

## PARKER 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.*

**Catharine, Mary and Honora PARKER** arrived in the Falkland Islands on board the Barque *Victory* 13 October 1849 with their step-father **William POWER**, their mother, **Margaret POWER** née **NASH**, and their half-brother, **John POWER**, who was possibly born on board the vessel as there is no mention of him in the Falklands Registers and in the 1851 census he is recorded as being age 1. Also on board was a **James BROWN** of England.

The **PARKER/POWER** family were listed in the 1851 census as:

**William POWER**, age 44, (military) pensioner, of Ireland

**Margaret POWER**, age 38, wife of Ireland

**John (William?) POWER**, age 1, child, of Ireland (1 April 1855 A William Power is recorded as attending the Government School, age 6 and able to read but not write. He missed 2 days school in February and March).

- and directly underneath:

**Catharine PARKER**, age 15, servant, of Ireland

**Mary PARKER**, age, 14, servant, of Ireland

**Honora PARKER**, age 11, child, of Ireland

In May 1855 the **POWER** family lived on what was known as the Lower Row (now known as Drury Street) in cottage No 12 and William was listed as a Private. On the 1<sup>st</sup> November 1856 William and Margaret Power sold 12 Drury Street and their 10 acre allotment to William James Rutter for £70 sterling. There is no further mention of them. The military pensioners were enrolled for seven years, ending in July 1856, and William, Margaret & John left circa November 1856.

**CHILDREN OF ? AND MARGARET PARKER:**

1. **Catharine PARKER** born circa 1836 in Ireland. K (*Katherine*) POWER (*PARKER*), female, from the Barque *Victory* female was lodging with Captain Reid Oct 29 1849 [Misc Letters Inward 1848-1850 (C4) p467] Catherine, was married to **James BROWN**, a 26 year old military pensioner and carpenter, 28 April 1851 in the Parish of the Holy Trinity by Banns with consent of parents by James Leith Moody, Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were John Smith and James Hocking. Neither of their fathers' names or occupations were listed. James Brown signed a memorial in May 1854. [B8] On 20 October 1854 Military Despatch No 8 (copy *not held in Archives*) reported the advancement of passage money to England for Pensioner James Brown a confirmed invalid. [B9, pg 36] James & his family departed for England October 1854.
2. **Mary PARKER** born circa 1837 in Ireland. Mary was married to (1) **William James RUTTER**, bachelor, 29 June 1852 in the Parish of the Holy Trinity by Banns with consent of parents by James Leith Moody, Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Allan McKenzie, Alan Brown and Ellen Roach. Neither of their fathers' names or occupations were listed. William, a seaman and pilot, died 10 December 1869 from a disease of the bladder, age 40 years and 7 months, and is buried in Grave D368. Mary married (2) **John Sinclair CAMPBELL**, bachelor and master mariner of Stanley, 7 August 1873 by Arthur Bailey, Registrar at the Registrar's Office. The witnesses were Samuel Pimm, Norah Pimm, T Sharp and Helen Bonner. Mary's father was recorded as William Parker and John's as Alexander Campbell, neither had their occupation listed. Mary died 12 December 1874, age 38, of Gastritis and is buried in Grave D369 (next to her first husband, William).
3. **Honora PARKER** born circa 1840 in Ireland. Honora, age 16, died 12 April 1854 from consumption and is buried in Grave D380. On her death certificate it states "daughter of William and Margaret Parker" and is signed by "the mark of William Power, step-father".

**FIRST GENERATION:**

**Children of Catherine (1) and James BROWN:**

1. **Alfred Charles BROWN** born 4 January 1852 in the Barracks, Stanley and baptised 12 January 1852 by Holy Trinity Church. Alfred died in the Barracks (*no death record*) and was buried 20 January 1852 (*no grave record*).
2. **William BROWN** born 28 December 1852 in Stanley and baptised 10 April 1853 by James Leith Moody, Colonial Chaplain of Holy Trinity Church, Stanley.
3. **Ann Jane BROWN** born 13 January 1854 in Stanley and baptised 2 July 1854 by Henry Martyn Faulkner, Acting Colonial Chaplain of Holy Trinity Church, Stanley.

**Children of Mary (2) and William RUTTER:**

1. **William James RUTTER** born 2 September 1853 in Stanley and baptised 11 December 1853 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as boatman. William, age 5 years & 2 months, accidentally drowned in Stanley 16 November 1858 and was buried 21 November 1858 (*no grave record – buried in Section D above his father?*).
2. **Honora RUTTER** born 20 May 1855 in Stanley and baptised 5 August 1855 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as boatman. Norah, a minor living in Stanley, was married to **Samuel PIMM**, blacksmith from England living in Stanley, 7 March 1871 at Trinity Church Stanley according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by Banns by Charles Bull MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Samuel Bonner and Helen Bonner. Samuel's father was recorded as Thomas Pimm, labouring man, and Norah's father was recorded as William Rutter, pilot. In 1882 Samuel was recorded as being a blacksmith for Dean & Son. [FIC Archives; desp 608] Nora, age 28, died 18 November 1883 in Stanley (*no death record*) and was buried 21 November 1883 in Grave D 371. After Honora died Samuel married **Eva ELISBURY** 19 November 1887. Eva died 17 December 1887 of consumption. Samuel died 2 June 1891.
3. **John RUTTER** born 20 February 1857 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as pilot. John (*may have been sent to Montevideo as a lunatic in 1884 – see ExCo minutes for 1884*)
4. **William Henry "Henry" RUTTER** born 25 January 1859 in Stanley and baptised 5 June 1859 by Holy Trinity church. His father's occupation was recorded as pilot. Captain Campbell paid William's fare on board the *Vicar of Bray*, leaving England in August 1876. William, age 26 and a joiner living in Stanley, was married to **Amy Margaret BETTS**, age 19 and living in Stanley, 1 January 1885 in the House of John Betts according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were James Betts and Mary Ann Betts. William's father was recorded as William James Rutter, mariner, and Amy's father was recorded as John Betts, carter. In 1899 William entered into partnership with Hugh McLean, Charles Burnell and John Gowan Poppy under the style of "McLean & Company" for the purpose of Sheep farming in Santa Cruz, Patagonia.

Amy, age 68, died 6 November 1932 and was buried in the Municipal Cemetery, Punta Arenas.

5. **Catherine Hannah RUTTER** born 6 March 1861 in Stanley and baptised 18 August 1861 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as pilot. Catherine, age 17 and living in Stanley, was married to (1) **Martin JOHNSON**, age 26 and a carpenter living in Stanley, 25 September 1878 in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were John Campbell and Mary Ann Biggs. Martin's father was recorded as Frederick Johnson, carpenter, and Catherine's father was recorded as William Rutter, pilot. Catherine, a widow, was married to (2) **George HURST**, a widower in the Civil Service, 11 April 1908 at St Mary's Church, Stanley by Mario Louis Migone RC Priest. The witnesses were Sister Rose Veneroni and Sister Margaret Scally. George's father was recorded as Robert Hurst, Civil Service, and Catherine's father was recorded as William James Rutter, pilot. Catherine had no children with either husband.
6. **Alexander RUTTER** born 2 February 1863 in Stanley and baptised by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as mariner. Alexander, age 5 days, died in Stanley 7 February 1863 from convulsions and was buried 8 February 1863.
7. **Edwin James RUTTER** born 21 March 1864 in Stanley and baptised 7 June 1864 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as pilot. Edwin, a mariner, was married to **Lily Geraldine KING** 5 April 1894 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 Fred I King and Martin Johnson. Edwin's father was recorded as William Rutter, foreman, and Lily's father was recorded as Frederick King, deceased carpenter.
8. **Andrew RUTTER** born 23 June 1866 in Stanley and baptised 29 October 1866 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as pilot. In 1882 Andrew was apprenticed for five years to Mr William Harrison, a house carpenter and builder in Old Cleeve, Washford, Somersetshire, and worked his way to England on board the *Cordova*. [FIC/E5] The Falkland Islands Company Ltd paid his fees of £42-15-5 by instalments. [FIC LO-St 1878-1888, desp 615, 28 Nov 1882] . In March 1889 he was serving on board of Her Majesty's Ship *Adder* stationed at Harwich in the County of Essex in England when he sold his on fifth share of his late mother's property in Stanley, Falkland Islands – Crown Grant 80, 12 Drury Street. Married **Fannie PARRETT** September 1895 in Sheppey, Kent.

## SECOND GENERATION:

### Children of Honora (2) and Samuel PIMM:

1. **Mary Elizabeth PIMM** born 21 July 1872 in Stanley and baptised 27 January 1873 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as blacksmith. Mary was married to **Vincent A H BIGGS**, carpenter of Stanley, 30 December 1896 by Patrick O'Grady Parish Priest, St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. The witnesses were Octave Fleuret and Madge Pimm. Vincent's father was recorded as William Biggs, foreman carpenter, and Mary's father was recorded as Samuel Pimm, blacksmith.
2. **Margaret Anne "Madge" PIMM** born 5 March 1874 in Stanley and baptised 16 December 1875 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her godparents were recorded as Dennis Buckley and Catherine Rutter. Her father's occupation was recorded as blacksmith. Margaret, a housekeeper, was married to **Alfred Henry HARRIS**, engineer, 11 May 1903 at St Mary's, Stanley by Special Licence by P J Diamond Catholic Priest. The witnesses were A V Biggs and M E Biggs. Alfred's father was recorded as Henry Harris, farmer, and Margaret's father was recorded as Samuel Pimm, blacksmith.
3. **Maude Martha PIMM** born 15 October 1875 in Stanley and baptised 16 December 1875 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her godparents were recorded as John Peck and Anne Nixon. Her father's occupation was recorded as blacksmith. Maude, age 8 years and 11 months, died 7 September 1884 in Stanley from typhoid fever and was buried 10 September 1884 in Grave D 378.

### Children of William Henry (4) and Amy RUTTER:

1. **William Henry RUTTER** born 16 October 1885 and baptised 6 December 1885 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. George married **Adelaide DESSENT** from London (*not in the Falkland Islands*). William, Adelaide and their daughter travelled to the UK in 1934.
2. **John Edwin RUTTER** born 28 April 1887 and baptised **Edwin John RUTTER** by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter.
3. **Catherine Margaret RUTTER** born 5 January 1889 in Stanley and baptised 3 February 1889 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Catherine, age 10 and a housekeeper went to Punta Arenas on holiday in 1929. Catherine, a housekeeper, was married to **James GOODWIN**, shepherd, 15 July 1939 at the Manager's House, Port San Carlos, East Falkland by Special Licence by D M Honeyman, Deputy Registrar. The witnesses were Elizabeth Margaret Mary Morrison and Murdo Morrison. James' father was recorded as John Goodwin, deceased and Catherine's father was recorded as Henry Rutter, deceased. Catherine, age 72, died 21 January 1961 in Stanley and was buried 24 January 1961 in Grave R1688. James, age 81 and a retired shepherd, died 17 January 1962 in Stanley and was buried 19 January 1962 in Grave R1710
4. **Nora Elizabeth RUTTER** born 15 September 1894 and baptised 2 December 1894 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shipwright. Nora

was married to **James Henry WATSON** (*not FI Watsons*), labourer, 20 October 1914 at Christ Church Cathedral by C McDonald Hobley, Assist Chaplain. The witnesses were Robert Johnson, William Henry Rutter and Gustaf Olsson. James' father was recorded as Albert William Watson, baker, and Nora's father was recorded as William Henry Rutter, carpenter.

5. **Evelyn Gladys RUTTER** born 30 March 1897 and baptised **Aileen Gladys RUTTER** 20 June 1897 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Aileen fell from the top of the high rocks behind her house in East Stanley 17 December 1901 and was unconscious for nine days. [FIM Jan 1902 – article & letter of thanks from father] Aileen travelled to Punta Arenas, Chile on board the ss *Antartico* in 1919. Eileen was married to **Arthur Philip LAMBOURNE** (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Eileen, age 38, died in Magallanes 27 November 1936 and was buried in the Municipal Cemetery, Punta Arenas. [Penguin 10 Feb 1937] Arthur died 1 May 1974 and was buried in the Municipal Cemetery, Punta Arenas.
6. **Clement Transvaal RUTTER** born 4 May 1901 and baptised 4 August 1901 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter.
7. **Emily Winifred RUTTER** born 3 January 1904 in Stanley and baptised 13 March 1904 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Emily married ? **TRUQUILLA** (*not in Falkland Islands*). Emily died at Punta Arenas 14 May 1938, age 33. [Penguin 3 Jun 1938]
8. **Wickham Hercules RUTTER** born 7 January 1906 at Stanley and baptised 16 April 1906 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Wickham, age 14 went to Chile in 1920.

#### **Children of Edwin (7) and Lily RUTTER:**

1. **Isabel Bessie RUTTER** born 5 February 1895 and baptised 14 April 1895 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as bartender.
2. **Alice Geraldine RUTTER** born 20 August 1898 and baptised 9 October 1898 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as bartender.
3. **Catherine Olga RUTTER** born 11 July 1903 in Stanley and baptised 28 August 1903 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as publican.
4. **Honora Phyllis RUTTER** born 26 August 1906 in Stanley and baptised 24 September 1906 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as publican.