

LUCHTENBORG 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.

Johann Bernard 'Lucky' LUCHTENBORG was born circa 1865 in Germany to **Helmerick** and **? LUCHTENBORG**.

Johann, an AB on the British Ship *Amoy*, No 45960, was landed with the rest of the crew at Stanley when the ship became a total wreck on 30 October 1889 when the vessel went ashore of Point William. He and James MULLEN AB stayed when the remaining crew were sent to Montevideo.

On 8 November 1889 he reported himself to Frederick Cobb, the German Consul in Stanley. [H44; 130]

A sealing licence was granted to Johan LUCHTENBORG and Hugh GRANT 16 March 1893 but this was cancelled by the Governor 27 June 1893 under instructions from the S of S.

Johan LUCHTENBORN alias JOHNSON was blacklisted (*not allowed to purchase or be supplied with alcohol*) for 12 months from 25 April 1893.

In June 1894 Johan was doing six months hard labour along with Harie HELDERS, SCOTT and William HOLMES for attempting to bolt to the Coast (*South America*) with KIRWAN's cutter, the *Earl*, after filling her with sealskins from the Jasons or elsewhere. [FIC/D9; 87]

Johan departed for Beauchêne Island 24 July 1897 on the *Hornet* with Charles POOLE and Charles DIX on a sealing cruise.

John was employed by the Falkland Islands Company Ltd from 24 May 1898 to 12 June 1899 on their cutter.

Johan departed for Beauchêne Island 7 September 1902 with Gaetano PAULINE and Axel NEILSEN on a sealing cruise.

Johan LUCHTENBORG leased Sea Lion Island from the FIC about 1905 to run cattle and sheep and was the first person to farm the island. Johan travelled to Sea Lion Island 10 April 1905 on board the *Lafonia*.

Johann, a bachelor & seaman, was married to (1) **Henriette Josephine ORRIÈRE**, a spinster, occupation household duties, 17 January 1914 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Mario Louis Migone. The witnesses were Jeff Bundes and Sarah Alice Parrin. Johann's father was recorded as Helmerich Luchtenborg, carpenter, and Henriette's father was recorded as Jean Marie Orrière, mason. Henriette departed for Sea Lion Island 29 January 1914 on board the *Gwendolin*.

On 2 March 1916 Henriette asked the manager of the Falkland Islands Company Ltd to send £1-10-0 to her mother and on 14 October 1918 £4 to her mother, Madame Orrière at St Pieire la Court, Mayenne, France (*amounts to be deducted from their account with the FIC Ltd*).

On 25 August 1919 Henriette applied to purchase the boat and shed left on Sea Lion Islands by the Government in preparation for the erection of the AGA light. [SHI/NAV/1#2]

On 16 September 1916 John was recorded as owning a shepherd's hut and 720 sheep on Sea Lion Island, which was leased from the FIC.

John, age 54 and a German mariner, died 11 January 1919 from throat cancer and was buried in Grave Ei834. His headstone reads: *In loving memory of my dear husband John B Luchtenberg died January 11th 1919.*



Henriette, a widow, was married to (2) **Harry RICKETTS**, bachelor & blacksmith, 19 November 1919 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Mario Luis Migone, Priest in Charge. The witnesses were V A H Biggs and Sister Mary Ussher. Harry's father was recorded as Francis Edward Ricketts, gardener, and Henriette's father was recorded as Jean Marie Orrière, mason.

In February 1925 Henriette wrote to the manager informing that Harry Ricketts was moving to Stanley as the Island did not suit him and that in future she would not acknowledge any bargains or business of Henry Ricketts concerning Sea Lion Island as he had promised to have nothing more to do with it and that he could have money from her account until he got work.

On 9 March 1931 **Henriette Josephine RICKETTS**, age 52, was issued with a British passport to travel to France via Uruguay and the British Empire for the purposes of a holiday. Henriette was recorded as being 5' 4" tall with grey eyes and dark brown hair. Henriette arrived 11 November 1932 on the *Losada* from the UK with her nephew, Alexandre.



Henriette age 52

Henriette arrived 13 June 1937 from Sea Lion Island on board the *Prefecto Garcia* and departed for Sea Lion Island 19 August 1937 on board the *Fitzroy*, both times with her nephew.

Henriette departed 4 June 1939 for Montevideo on board the ss *Lafonia* due to ill health. Henriette died 28 May 1940 in Montevideo, Uruguay and was buried in the British Cemetery, Montevideo.

On 21 October 1940, David William Roberts, executor of the Estate of the late Henriette Josephine Ricketts sold Crown Grant 417 being $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre Lot 14, Section 2 for £470. [BUG-REG-11, pg 235]

On 25 July 1945 the manager of the Falkland Islands Company Ltd wrote to the Custodian of Enemy Property asking whether the funds in Savings Bank account R101 belonging to the Estate Mrs H J Ricketts could be withdrawn at any time by the Administrator. Madame **Clemence DUGAS** was recorded as her sister and a widow and living at Rue de la Gare, Montsurs, Mayenne, France. Mademoiselle **Suzanne DELCOURT** was recorded as her goddaughter and living at 5 Rue Edmond, Nocard, Alfort, Seine, France. [FIC Archives]

On 27 May 1949 Ernesto Guillermo Rowe, attorney for Monsieur Jean Marie Orriere, Madame Clemence Victoire Dugas and Madame Jeanne Victorine Delcourt who resided in France, applied for letters of administration to administer the estate. [FI Gazette 1 Jun 1949, pg 169]