

JAY 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.

George William Frances JAY was born 19 October 1883 in Nottingham, England to **George Mathias JAY** and ? **JAY**. His family moved to Hove and by 1891 his father was recorded as an architect and builder.

George was engaged as a Camp carpenter at Brighton, England and on 11 December 1908 George signed a five-year contract with the Falkland Islands Company Limited. He was given a very good account from Steele, who used to work at Roy Cove, and came from good stock his father being a builder in Hove. George was a lifelong abstainer. [FIC/C5; 1054, par 16]

Frederick Cobb advised the Stanley Office that George JAY, the carpenter for Darwin was on the *Ortega* and that he hoped that they would be able to get him out as soon as possible and he believed that he would turn out a most useful man. George arrived 9 February 1909 on board the *Ortega* from Liverpool and commenced work in the Company's Camp Establishment on a monthly wage of £8. [FIC/C5; 1055, par 10; FIC/IW8; 132]

George, a carpenter living at North Arm, was married to **Daisy FLOWERS** 18 November 1909 in Christ Church Cathedral by Registrar's Licence by Edward J Seymour, Chaplain & Hon Canon. The witnesses were Lizzie Smith and George Watson. George's father was recorded as George Mathias Jay, architect & surveyor, and Daisy's father was recorded as George Flowers, saddle & harness makers.

Daisy was born 26 February 1883 in Hove, Sussex, England. Daisy arrived in the Falkland Islands from Liverpool 16 November 1909 on board the *Orcoma*.

By March 1921 George had been moved from North Arm to Fitzroy at considerably higher wages. He had been engaged to work at Fitzroy when the carpenter, SHRIMPTON, was dismissed and received higher wages because there was no house available at Fitzroy. [FIC/C8: 1211, par 22; 1219, par 7: FIC/D13; 581, 12] George built the "round house" at Fitzroy circa 1922.

According to Maud Sollis, George later worked for Vere Packe and lived in Racecourse Cottage (stone house to the east of the racecourse) and used the *Jhelum* as his workshop.

George, age 38 and a carpenter, Daisy, age 39, and their family departed 1 July 1922 on board the *Oriana* bound for Liverpool. George was recorded as being 5' 6 ½" tall with blue eyes and dark brown hair and Daisy was recorded as being 5' 4 ½" tall with grey eyes and dark brown hair.

In January 1923 George was living at 27 Connaught Terrace, Hove, England.

Daisy, age 81, died 17 January 1965 and was buried in St Andrew the Old Churchyard, Hove, East Sussex, England.

George, age 83, died 30 March 1968 and was buried in St Andrew the Old Churchyard, Hove, East Sussex, England. He shares a headstone with Daisy.

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of George and Daisy JAY:

1. **Ivy Daisy JAY** born 12 November 1912 at North Arm and baptised 15 November 1912 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter.
2. **Lucy Emma JAY** born 27 September 1915 at North Arm at 3 October 1915 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter.
3. **Minnie Frances JAY** born 18 April 1919 at North Arm and baptised 5 May 1919 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter.



Ivy, age 9, Lucy, age 6, Daisy, age 39, and Minnie, age 3