

HARDY 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. Various spellings of names are recorded as written at the time.

Robert HARDY was 1st officer on board the barque *Record* which arrived in Stanley 28 September 1852. He had been 27 years in the Merchant Service, 8 years as a master. Robert had jumped ship in Stanley as he had fallen in love with a Dutch girl who had sailed on the same vessel intending to remain in the Falkland Islands. After leaving his ship Robert lodged with military pensioner, William BROWN. Robert applied for the position of schoolmaster on an annual salary of £32 with 3d per child per week and a house and garden. [F6; 476: D6; 313: H12; 13]

Robert HARDY was married to **Auguste DUVE** 27 December 1852 in the Parish of the Holy Trinity by Banns by James Leith Moody, Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Jergen Christian Dettleff and Edward McMurray. Neither Robert's nor Auguste's father's names or occupations were recorded.

In September 1853 Robert was building a house. [H12; 13]

On 16 November 1854 Robert, the schoolmaster, was dismissed for "*strolling about the settlement late at night in a half drunken state, armed with a loaded pistol, and firing off that pistol close to the Governor's residence...your equivocations and concealment of the truth of Captain Gordon's having fired another loaded pistol in your house (a Government Building) about 2 o'clock in the morning*" [D6; 441-442]

On 15 September 1856 Robert purchased Crown Grant 95 from William Sawers for one pepper corn. On 8 October 1856, Robert, a sailmaker, and Augusta Maria Theresa, his wife, sold Crown Grant 95 to the Falkland Islands Company Ltd for £39-7-6. [Vol I, pg 146, 149]

FIRST GENERATION

Children of Robert and Auguste HARDY:

1. **Anne Sarah Key HARDY** born 9 July 1853 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as schoolmaster.