

## McLEOD FAMILY (2)

*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.*

**Norman McLEOD** was born 1 September 1857 on Scalpie Island, Harris, Scotland.

**Norman McLEOD**, age 29 and a shepherd, came to the Falkland Islands in 1886, leaving the UK September 1886 on board the *Setos*, a German ship which arrived 21 October 1886. He came down with three other men from the Isle of Harris. Norman was employed under contract to the Falkland Islands Company Ltd and started work 21 October 1886.

Norman departed for Europe on board the *Tanis* 17 May 1895.

**Norman McLEOD** was married to **Mary ROSS** in Patrick Free Church, Glasgow 2 October 1895.

**Norman McLEOD**, a shepherd, and his wife, **Mary McLEOD** travelled from London to the Falkland Islands on board the *Pentaur* arriving in Stanley 8 November 1895.

Norman moved to Hillhead and stayed there for 12½ years before moving to Hillside 17 September 1908 and stayed there for 18 years.

Norman retired to Stanley in 1926.

In 1945 Norman and Mary were living in Primrose Villa on Philomel Street. [Golden Wedding anniversary FI Weekly News 4 Oct 1945]

### Fifty Years Married.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr and Mrs Norman McLeod of Primrose Villa, Philomel Street, Stanley on their attaining their fiftieth wedding anniversary last Tuesday - the 2nd of October - on the same day as their grand-daughter's wedding. So it was a case of a double celebration!

Mr and Mrs McLeod were married in Patrick Free Church Glasgow. Prior to their wedding Mr McLeod who came from Scalpie Island - Harris, Scotland, had spent nine and a half years in the employment of the Falkland Islands Company in Darwin section of their Camp. He had been engaged by an agent when in Scalpie. During his first stay in the Falklands Mr McLeod corresponded with his future wife - and with a smile Mrs McLeod told me - "letters to her from Scotland cost 4d in postage in those days."

So the romance - Mrs McLeod belongs, to the Hebrides too although she lived for a time in the lowlands, was crowned with marriage and Mr and Mrs McLeod came out to the Falklands. They stayed for 12½ years at Hillhead and then for 18 years at Hillside (both being track houses.)

In 1926 Mr and Mrs McLeod retired to Stanley and talk with pride of their thirteen grandchildren, and of their son who was a R.A.F. Pilot during the war - a Falkland Islander we are all very proud of.

Mr McLeod worked in all, for forty years for the Falkland Islands Company, now he works in his garden and lends a hand on the peat bog in the season.

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This worthy Scottish couple still understand Gaelic - Mrs McLeod has not forgotten her spinning either. Last Sunday they were present at the Tabernacle at both services. They are stalwarts of their church. So to Mr and Mrs McLeod we extend our best wishes, and long may they be spared in our midst.

Norman, age 92 and a mailman from Scotland, died 22 September 1949 and was buried 25 September 1949 in Grave O1410. [Obituary FI Weekly News 23 Sep 1949]

OBITUARY

The Late Mr. Norman McLeod

With the passing of Norman McLeod, Stanley has lost not only its oldest resident but a well-known figure.

A true Scot from the Hebrides, Norman found our islands similar to his homeland, and was employed with the Falkland Islands Company, Limited, for over 40 years before retiring in 1928.

He travelled to the Falkland Islands in a German ship belonging to the Cosmos Line, leaving his native homeland of Scalpay in 1886.

For many years he resided at Hillside, and was responsible for conveying the mails to and from Darwin. Many were the visitors who made Hillside their halting place on the track and were always assured of a welcome from Norman and Mrs. McLeod.

A staunch churchman, Norman always observed the keeping of the Sabbath day both in the Camp and in Stanley. Since residing in Stanley he has been an active member and elder of the Non-Conformist Church, where he was a regular attender.

It was just over three weeks ago that Norman celebrated his 92nd birthday, being taken ill shortly afterwards.

To Mrs. McLeod, and the many relatives, we tender our deepest sympathy in their sad loss of one known so well and so well-loved.

Mary, age 80, died 10 April 1951 and was buried 11 April 1951 in Grave 1451.



## FIRST GENERATION:

### Children of Norman and Mary McLEOD:

1. **Margaret 'Maggie' McLEOD** born 5 August 1896 at Hill Head. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Margaret was married to **James NORRIS**, police constable, 28 January 1931 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by Fredk S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were E E Frewin and Marion McLeod. Margaret's father was recorded as Norman McLeod, shepherd and James' father was recorded as Henry Norris, carter. [Account of wedding Penguin 30 Jan 1931] James, age 37 and a police constable, and Margaret, age 42 and a housewife, applied for passports in 1939. James was recorded as being 5' ½ " tall with brown eyes and brown hair. Margaret was recorded as being 5' 3" tall with brown eyes and dark brown hair. Maggie died 16 August 1943 from tuberculosis and was buried in Grave O1245. [Obituary FI News Weekly 26 Aug 1943] James emigrated to the UK in 1957.



James and Margaret in 1939

#### The Late Mrs J. Norris.

The death took place, in the K.E.M. Hospital, at the age of 47 years, of Mrs Norris after a long period of ill-health. Mrs Norris was the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Norman McLeod; she was born at Hillhead, Darwin, and after her marriage in 1931 to Mr James Norris, she lived in Stanley. Mrs Norris was an active worker for the local branch of the Red Cross, a member of the Ladies Committee of the Tabernacle Church, and a cheery, helpful member of the Community. The Funeral took place from the Tabernacle, last Thursday afternoon. Left to mourn her loss are her husband and two children, her mother and father, a sister and four brothers.

2. **Marion McLEOD** born 18 October 1898. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Marion, age 43 and a cook living at 7 Philomel Street, went to Uruguay for a visit in 1943. She was recorded as being 5' 4 ½ " tall with brown hair.



**Marion in 1943**

3. **Murdoch Angus "Tosh" McLEOD** born 3 October 1900 at Hill Head. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Murdoch, a labourer, was married to **Ellen May SARNEY**, domestic servant, 19 July 1922 at Darwin, East Falkland by Alex Moir, Deputy Registrar. The witnesses were William Victor Craig and Isabella Margaret McKenzie. Murdoch's father was recorded as Norman McLeod, shepherd and Ellen's father was recorded as Harry Sarney, cook. Murdoch, age 54 and a labourer living at Darwin, went on holiday to the UK in 1955. He was recorded as being 5' 9" tall with hazel eyes and black hair. Murdoch died 21 April 1985 and was buried 25 April 1985 in Grave V3029. Ellen died 31 October 1994 in the KEMH Sheltered Housing and was buried 3 November 1994 (*no grave record*).



**Murdoch in 1955**

4. **Archibald McLEOD** born 4 December 1902. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Archibald, a labourer, was married to **Agnes CAMPBELL** 17 September 1925 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Roderick McLeod and Florence Campbell. Archibald's father was recorded as Norman McLeod, shepherd and Agnes' father was recorded as James Campbell, deceased shepherd. Agnes, age 63, died 18 April 1960 at Walker Creek and was buried 21 April 1960 in Grave S1664. Archibald, age 58 and a section manager, went on holiday to the UK in 1961. He was recorded as being 5' 8" tall with brown eyes and grey hair. Archibald died 6 June 1987 and was buried 11 June 1987 in Grave V3077.



**Archibald in 1961**

5. **Roderick John David McLEOD** born 27 April 1906 at Hill Head. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Roderick, a shepherd, was married to **Alma Winnifred Maud SUMMERS** 9 August 1938 at the Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle), Stanley by Registrar General's Licence by Walter Forrest McWhan, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were Henry Horace Sedgwick and Violet Irene Summers. Roderick's father was recorded as Norman McLeod, retired and Alma's father was recorded as William Alexander Summers, seaman. [Account of wedding FI News Weekly 11 Aug 1938] Roderick, age 48 and a hotel manager, and Alma, age 36 and a housewife, went on holiday to the UK in 1954. Roderick was recorded as being 5' 8" tall with brown eyes and slightly grey hair. Alma was recorded as being 5' 6" tall with grey eyes and slightly grey hair. Roderick and Alma emigrated to the UK in 1962.

W E D D I N G

The Tabernacle Stanley was the scene of a very attractive wedding on Tuesday afternoon August 9th, when Miss Alma Summers daughter of Mr & Mrs W Summers of North Arm, and Mr Roderick McLeod, son of Mr & Mrs Norman McLeod of Stanley were joined in Marriage. The Bride, who was given in marriage by her brother Stanley Summers, wore a gown of white satin with veil and accessories to match, and carried a bouquet of fresh flowers. The bridesmaids were Miss Iona Norris, who wore a frock of Crepe de Chine trimmed with brown, and Miss Violet Summers who was dressed in flowered lemon Georgette. The best man was Mr Henry Sedgwick. The ceremony was performed by Mr W.F. McWhan. A reception was held at the home of the Groom's parents. The home of the Bride and Groom will be at "The Mappa", North Arm.



Roderick and Alma in 1954

6. **Norman Findlay McLEOD** born 26 October 1910 at Hillside. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. During the move from the Eastern to the Western W/T Station Norman was temporarily employed as an additional operator at £1 per week. His services were terminated 30 April 1931. [TEL/WTE/2#15] On 21 April 1931 Norman signed an agreement with the Falkland Islands Company Ltd to proceed to England at his own risk and expense during May 1931 to undergo a course of instruction in wireless telegraphy at the Marconi or a similar school in the United Kingdom. He would then join the new steamer, being built at Leith for the Company, when called upon to do so to serve as a wireless operator and ship's clerk in charge of the shop on board for a period of three years from joining. On joining the steamer he would have his fair of £10 from Stanley to Montevideo, and £21 from Montevideo to the United Kingdom refunded to him. He would also receive wages of £11 a month and subsistence from the date of joining plus a commission of 1% on the cash turnover of the ship's shop. [FIC/IC2 #07-Mc30] Norman, age 20 and a W/T operator, departed 10 May 1931 on board the *Falkland* bound for Montevideo. He was recorded as being 5' 6" tall with grey eyes and dark hair. Norman joined the *Lafonia* 30 September 1931. Norman was married to **Renee Phyllis DUTTON** 6 April 1939 in Newmarket, Suffolk. During World War II, Norman spent some time in Canada as a flying instructor. In the London Gazette on 19 May 1942, Norman was promulgated as Acting Warrant Officer with effect from 24 November 1941. Flight Lieutenant N F McLeod, RAF, arrived in Buenos Aires, Argentina in command of a Bristol Wayfarer plane; the first of 15 sold to the Argentine Government. He returned to Britain immediately to fly out the second unit. [FI Weekly News 12 Dec 1946, pg 15] Norman died 11 October 1954 in St Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, Surrey. Renee, age 78, died 13 December 1993 in Colchester.



Norman in 1931

Flying Planes from Britain to Argentina  
In a recent Buenos Aires paper there appears a photograph of Flight Lieut. N.F. McLeod, R.A.F. who had just arrived in command of a Bristol Wayfarer plane—the first of 15 sold to the Argentine Government. Captain McLeod now on Civilian duties was returning to Britain immediately to fly out the second unit. The flight was a good one—the journey from England being via Lisbon, Casablanca, Bathurst, Natal, and Rio de Janeiro. The Wayfarer carries 26 passengers and has a range of 900 miles. The plane was equipped with extra fuel tanks for the flight out. A photograph showing the massive plane is also given. Captain McLeod is a Falkland Islander—his parents reside in Stanley. We congratulate him on his outstandingly successful career as an airman.