

POPPY 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.

John Gowan POPPY was born 2 March 1849 in Yarmouth, Norfolk, England. He signed on to the *Maid of Athens* 22 November 1869, age 22. His previous ship was the *Sonia* of London from which he was discharged from in September 1869. The *Maid of Athens* was wrecked on Staten Island in 1870 and the surviving crew arrived in Stanley 5 April 1870. John Poppy was paid off 20 April 1870 and settled in the Falkland Islands. John, age 36 and a mariner, married **Mary Hannah MOUNTAIN**, age 31, 6 November 1884 in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were William Coulson and Frederick J Hardy. John's father was recorded as Thomas Poppy, cabinetmaker and Mary's as John Mountain, parish clerk. Mary was born 11 February 1853 in Staveley, Yorkshire, England.

John Poppy died 23 April 1920, age 72, and is buried in Grave Ei847. [Obituary CM July 1920] At the time of his death John was the office caretaker for the FIC and had been in the Company's service for many years except for three years on the Coast. After his death Mary was left badly off and moved in with her son-in-law. [D13; 541] Mary Poppy left for Punta Arenas on board the *Ortega* 4 January 1924. Mary died 12 September 1949 and is buried in the Municipal Cemetery in Punta Arenas.

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of John and Mary POPPY:

1. **Mary Ellen POPPY** born 9 December 1886 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as seaman. Married to **Finn ARENTSEN**, age 33 and a banker 30 August 1913 in the house of Mr T Boyd, Punta Arenas, Chile. The witnesses were Valgjerd Pettersen, Thorolf Arentsen and Thomas Boyd. Finn's father was recorded as Arnt Mathias Arentsen, deceased comerciante.
2. **Caroline "Lena" POPPY** born 12 January 1898 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Married to **Raymond Vivian HARDY** 5 April 1920 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Aubrey Hardy and Stella Wilson. Raymond's father was recorded as William Richard Hardy, deceased storekeeper. Went to Punta Arenas on business in 1925. Caroline died 17 March 1953 and is buried in the Municipal Cemetery in Punta Arenas. Raymond died 16 August 1967 and is buried in the Municipal Cemetery in Punta Arenas.