961 in Grave R1699.
4. **Patrick Charles McATASNEY** born 5 May 1898 and baptised 5 June 1898 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as finisher. Patrick departed for Punta Arenas 12 June 1919 on board the *Antartico*. Patrick, age 29, died 28 August 1927 from tuberculosis and was buried in Grave M966, next to his parents.
5. **Sarah Ellen McATASNEY** born 11 February 1900 and baptised 1 April 1900 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as finisher. Sarah was married to **James Patrick PECK**, labourer, 16 February 1929 at St Mary's

Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Special Licence by Mario Louis Migone, Priest in Charge. The witnesses were J F Harling, Mrs Harling and Mary McAtasney. James' father was recorded as William Peck, deceased, and Sarah's father was recorded as John McAtasney, blacksmith. James, a cook, died 23 July 1953 from coronary thrombosis and was buried 27 July 1953 in Grave M1515. Sarah, age 68 and a widow, died 25 March 1968 in Stanley and was buried 28 March 1968 in Grave R1777.

6. **Margaret Catherine McATASNEY** born 22 June 1901 in Stanley and baptised 23 June 1901 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as finisher. Margaret travelled to Montevideo April 1923 on board the *Ornen II* to take up a post as a governess. Margaret was married to **Samuel LOVETT**, son of Mr James Lovetts and the late Mrs Lovett of East Dulwich, London, 8 March 1939 in the crypt of the Santissimo Church, Buenos Aires. The reception was held at Caseros 828. [Account of wedding FI News Weekly 6 Apr 1939]
7. **Mary Agnes McATASNEY** born 26 January 1903 in Stanley and baptised 23 June 1903 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Mary, age 30, travelled to Montevideo on vacation in 1933. Mary, age 57 and a domestic worker, renewed her passport in February 1960.

## ***DESCENDANTS OF JOHN & ELLEN STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS***