

SKILLING 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.

Alexander John “John” SKILLING was born circa 1840 (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

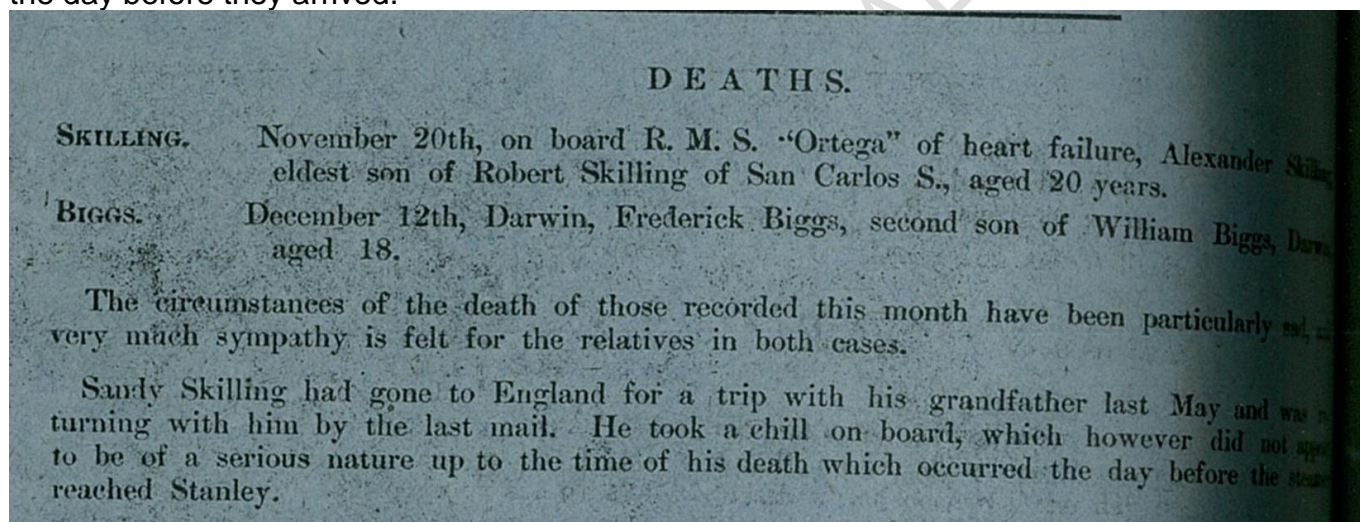
John was married to (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

John appears to have been working on the West, possibly for Packe Brothers at Port Howard.

John, a Scottish shepherd for Waldron, his wife, two sons, 15 & 11, and daughter 13, were passengers on the *Vicar of Bray* leaving London 9 July 1880. [FIC/C1; desp 563, 566, 567]

In 1903 John was working for Chartres River Station when he sent £10 to his brother **Andrew SKILLING** at 25 McKinley Place, Kilmarnock, Scotland. [FIC/EC/CHA/ 1#2n]

John departed for Liverpool with his grandson, Alexander, on board the *Gaelic* 28 May 1906. They returned from Liverpool on board the RMS *Ortega* 21 November 1906. His grandson died the day before they arrived.



In September 1912 John signed an authorisation for the Treasurer of the Burial Board to deduct £2 a month from his wages and forward it to Mr J Bede, Riccarton, Kilmarnock, Ayrshire for expenditure on the maintenance of his wife.

A J Skilling departed for Liverpool on board the *Orissa* 12 June 1913.

John, age 88, died at Meadow Hurst, Slinfold, 10 August 1928 '*after long suffering, nobly born*'. His obituary recorded that for 40 years he was the trusted friend and servant of the Anson family, of the Falkland Islands and of Slinfold, Sussex. [FIM Nov 1928]

CHILDREN OF JOHN SKILLING:

1. **Robert “Bob” SKILLING** born circa 1864 in Scotland. Robert, age 23 and a shepherd, was married to **Emily Jane LEE**, age 23, 22 March 1886 at Many Branch according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Jacob John Lee and Henry William Lee. Emily's father was recorded as Jacob Lee, shepherd. Both Robert and Emily made their X mark on the certificate. Robert was living at The Warrah, House, Port Howard and Emily at Many Branch, Port Howard at the time of the marriage. Robert also worked at Chartres, Saunders Island, Salvador and in the FIC Camp. Emily died 13 April 1907, age 42, from diphtheria and heart failure at Third Corral, San Carlos South and is buried there. Robert, age 83, was living in the Cookhouse at Goose Green and was still looking after a ewe flock. [FI News Weekly 28 Nov 1946, pg 4 & 13] Robert died 19 June 1951, age 87, and is buried in Grave 1455.
2. **Jessie SKILLING** born circa 1866 (*not in Falkland Islands*). Married, age 16, **Kenneth McLEOD**, age 31, shepherd, 31 May 1881 in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Waite H Falkland Islands. The witnesses were G H Crook and Elizabeth Skilling. Kenneth's father was recorded as John McLeod, farmer. Jessie made her X mark on the certificate. Both Jessie and Kenneth were recorded as living at Port Howard at the time of the marriage. The FIM of December 1885 reported that Kenneth McLeod late of White rock drowned at Sandy Point. In the FIM of April 1896: “two orphan children – Thomas and Mary – of the late Kenneth McLeod” 25/- each was granted for their support from 1 March 1896.
3. **John SKILLING** born circa 1868 in Scotland. Shepherd. Married, age 24, **Fanny Eliza LYSE**, age 17, 14 April 1893 at Port Howard according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Edwin C Aspinall Assistant Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were George Bond Paice, Flora Sarah Paice, Thomas Braxton and Mary Ann Simpson. Fanny's father was recorded as Obadiah Lyse, shepherd. John made his X mark on the certificate. Both John and Fanny were recorded as living at Port Howard at the time of the marriage. Fanny died 20 April 1943, age 67 and is buried in Grave O1236. John died 7 August 1955, age 86, and is buried in Grave O1557.

FIRST GENERATION

Children of Robert (1) & Emily SKILLING:

1. **Alexander John Victor "Sandy" SKILLING** born 30 May 1887. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Alexander, age 20 and a shepherd, died 20 November 1906 on board the RMS *Ortega* from cardiac syncope and was buried 23 November 1906 in Grave A25. Had gone for a trip to England with his grandfather in May and was returning with him. Alexander, age 20, took a chill on board and died from heart failure 20 November 1906, the day before the steamer reached Stanley. [FIM Dec 1906]
2. **Albert George SKILLING** born 9 September 1889. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Shepherd. Married **Elsie Kathleen Alice MAY** 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 on Pebble Island. His body was taken on board the *Fitzroy* at 11am Wednesday 30 August 1950 and put ashore at Port Howard jetty at 15.35 the same day. FIC/SLC/LOG#19] Albert was buried in Port Howard cemetery.
3. **Robert Edward SKILLING** born 13 August 1891 at The Plains. Robert worked for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in the Lafonia area from 15 September 1909 to 5 March 1910 on a monthly wage of £4.
4. **Maggie (Margaret) Mary (Adeline) Jane SKILLING** born 12 February 1894. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Married **Herbert Percival BIGGS**, camp hand, 29 December 1914 in the Registrar General's Office, Stanley by M Craigie-Halkett, Registrar General. The witnesses were Ray V Hardy and Louisa Jennings. Herbert's father was recorded as Edward Falkland Biggs, deceased. Margaret died 12 August 1938 from and intestinal obstruction and is buried in Grave K1123. Herbert died 21 June 1954 near Lookout Rocks, Stanley and is buried in Grave Q1358.
5. **William SKILLING** born circa 1898 (*no record in the Falkland Islands*). William, age 9, died at Third Corral 6 March 1907 from diphtheria and was buried there. [FIM Mar 1907]
6. **Thomas "Two Bob" SKILLING** born 8 February 1899 at Sussex, San Carlos. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Labourer. Married **Agnes McCALLUM**, domestic servant, 30 July 1926 at Manager's House, Fox Bay, West Falkland by Registrar's Licence by W B Myles, Deputy Registrar, Fox Bay. The witnesses were Hubert V Cobb and John Goodwin. Agnes' father was recorded as James McCallum, shepherd. Agnes died 24 May 1934, age 37, from heart failure and is buried in Grave K1062. Thomas died 2 March 1978 in Stanley and is buried in Grave U1918.
7. **Charles John SKILLING** born 22 September 1900. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Cook. Married **Jessie Jane FARIA** 29 February 1928 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by Fredk S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Nathaniel Berntsen and Sybil Skilling. Jessie's father was recorded as Joseph Faria, deceased. Charles J departed with his cousin Charles R Skilling for South Georgia on board the *Lafonia* 13 October 1933 to work on Salvesen's floating whaling factories. Charles, Jessie and family emigrated to the UK in 1952.

8. **Frederick SKILLING** born 15 July 1903 at San Carlos. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Frederick, age 3 months, died 18 October 1903 at San Carlos South, age 3 months, from catarrh (*no burial record*).
9. **Sybil Gertrude SKILLING** born 7 April 1906 at Port Sussex. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Married **Henry Thomas HATCHMAN**, labourer, 6 November 1929 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by F S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Stanley Fulbrook and Sarah Georgina Ellen Berntsen. Henry's father was recorded as William Hatchman, gardener. Sybil, Henry and family emigrated to Newbury, Berks, England in 1936 as Henry was seeking employment. They left the Falkland Islands 26 September 1936 for Montevideo on board the *Fitzroy*. Henry, ag 71, died 6 September 1973 in Newbury, Berkshire, England.

Children of Jessie (2) & Kenneth McLEOD:

1. **Emily Elizabeth McLEOD** born 30 August 1881. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
2. **John Roderick Kenneth McLEOD** born 11 May 1883. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. John, a shepherd, was married to **Ellen SHORT** 23 February 1916 at Moss Side, San Carlos N, East Falkland by C McDonald Hobley, Chaplain Christ Church Cathedral. The witnesses were Richard Francis Short sen, Maud Short and Richard Francis Short. John's father was recorded as Kenneth McLeod, deceased shepherd, and Ellen's father was recorded as Richard Francis Short, shepherd.
3. **Zebba Catherine Ann McLEOD** born 4 June 1885. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
4. **Mary Jessie McLEOD** born 15 April 1889. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. In the FIM of April 1896: "two orphan children – Thomas and Mary – of the late Kenneth McLeod" 25/- each was granted for their support from 1 March 1896. Married **Charles EARLE**, labourer, 5 June 1912 in the Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle) by Robert Johnson, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were Arthur Earle and Mary McIntosh Campbell. Charles' father was recorded as David Earle, cook. Charles and Mary departed for Liverpool on the *Orcoma* 11 June 1912.
5. **Philipina Elizabeth McLEOD** born 26 April 1891. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
6. **Thomas McLEOD** born 26 June 1887 at White Rock. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. In the FIM of April 1896: "two orphan children – Thomas and Mary – of the late Kenneth McLeod" 25/- each was granted for their support from 1 March 1896.

Children of John (3) & Fanny SKILLING:

1. **Harriet Elizabeth Sarah Ann SKILLING** born 12 March 1894. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Married **David LEES**, carpenter from Scotland, 2 February 1914 in the United Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle) after Banns by Robert Johnson, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were Gordon Leslie Challen and Harriet Simpson. David's father was recorded as David Lees, carpenter.

2. **Eliza Fanny SKILLING** born 26 August 1895. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Eliza died 24 November 1895 at Port Howard, age 3 months from convulsions and is buried at Second Creek.
3. **John Obadiah SKILLING** born 10 November 1896. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Died 2 July 1943 from a cerebral haemorrhage and is buried in Grave O1241.
4. **Charles Robert SKILLING** born 8 August 1898 at Port Howard. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Charles, a labourer, was married to **Jessie Ann SMITH** 15 January 1928 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by Fredk S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Fred Browning and Ellen Berntsen. Jessie's father was recorded as Adam Smith, navy. Charles was employed by Salvesen & Co 13 October 1932 to work as a labourer on their vessel the *Sourabaya* for the 1932/33 season. Charles R departed with his cousin Charles J for South Georgia on board the *Lafonia* 13 October 1933 to work on Salvesen's floating whaling factories for the 1933/34 season. Charles died 22 August 1967 in Stanley and is buried in Grave T2079. Jessie travelled to Argentina for medical treatment in April 1973. Jessie, age 68, died 19 May 1973 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.
5. **Frederick McMurray SKILLING** born 5 January 1902 at Port Howard. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Shepherd. Married **Emily Louisa "Biddy" GOODWIN** 13 July 1927 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by Fredk S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were P L Skilling and Harriet Helen Lees. Emily's father was recorded as James Goodwin, shepherd. Frederick, a cutterman, drowned 18 August 1937 at Lively Island and is buried in Grave K1113. Emily died 15 June 1977 in Stanley, age 71, and is buried in Grave K1890.
6. **Percival Hector SKILLING** born 20 May 1904 at Port Howard. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Percival, a labourer in Stanley, was married to **Malvina Louisa SKILLING** (*the daughter of his first cousin, Margaret*) 24 June 1934 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by Harold E Lumsdale, Dean of Christ Church. The witnesses were C R Skilling and M N Lees. Malvina's father was not recorded. In November 1930 Percival, of Pill House, Stanley and his mother were running a small bakery and catering business. In March 1944 Percival was OS (junior) on board the ss *San Casto*. He signed on 19 February 1944. [FIC/EF] Malvina emigrated to the UK in 1944.

DESCENDANTS STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS