PEARSON 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.

John PEARSON was born circa 1827 in England.

John was married to (1) Ellen TINDALE (not in the Falkland Islands).

John, a shepherd, Ellen and two children and an infant were passengers on the *Neva* leaving England in August 1874. John came down under contract to the Falkland Islands Co Ltd as a labourer in their Camp Establishment. [FIC/C1; 474]

On 1 September 1876 John was recorded as a labourer earning £57-10-0 per annum. By 31 December 1876 John was recorded as employed in the Company's Camp with a wife and four children. [FIC/C1; 474: FIC/D4]

Ellen, age 35 and from England, died 31 July 1879 from consumption and was buried in Darwin Cemetery.

William, was married to (2) ? (not in the Falkland Islands).

NEWS LETTER. (Continued).

John Pearson, Darwin. "Twenty years or so ago my Father, Mr. John Pearson, was living in or near Darwin Harbour; at least that was his Post Office address. I last heard from him about the time mentioned, and in 1891 I again wrote to him there, but the letter was returned to me unopened, and I abandoned all hope of ever hearing from him again. Of late I have been thinking that I gave up the search too soon, and so write to you, as being the person best situated to aid me in my efforts, begging you to assist me by making inquiries amongst the old settlers there, to see if you can learn anything of him and whether he is yet living, He is an Englishman of a little more than medium height, quite dark complexion, with very dark brown eyes, hair a very dark brown, nearly black, inclined to curl at the ends. years of age, if living. The last I knew of him, he had a wife (my mother having been his first wife) and several children one of whom was a daughter Address: -Mrs. Lina Efferson, 211 1 West Morgan Street., named Selika." Jacksonville, Illinois. Mr. Thomas Watson says that he remembers Mr. John Pearson well, He was supposed to have gone to the Welsh Colony at Chuput, Patagonia and adds that "perhaps some of our Falkland Islanders near there might be able to find out." Should any one be able to give the desired information, they are requested to write to the above address.

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LOST RELATIVE.

Mrs. Lina Efferson, Illinois, advertized in the August, 1899, No. of the Magazine for news of her Father, last heard of from Darwin about 20 years ago. She writes deeply grateful to all who interested themselves in the search. Through a man working with Mr. Andrew Kyle, Patagonia, a cutting of the Magazine was sent to her Father in the River Plate Camps. She received the first letter from him in May 1900.

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of John and Ellen PEARSON:

- 1. **Lina PEARSON** born in England. Lina was married to **? EFFERSON** (not in the Falkland Islands). In 1899 Lina was living in Jacksonville, Illinois, USA.
- 2. Child PEARSON born in England.
- 3. **Child PEARSON** born in England.
- 4. **Child PEARSON** born in England.
- 5. **Ann PEARSON** born 28 December 1875 at Darwin and baptised 5 May 1877 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer.

Children of John and ? PEARSON:

1. **Selika PEARSON** born ? (not in the Falkland Islands).