# MASON 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 in spellings of names are recorded as written in the records at the time.*

**William MASON** was born ? *(not in the Falkland Islands)*.

William was married to **Sarah DONKIN** *(not in the Falkland Islands)*.

William, a ship carpenter, and his wife were passengers on board the *Victoria Tatham* which left London December 1869 and arrived in Stanley 61 days later on 22 February 1870.  Also on board was **Emily FRY**, a general servant *'well known to Mrs Mason'*.  [FIC/C1; desp 397]

The *Victoria Tatham* was a British Barque of 307 tonnage with 11 crew under William Macey.  She was chartered by the Falkland Islands Company Ltd and carried general cargo.

William came down under contract to the Falkland Islands Company Ltd.  On 8 December 1869 F Coleman wrote to Frederick Cobb in Stanley *'Respecting W Mason the new Ship Carpenter we had to allow him a House, Mr Travis reports the Co's Cottages are all occupied so you will doubtless decide to erect one of the Iron Houses at Stanley, the plans of these have been explained to him to enable him to begin at once: we could not agree to his present terms of not receiving Wages during the voyage out without making a consideration, so it was arranged that £5 of the advance of £15 was to be allowed him, which makes him contented and doesn't create a precedent for others to get wages going out.'* [FIC/C1; desp ]

On 5 March 1870 Frederick Cobb wrote to F Coleman in London with regards to the voyage of the *Victoria Tatham*, *'The carpenter appears to be a good tradesman, but rather delicate.'* [FIC/D2; 435]

## FIRST GENERATION

1.  **Sarah MASON** born 28 January 1876 in Stanley and baptised 23 February 1876 by Holy Trinity Church.  Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter.