

## SMITH FAMILY (4)

*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. All grave numbers are for Stanley Cemetery.*

**James SMITH** was born circa 1841.

James was married to **Elizabeth SMITH** 1 July 1867 in Scotland.

James was employed by the Falkland Islands Company's agent in Dumfries, Scotland. James, a married shepherd, was a passenger on board the barque *Beta*, departing England 20 July 1867 and arrived 17 September 1867. He came to the Falkland Islands from Scotland under contract as a joiner for the Falkland Islands Company Limited and initially boarded with William Cameron. [FIC/C1; 349: FIC/IW1; 492]

After leaving the Company James worked on West Falkland before settling in Stanley. As well as working as a carpenter he leased the Peninsula Farm in 1875.

James joined the Volunteers Corp after they were formed in the 1890s and became a second lieutenant. [FIM Feb 1918 – obituary; Dictionary of Falklands Biography]

James, age 76, died 23 December 1917 and is buried in Grave A822.

Elizabeth, age 76, died 15 February 1918 and is buried in Grave A825.

## FIRST GENERATION:

### Children of James and Elizabeth SMITH:

1. **Alexander SMITH** 13 April 1868 at Darwin. His father's occupation was recorded as joiner. Died 29 January 1870 at Darwin Harbour from scarlet fever and buried there.
2. **Thomas SMITH** born 9 July 1870 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as joiner. Carpenter. Married **Margaret COUTTS**, Scottish, 1 June 1910 at Bleaker Cottage, Port Stanley by Robert Johnson, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were Duncan Fell and Lizzie Smith. Margaret's father was recorded as William Coutts, shepherd. Thomas died 1 October 1941 and is buried in Grave L1195. Margaret died 27 June 1966 in Stanley, age 91, and is buried in Grave T2058.
3. **James SMITH** born 21 May 1872 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. James departed 17 March 1898 on board the *Sakkarah* which was bound for Montevideo and Europe; he went on to Canada. From circa 1902 he assisted Peter McLEAN during the summer and during the slack time in the winter he worked on the railway. He had left 1 October 1904 to work on the railway and was living with the foreman. The foreman was getting a well dug and on Friday 13 January 1905 James went down to bring up a pick. He was being lowered in the tub when the other man's feet slipped and the tub got away. He got to the brake but the rope broke and part of the windlass gave way and the whole dropped 50 feet striking James on the head. They were taking him by train to Calgary Hospital but James died 10 miles from Bassano so they took his body by the train to Gleichen that night. James was buried on the Sunday afternoon. [FIM Apr 1905]
4. **Alexander SMITH** born 11 September 1875 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter.
5. **Janet "Jessie" SMITH** born 12 February 1877 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Married (1) **Philip ENNENGA**, divorced mariner from Hanover, 17 October 1905 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by G Hurst, Registrar General. The witnesses were Lars M Berntsen and Elizabeth Brown. Philip's father was recorded as Peter Ennenga, master mariner. Philip died 20 December 1911 from debility, age 58, and is buried in Grave A740. Jessie married (2) **William Augustus Clarke BARTRAM**, storekeeper, 22 February 1919 in the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by Governor's Licence by M Craigie-Halkett, Registrar General. The witnesses were A G Mills and Isabella Atkins. William's father was recorded as William John Bartram, publican. William died 10 June 1926 from a ruptured intestine, age 40, and is buried in Grave J939. Jessie died 17 February 1953 and is buried in Grave Q1502.
6. **Mearon/Marion SMITH** born 10 May 1879 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Married **John Duro McKAY**, sheep farmer, 4 April 1903 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by George Hurst Ag Registrar General. The witnesses were John George Lehen and Lizzie Smith. John's father was not recorded. Mearon died 8 March 1941 and is buried in Grave A1180. John died 29 December 1950, age 78, and is buried in Grave 1444.
7. **Elizabeth SMITH** born 12 March 1881 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Married **Robert JOHNSON**, minister of religion, 19 April 1911 at Baptist Tabernacle Stanley by Governor's Special Licence by M Craigie-Halkett, Acting Registrar General. The witnesses were Thomas Smith, Alice Etheridge and Albert Newing. Robert's

father was recorded as John Johnson, merchant. Elizabeth died 16 March 1912 from peline cellitis with possible tendency to tuberculosis and is buried in Grave A743.

8. **Mary SMITH** born 30 October 1882 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Died 28 October 1905 from tuberculosis of the kidneys and dropsy and is buried in Grave A24.
9. **William SMITH** born 28 December 1884. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Started work for the Falkland Islands Company Limited 27 October 1899.

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## SECOND GENERATION:

### Children of Thomas (1) and Margaret SMITH:

1. **James SMITH** born 27 October 1912 in Stanley. James, a carpenter, went to work in the UK in 1949.
2. **Elizabeth Ann SMITH** born 13 January 1917 in Stanley. Elizabeth, a schoolteacher, was married to **Frank Derby HOWATT**, storekeeper, 13 September 1941 at the Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle), Stanley by Special Licence by Ernest John Brain, Minister of Religion. The witnesses were Margaret Emma Redmond and Edwin James Hutchinson. Frank's father was recorded as Frank Buchanan Howatt, shipyard worker. Frank died 26 November 1997.

### Children of Janet SMITH (2):

1. **Florence Gertrude SMITH** born 23 November 1899. Her father's name and occupation was not recorded.
2. **Helena "Nellie" SMITH** born 25 November 1903. Her father's name and occupation was not recorded. **Nellie ENNENGA**, a shop assistant, was married to **Walter Forrest McWHAN**, nonconformist minister from Scotland, 19 March 1940 at the Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle), Stanley by Special Licence by Ernest John Brain, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were William Henry Sedgwick and Edith Mary Pitaluga. Walter's father was recorded as Andrew Alexander McWhan, medical officer of health, and Nellie's father was recorded as George Rowlands, deceased. While on leave Forrest died in the royal Infirmary, Falkirk, Scotland, 25 August 1965 and was buried in Duns. Nellie, age 70 and a widow, died in Stanley 31 August 1974 and was buried 3 September 1974 in Grave U 1835.

### Children of Elizabeth (7) and Robert JOHNSON:

1. **Mary Mearon Malvina JOHNSON** born 25 January 1912 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as minister of religion.