

WHITNEY 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.

George Eddy WHITNEY was born circa 1882 in Worcester, Massachusetts, USA.

George was married to **Margaret Alice 'Elsie' BONNER** (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

Edward arrived in the Falkland Islands 21 March 1915. He and his family may have arrived on the mail steamer *Orita*.

In June 1939 Edward was employed by the Department of Public Works and was often away from work owing to illness. In the past twelve months he had only drawn full pay for eight weeks. He had been medically examined in October 1938 and was taken into hospital for treatment as he was considered undernourished. Although very willing at all times he appeared to be only constitutionally fit for work no longer than three or four days a week. [PPL/REP/1#13]

Margaret, age 70, died 12 June 1956 in Stanley and was buried 15 June 1956 in Grave S1574.

George, age 75 and a telephone operator from the USA, died 3 September 1957 in Stanley and was buried 5 September 1957 in Grave S1591.

FIRST GENERATION

Children of George and Margaret WHITNEY:

1. **Helen Malvina 'Nellie' WHITNEY** born circa 1911 (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Helen, of full age, was married to **Arthur HOLTH**, able seaman and Norwegian, 11 August 1932 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by G R L Brown, Registrar General. The witnesses were Muriel Olive Bonner and H Henricksen. Arthur's father was recorded as Hans Holth, farmer and Helen's father was recorded as George Eddy Whitney, labourer. Arthur was a member of the crew of the ss *Fleurus*. [Penguin 13 Aug 1932] He was born 4 December 1907 and worked for Tonsberg Whaling Company. In October 1934 Nellie wrote to the acting magistrate requesting that a wireless telegram to her husband to see what he intended doing towards supporting her two children as she had not had any money from him for fifteen months and she was supporting her family with sewing. Arthur's address at that time was care of his father, Lindenflaatten, Nykirke Station, pr Horten, Norway. Arthur sailed for South Georgia 30 September 1935 on board the *Svendfoyn*. By 26 November 1935 Arthur was whaling on the catcher Em 5 belonging to the *Svendfoyn* and stated that he had had money sent to Nellie. By 18 December 1935 Arthur had requested that Nellie joined him in Norway. Helen and two children departed 27 April 1937 on board the *Lafonia* bound for Montevideo.
2. **William Albert WHITNEY** born circa 1913 (*not in the Falkland Islands*). William, age 20 and a sailor, was presumed drowned 22 October 1933 at Volunteer Lagoon whilst proceeding by pram to the schooner *Peronelle*. Remains found on 15 April 1934 at Volunteer Lagoon were identified by pieces of clothing by his father as being those of William. His funeral was held on Thursday 26 April 1934 and he was buried in Grave K 1058. [Account of funeral Penguin 28 Apr 1934]
3. **Mary Frances WHITNEY** born 8 September 1915 in Stanley and baptised 12 November 1915 by Christ Church Cathedral. Frances won second prize in Standard 5 of the Government School and first prize for Standard VI the following year. [FIM Feb 1929: Feb 1930] Mary, under 21 years of age, was married to (1) **Charles CLIFTON** 16 May 1934 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by A R Hoare, Ag Registrar General. The witnesses were R Grant and M Pedersen. Charles' father was recorded as Henry Clifton, butcher, and Mary's father was recorded as George Eddy Whitney, labourer. On 18 September 1940 the Supreme Court awarded Charles a divorce from Frances. Charles was awarded £200 damages from the correspondent, Eric Blakemore, and custody of the three children. [FI News Weekly 19 Sep 1940] Mary, a divorced domestic servant, was married to (2) **Erling Asbjorn BJERKE**, corporal in the Norwegian Army and from Norway, 10 February 1943 A I Fleuret, Deputy Registrar, in the Registrar-General's Office Grytviken, South Georgia. The witnesses were B Biggs and M J Biggs. Erling's father was recorded as Karl Engh, Bjerke, deceased, and Mary's father was recorded as George Eddy Whitney, labourer. Mary departed early February 1944 for the UK. Mary, divorced, was married to (3) **Hansel CURRAN**, wholesale fruit merchant's head cashier and bookkeeper, in 1950 in Bradford. Hansel, of Falklands, Great Warley Street, Brentwood, Essex, died 2 May 1968. Mary, age 61, was married to (4) **Thomas Claud Alexander BIGGS** in January 1976 in Brentwood. Thomas, age 86 and living at 8 Thatcher Drive, died 14 October 2013 and was buried 1 November 2013 in Grave V3603.
4. **Frederick Eddy WHITNEY** born 19 January 1918 in Stanley and baptised 11 April 1918 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. In June 1939 Fred was age 21 and employed at Fox Bay East. Frederick, a labourer, was married to **Catherine Margaret Rebecca 'Kitty' McMILLAN** 13 March 1943 at the Nonconformist

Church (Tabernacle), Stanley by Special Licence by Walter Forrest McWhan, Minister of Religion. The witnesses were William McMillan and Julia McMillan. Frederick's father was recorded as George Eddy Whitney, labourer, and Catherine's father was recorded as Hugh McMillan, retired. Frederick, age 41 and a shepherd living at Roy Cove, applied for a passport. He was recorded as being 5' 11" tall with steel blue eyes and brown hair. Catherine, age 47 and a housewife, travelled to Montevideo for treatment and vacation in 1968. She was recorded as being 5' 1" tall with blue eyes and dark brown hair. Frederick, age 65, died 3 April 1986 in Stanley and was buried 7 April 1983 in Grave V 1996. Catherine, age 66, died 16 July 1987 and was buried 22 July 1987 in Grave V 1997.



Frederick in 1959 and Catherine in 1968

5. **Patience WHITNEY** born 18 March 1920 and baptised 13 May 1920 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as teamster. Patience, age 2, died 27 July 1922 from an extenerine scald over her back, right side and abdomen and from shock. She was buried 6 August 1922 in Grave K 875.
6. **Henry Leslie 'Les' WHITNEY** born 13 May 1922 in Stanley and baptised 12 September 1922 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. In June 1939 Leslie was age 17 and employed at Fox Bay East. Henry, a labourer, was married to **Agnes Catherine McLEOD** 31 July 1940 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by A R Hoare, Registrar General. The witnesses were David John Duncan and Alice Florence Dettleff. Henry's father was recorded as George Eddy Whitney, labourer, and Agnes' father was recorded as Donald John McLeod labourer. Henry, age 49 and a shepherd, and Agnes, age 54 and a housewife, went on holiday to the UK in 1972. Henry was recorded as being 5' 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " tall with grey eyes and grey hair and Agnes was recorded as being 5' 3" tall with brown eyes and black hair. In 1979 Henry was head shepherd at Goose Green. Agnes, age 79 and a pensioner, died in Stanley 12 July 1997 and was buried 15 July 1997 in Grave W 3271. Les, age 83, died in Stanley 16 April 2006 and was buried 20 April 2006 in Grave W 3272.



Henry and Agnes in 1972

7. **George Markham 'Mark' WHITNEY.** George, age 29 and a shepherd, travelled to Punta Arenas, Chile on holiday in 1955. He was recorded as being 5' 6" tall with grey eyes and dark brown hair.



George in 1955

8. **James Raymond 'Jim' WHITNEY** James, age 25 and a civil servant, went on vacation to the UK in 1955. He was recorded as being 5' 4" tall with grey eyes and dark brown hair. James was the informant for his mother's death in 1965 and his father's death in 1957. James was married to **Orissa Malvina MEIERHOFER** (*not in the Falkland Islands*). In 1963 Orissa was living with James, who was working as a customs officer, in South Georgia.



James in 1955

DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE AND MARGARET STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS