

## WILLIAMS FAMILY (1)

*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.*

**Charles Henry WILLIAMS** was married to **Julia SECKHAM** 23 October 1856 in Kidlington, Oxfordshire.

In the 1861 English census the family were living at 7 Ormond Terrace, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire and were listed as:

- Charles H Williams : Head : Married : Age 33 : Attorney & Solicitor : Birth place Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
- Julia Williams : Wife : Married : Age 24 : Birth place Oxford City, Oxon.
- Mary Julia T Williams : Daughter : Age 3 : Birth place Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
- Harriet Mary Williams : Daughter : Age 1 : Birth place Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

In 1871 Charles was granted a 21 year lease of Speedwell, George and Barren Islands at £20 per annum by the Falkland Islands Company Ltd, the rent to start after 3 years. He gave up the lease after 3 years. Charles farmed Port Edgar and Weddell Island.

Charles, his wife, four children and servant were passengers on board the *Boyne* departing England 20<sup>th</sup> September 1873 for Montevideo. They then were passengers on board the 110 ton schooner *Black Hawk*, arriving in Stanley 3 November 1873, nine days out from Montevideo with 18 passengers. [FIC/C1: desp 458, 4]

A lease was granted to C H Williams on the 15 February 1874 of a station comprising Port Albemarle and Weddell Island. On 10 November 1874 the lease was transferred by C H Williams to Alexander Lang Elder. By 1876 C H Williams was still running Port Albemarle and Weddell but was in debt to A L Elder by approximately £6,000 and to John Markham Dean by £2,000. On 20 March 1882 the lease was transferred by A L Elder to John Markham Dean by A L Elder's attorney, George Markham Dean.

Charles and his family departed 4 July 1882 on board the *Theben*. C H Williams died in England 19 December 1882.

In August 1884 John Markham Dean asked to divide the lease and transfer the portion relating to Weddell Island to the heirs of C H Williams, retaining security for the balance of his mortgage money. The Williams family continued to farm Weddell until 1923 when it and adjacent islands were sold to John Hamilton by the trustees of the Estate.

## FIRST GENERATION:

### Children of Charles and Julia WILLIAMS:

1. **Mary Julia Isobel WILLIAMS** born circa 1857 in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England. Mary was married to **Louis Augustin BAILLON** in St Mary's Catholic Church, Stanley, Falkland Islands, by James Foran, 28 March 1876. Both Louis and Mary along with their daughter Marie, age 2, and son Alexander, age 1, are listed in the 1881 English census. The family returned to England in 1888 on board the "Ramses". In the 1911 England Census Louis was recorded as living in Lancashire, England. When their son, Gerald, was killed in action 25 September 1915 Louis and Mary were living at 53 Kind Edward's Grove, Teddington, Middlesex. In June 1917 Louis was living at Glen Freshford, Somerset, England. [BUG/REG/7; 193] Mary died in Teddington, Southwest London in 1924. Louis died 27 January 1926 in Ventnor on the Isle of Wight.
2. **Harriet Mary Augusta WILLIAMS** born in 1859 in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, England. Harriet was married to **Stanley Talbot DEAN-PITT** 12 November 1884 in Holy Cross Church, Lichfield, Staffordshire, England. Harriet died 4 September 1904 at 11 Sand Hill South, Gibraltar.
3. **Julia Mary WILLIAMS** born circa 1861 (*not in Falkland Islands*). Julia, of full age and living at Fox Bay, was married to **George Arthur COBB** living on Lively Island, 2 October 1882 by Arthur Bailey, Registrar at the Registrar's Office. The witnesses were Edward E Cobb and Emily Downing Cobb. George's father was recorded as Edward Cobb and Julia's father was recorded as Charles Henry Williams. No occupation was recorded for either Edward or Charles. George and his brother Henry were granted a 21 year lease of Lively Island, Phillimore Island, Middle Island and the small tussac islands adjacent to Lively Island 3 April 1874 at £20 per annum by the Falkland Islands Company Ltd; the rent to start after 3 years. George, age 62, died 24 December 1915 at 56 Madeley Road, Ealing, Middlesex, England. His estate consisted of a half share in the Lively Island property.
4. **Charles Mathew Seccombe WILLIAMS** born circa 1867 (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Charles, age 26 and a sheep farmer living in Stanley and on Middle Island, was married to **Lilian Gertrude FELTON**, age 20 and living in Stanley, 2 September 1893 in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Vere Packe, Evelyn M Felton, George Melville and R M Routledge. Charles' father was recorded as Charles Henry Williams, lawyer, and Lilian's father was recorded as James John Felton, gentleman. Charles farmed at Chartres for a number of years in the 1890s and was still there in 1899. Charles, age 33 and late of Chartres, died at Malvina Station, Rio Negro, Patagonia in 1901. [FIM Mar 1901] Lilian arrived from Liverpool on the *Orita* 26 October 1904. Lilian and her two boys departed for Liverpool on board the *Orita* 29 March 1906. They were recorded as leaving the Falklands for good. Lilian arrived from Liverpool on board the *Orepesa* 3 June 1909. Lilian, a widow, was married to (2) **Louis Victor OSWALD**, clerk, 17 June 1909 in Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by Edward J Seymour, Chaplain & Hon Canon. The witnesses were Muriel Felton, W A Harding and W C Girling. Louis' father was recorded as Charles Christopher Oswald, accountant, and Lilian's father was recorded as John James Felton, sheep farmer.
5. **George Arthur Seccombe WILLIAMS** born 6 April 1874 in Stanley and baptised 8 April 1874 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer. In 1909 George was living at Beach Lodge, Walmer, Kent, England. George was married to **Alice LOCK**, daughter of Brigadier F A E Lock, CB, in 1911 in England. George joined the British Expeditionary Force in France 27 December 1915. In June 1917 George

was a major on active service in France. [BUG/REG/7; 193] Major George Williams died 19 February 1935, age 60. A requiem mass was held at Our Lady of Victories, Kensington, London followed by burial at Kensal Green.

6. **Joseph Mary Seccombe WILLIAMS** born 30 May 1876 in Stanley and baptised 1 June 1876 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer.
7. **William Seccombe WILLIAMS** born ?. William left the Falkland Islands 7 September 1891 on the ss "Theben" via Sandy Point, with Miss Frances Williams, Miss Agnes Duncan, John Cameron and Mon. Taynano. [FIM Sep 1891] William was married to **Agnes Stuart DUNCAN** in London 22 October 1891. [FIM Jan 1892] Agnes' son that she had in October 1890 was not mentioned in the passenger list. William spent time farming on the Coast (*South America*) before successively managing Teal Inlet, Speedwell Island and Weddell Island. William, living on Weddell Island, was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1902. William returned to England in 1916 to see his wife and family as his daughter was ill and died 3 May 1917 at Brighton, England. [Obituary FIM Aug 1917]

### W. Seccombe Williams

It is with the deepest regret we have to chronicle the death of Mr W. Seccombe Williams, late of Weddell Island. The news was received in the Falklands during May, but it was not until this last mail that full confirmation arrived. Mr. Williams was born in the Falklands, and was the son of the late Mr Henry Williams, a Barrister from the West of England, who came out to live in the Colony. He was educated at the Mount, one of the chief R.C. Public Schools in England. After spending some time in farming on the Coast, he became successively Manager at Teal Inlet, Speedwell Island and then Weddell. This last year he went home to see his wife and family - (as his daughter had been in failing health for some time, and was ordered by the specialists to live at Nice.) and it was at Brighton his death occurred on May 3rd, the cause being due to a series of illnesses. We hear that Mr J. Houston, Manager of the Falkland Islands Company, has been appointed by the Executors to be local Attorney for his will.

Mr Williams will be very much missed by all who knew him: his frank open demeanour and his thoroughly British bearing, together with a very keen sense of humour made him a most welcome visitor in all society. A thorough sportsman in the true sense of the word, and a perfect friend, made him just what one would wish a typical Britisher to be. It seemed strangely pathetic that on the day of his death, the news was received that his second son, Mr L. D. Williams was reported missing at the Front. We unite with his many friends, in expressing our deepest sympathy to Mrs Seccombe Williams and her family in their very sad loss, - and for ourselves can truly feel that in Mr Williams we have lost one who can ill be spared.

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## SECOND GENERATION:

### Children of Mary (1) and Louis BAILLON:

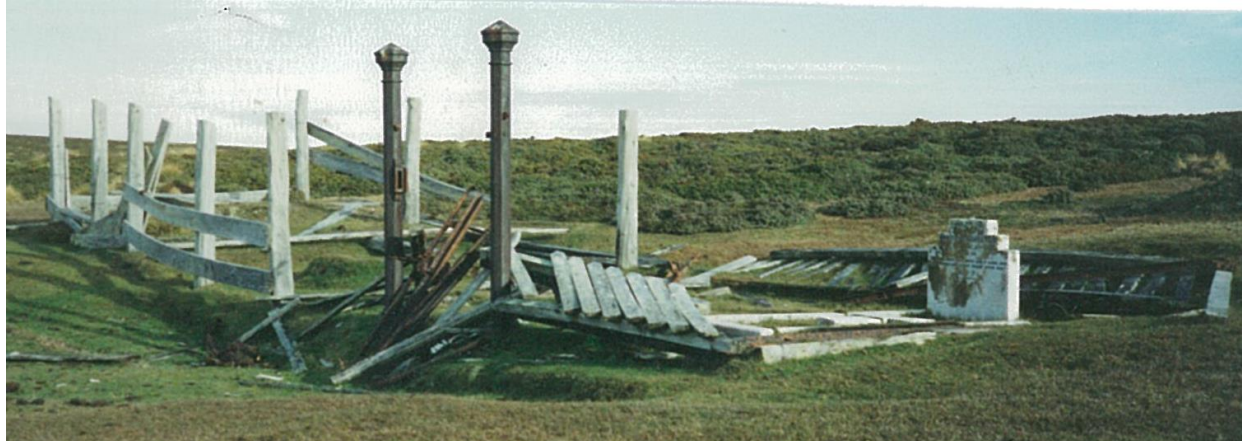
1. **Marie Barbe BAILLON** born 31 December 1876 in Stanley and died the same day (*according to family history – no birth or death records*).
2. **Marie Eleanor BAILLON** born 16 July 1878 at Fox Bay, West Falkland Islands. Baptised 17 July 1878 by St Mary's Church.
3. **Alexander Falkland BAILLON** born 19 March 1880 at Fox Bay, West Falkland Islands. Baptised 20 March 1880 by St Mary's Church. Went to Buenos Aires, South America late in 1900 on the "Highland Mary". Returned to England circa 1906 then offered a position in Tenerife, Canary Islands. [The Standard, June 16, 1944] He married **Kathleen Mary LOVELL** 20 July 1909 in Northampton. Father of **Austin G BAILLON**. Also father of Major **Thomas BAILLON**, MBE, Royal Engineers who died 13 August 1944 and was buried in Florence. Alexander died in 1963.
4. **Louis Charles BAILLON** born 5 August 1881 at the home of his grandmother, Julia Williams, Stanley, Falkland Islands and baptised 30 January 1883 by St Mary's Church. In the England Census of 1891 Louis was recorded as living in Hampshire and in 1901 Northamptonshire. Louis won an Olympic Gold medal in 1908 in London as part of the British Hockey Team. Louis was married to **Mildred Isabel ?** in 1910 in Northampton, England and in the 1911 England Census they are recorded as living in Northamptonshire. Had one daughter and four sons, two of which were killed after the Battle of Britain – (1) Pilot Officer **Paul A BAILLON**, 609 squadron RAFVR, died 28 November 1940 and buried at Bayeux. (2) Flt Lt **Mark Rodney BAILLON** died 28 December 1940 and commemorated on the memorial at Runnymede. Louis was a director of Phipps Brewery. Played hockey for Northampton and won nine caps for England at left-back. Played football for Wandsworth AFC and, at the age of 50, still held his place in the Northants county lawn tennis team. Died 2 September 1965, Brixworth, Northamptonshire.
5. **Catherine "Kate" BAILLON** born 15 March 1883 at Fox Bay, West Falkland Islands. Baptised 29 February 1884 by St Mary's Church. Moved to Canada.
6. **Constance Winifred "Connie" BAILLON** born 1 March 1885 at Fox Bay, West Falkland Islands. Baptised 15 March 1885 by St Mary's Church.
7. **Mildred Frances "Millie" BAILLON** born 5 March 1887 in the Falkland Islands.
8. **Harold Joseph BAILLON** born in 1889 in Hendon, Middlesex, England. Harold moved as a young man to Canada and lived with his sister Catherine and brother Noel and Wilfred. Harold was working at Ocean Falls for the Pacific Mills Ltd and other areas in British Columbia, Canada for the Hudson Bay Company from 1910 to 1925. In 1925 Harold was extradited from the United States to Canada to face charges of larceny and fraud against the Hudson Bay Company, Granby Consolidated Mining & Smelting & Power Company and Henry Birks & Sons Limited on 20 August 1925. **Harry BAILEY** emigrated to Australia in 1933. Harry was married to **Eileen Mary FITZPATRICK** in Denilqueen, New South Wales, Australia in September 1934. Harry died in Australia in 1973.
9. **Gerald Wolstan BAILLON** born 1891 in Bucksby, High Wycombe, England. In the 1911 England Census he was recorded as a pupil in an engineering works living in Gillott Rd, Edgbaston, Birmingham, England. Gerald, age 24 and a second Lieutenant in the 1<sup>st</sup>

Battalion, The King's (Liverpool Regiment), was killed in action 25 September 1915 in Pas de Calais, France and is buried in the Cambrin Military Cemetery, Pas de Calais on Plot D, row 16, grave A. His name is on the World War I Memorial Tablet in Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley.

10. **Wilfred BAILLON** born ? On the Roll of Honour in 1916. Moved to Canada
11. **Edward "Noel" BAILLON** born ?. Moved to Canada.
12. **Joseph Aloysius BAILLON** born 6 October 1895 in Wandsworth, London. Educated at King Edward's School, Birmingham; St Bede's College, Lancashire; Staff College, Camberley. Joseph was married to **Emily Gertrude FELLOWES PRYNNE** 11 February 1925 in Holy Cross Church, Plymouth, England. Had two sons and one daughter. Died 11 April 1951. According to his obituary he had a long and distinguished army career. [http://www.unithistories.com/officers/Army\\_officers\\_B01.html](http://www.unithistories.com/officers/Army_officers_B01.html)
13. **Yvonne BAILLON** born ?
14. **Zoe BAILLON** born 1898? (*according to the Austin G Baillon the last BAILLON child was born 10 March 1900 in England.*)

#### Children of Julia (3) and George COBB:

1. **Barbara Julia COBB** born 23 March 1885 on Lively Island. Her father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer. Barbara, age 5 days, died 28 March 1885 from inanition and was buried on Lively Island.



*Lively Island Cemetery*

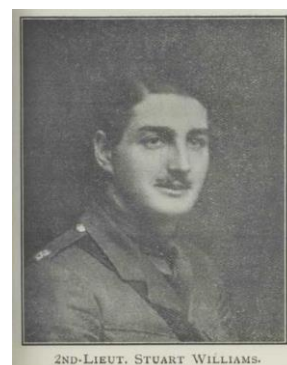
2. **Dorothy Agnes COBB** born 13 October 1886 on Lively Island and baptised 16 April 1889 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer. Dorothy was married to **Thomas Ivoy CONSIDINE**, an Irish doctor (*not in the Falkland Islands*). In October 1915 Thomas was living in Grosvenor House, Monkton, Dublin and was appointed one of the executors and trustees of George Arthur Cobb's estate in his will.
3. **Benjamin COBB** stillborn.
4. **Margaret COBB** born 6 June 1888 on Lively Island. Her father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer. Margaret was married to **Algernon George Haden RICHARDS** 27 July 1916 at the Oratory, South Kensington, London by the Reverend Wilfred Burnham. Algernon was recorded as the younger son of the Reverend A J Richards, rector of Farlington, Hants, and Margaret was recorded as the younger daughter of the late George Arthur Cobb of Lively

Islands and Mrs Cobb, 56 Madeley Road, Ealing, London. [FIM Oct 1916] In October 1915 Algernon was living at 27 Oxford Road, Ealing, Middlesex and was appointed one of the executors and trustees of George Arthur Cobb's estate in his will.

5. **Christopher George COBB** born in England in 1890. Christopher, age 13, died 5 December 1903 on Lively Island from diabetes and was buried 6 December 1906 on Lively Island.



6. **Edward Charles COBB** born 4 September 1891 at Darwin Harbour and baptised 27 September 1891 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer and the family were living on Lively Island at the time. Edward enlisted in 1916. Edward was severely wounded in the Cameroons but recovered and in January 1917 was due to go to Egypt as Captain and Adjutant. [FIM June 1916; Jan 1917] Edward was awarded the DSO in France. [FIM Apr 1917] Edward was married to **Gladys RYDER** 28 November 1918 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Edward died in 1957 in England.



7. **Philip Hawtyn COBB** born circa 1893 (*not in Falkland Islands*). Philip died in 1955 (*not in the Falkland Islands*).
8. **Hubert Vincent "George" COBB** born 28 July 1895 in Denham, England. Hubert enlisted in 1916 and was a Second Lieutenant in the ASC and had been in Flanders for some time. [FIM Jun 1916] Hubert was married to **Margaret Mackenzie GODDARD** (*not in Falkland Islands*) circa 1924. Hubert returned to the Falkland Islands in 1924 as Station Manager for the FIC Ltd at Fox Bay East. The family went on holiday to the UK in 1929. Hubert, Margaret and their 3 children arrived in Stanley from Fox Bay on board the *Lafonia* 22 May 1934 and departed for England via Montevideo on board the *Lafonia* 26 May 1934. Hubert died in 1958 (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

#### Children of William (7) and Agnes WILLIAMS:

1. **Douglas Charles Seccombe WILLIAMS** born 28 July 1892. His father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer. Douglas left Punta Arenas to fight at the Front May/June 1916. [FIM Jun 1916] Douglas is on the Cross of Sacrifice in the British cemetery at Punta Arenas.
2. **Stuart Duncan WILLIAMS** born 3 February 1896 and baptised 14 March 1897 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer. Stuart joined the Hampshire Carabineers in October 1913 as a trooper. Received a commission in

the Household Battalion in February 1917. Reported missing at the Front 1916. [FIM Aug 1917; Mar 1918] Unofficially reported killed on 3 May 1917. [FIM Mar 1918] Stuart, age 21, a second lieutenant in the Household Battalion, died 3 May 1917 and is recorded on Bay 1 of the Arras Memorial, Arras, France. [CWG] His obituary is available at:  
<https://edmundianswwi.blogspot.com/2017/05/stuart-williams-oe-1909-1913.html>

3. **Maxwell Henry WILLIAMS** born 14 March 1898 and baptised 26 April 1899 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer. Maxwell, Douglas and Stuart went to St Edmund's College, Ware, England from Mount St Mary's in 1909. Maxwell left St Edmunds in December 1913 and continued his studies at St Paul's School. Maxwell enlisted in 1916 in the Artist's Rifles and gained his commission in May 1917. [FIM Sep 1916; Mar 1918] Maxwell, age 19, a second Lieutenant, was killed in action 19 September 1917. [FIM Mar 1918] Maxwell, a second lieutenant in the London Regiment was buried in grave VG6 in Vlamertinghe New Military Cemetery, Belgium. [CWG] His obituary is available at  
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4. **Julia Agnes Augusta WILLIAMS** born 9 January 1908 and baptised 8 November 1908 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer. In 1917 Julia was of failing health and ordered by specialists to live at Nice. [FIM Aug 1917]

#### Children of Charles (4) and Lilian WILLIAMS:

1. **Cyril Seccombe "Chum" WILLIAMS** born 19 October 1894 and baptised 17 April 1895 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as farmer. Cyril moved to the new station of Lago Bosadas (*sic Posadas*), Patagonia in 1916 to take up work. [FIM Oct 1916] Cyril married a Welsh woman and was still farming in Patagonia in the 1950s.
2. **Philip Victor Seccombe "Buzz" WILLIAMS** born 31 October 1896 and baptised 1 January 1898 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as farmer. Philip enlisted in 1916. [FIM Sep 1916]
3. **Evelyn Seccombe "Muff" WILLIAMS** born 28 July 1899 at Chartres and baptised 5 June 1900 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as manager, sheep farm. By a deed poll dated 20 March 1911 Evelyn abandoned his surname of Williams and became **Evelyn Seccombe FELTON**. [FIM Jul 1911] Evelyn, age 11, entered the Royal Naval College, Osborne, Isle of Wight May 1912. Commander Evelyn Seccombe Felton retired from the Royal Navy 28 July 1944. In 1949 Watts Naval Training School was closed, and many transferred to the Russell Cotes Nautical School (RCNS) at Parkstone, Poole, Dorset. With the closure of Watts and the transfer to Parkstone, the Naval Training School became Parkstone Sea Training School. Commander Felton was its first Captain Superintendent and held the post until 1962. Evelyn died 15 August 1964 in Bournemouth, England.  
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