

## ROWLANDS 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.*

**Frans Thedor RYLANDER/Francis 'Frank' Theodore ROWLANDS** was born 6 December 1835 in Kalmar, Sweden to **Israel Adolph RYLANDER** and **Johanna OLSDOTTER**.

Francis first went to sea at the age of 11.

Francis was one of the crew on board the *Colonsay* which was wrecked when she struck heavily at 2am on the 16th of August 1860 on Speedwell Island. [FI Times Jan, Mar 1979]

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CAPTAIN FRANK ROWLANDS OF  
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.

Reminiscences of an old Skipper, Part One.

Taken from the Stanley Comet of the 18th of April 1902.

Captain Frank Rowlands of the schooner 'Fortuna', like most of the 'Old Salts' living in these islands, is a man of vast experience and many adventures, and as he is gifted with an extremely good memory, an hour passed in his company is, in some ways, a liberal education. A few facts gleaned in the course of conversation cannot fail to interest all readers of the "Comet."

Born in Sweden in the year 1835, Rowlands took early to the sea, and at the tender age of eleven he went for his first voyage, in the course of which the vessel was stuck in the ice in the Baltic Sea and the crew, all more or less frost-bitten, had to make their way home in sleighs. For the next few years our old friend continued in the Swedish service, but at the age of seventeen he went over to London and took ship from thence to Bombay. Since this time Captain Rowlands has always sailed under the British Flag.

It was in the year 1860 that the "Commodore" (as his friends call him) landed on these shores. It is true he did not come of his own free will, but like many another, he found in this far off land a shelter from the perils of the sea, and the story of the events leading up to this may well be told at some length, and the correctness of what is said will be corroborated by Mr. McDaid senior, the only other survivor at present living in the Islands.

The "Colonsay", a full-rigged ship belonging to the Island of Arran in Scotland, was homeward bound from the Chincha Islands with a cargo of guano, and the Captain laid his course to pass, as he thought, close by the Beauchene Islands, when Rowlands noticed, as the day closed in, that the water was smoothing and called the attention of the first mate to the fact, saying, that in his opinion, they were very close to land. However, being only a youngster, little notice was taken of his views and the ship was held on her course. At four bells in the first watch, when Rowlands was relieved from the wheel, he felt so uneasy that he begged that the Captain might be called, and again, at 11pm he made the same request, saying that he felt sure something was wrong; though it was his watch below, he should not turn in.

And sure enough something was wrong, for at 12.45, when the vessel was sailing along at about nine knots, she struck hard on what afterwards proved to be Speedwell Island. The Captain hoped that with the return of daylight, he would be able to get the ship off, but it was soon seen that she was breaking up and that the mainmast was going. Fortunately she took a cant with the spars out to sea, rendering it impossible to lower the boats on the port side, otherwise they could not have got clear; in fact, the only boat available was the Captain's Pinnace, into which all hands (eighteen all told, including the Captain's wife) crowded, standing by until daylight, when they got on shore. The various devices they were called on to practice shows that "necessity is the mother of invention", and in reading about them, one is involuntarily carried back to the days of Robinson Crusoe.

Part Two will appear in the next edition

The Editor is grateful to Mr. Jim Lellman for the loan of the manuscript.

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CAPTAIN FRANK ROWLANDS OF THE FAULKLAND ISLANDS (Part 2)

With the assistance of wreck wood which drifted ashore, stones and long grass, the crew managed to rig up a tolerable shelter for the Captain's wife, and found what comfort for themselves that they could. For eatables they had a tank partly full of biscuits and of beef which they brought with them, and presently their larder was increased by the dead bodies of two sheep and a pig which were washed ashore, but ultimately they were compelled to fall back on the penguins and loggerheads which they killed. For kitchen utensils they were reduced to the irreducible minimum of an old oil-tin with the top cut off.

In spite, however, of all their care and luxury, the men wanted to get away, more especially as the weather was very severe and many of them became frost-bitten, and from a quantity of canvas that came ashore they fixed up a sort of lugsail and left, as they thought, for the Settlement.

Leaving their shelter, they once more trusted themselves to the waves, and seeing cattle near Bull Point, they fondly imagined that they were close to the Settlement. Proceeding, they eventually fetched up in Bull Cove, where, to their joy, they found a schooner at anchor - (the "Malvinas" belonging originally to Admiral Sullivan, afterwards to Captain Parke, but at that time to Mr. Dean). In this schooner they were brought round to Stanley and found shelter in a Sailor's Home, standing on the site now occupied by the Government Offices.

After a recuperating stay of about three months, our old skipper was once more longing for the briny ocean, and when Captain Smylie fitted out a sealing expedition for Santa Cruz, he joined it, the "Emanuelita" returning in two months with some 1700 sealskins which were worth about 2/6d each. Having once tasted the sweets of this life, Rowlands was so taken with it that he made many trips of a similar nature, and for the next twelve or fifteen years he did but little else. It was no uncommon thing for each man to receive from £70 to £95 as his share of the proceeds of a two-months trip. These cruises took them, as a rule, to Staten Island and up as far as St. Georges Gulf and the Gulf of San Matias.

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The above originally appeared in the "Stanley Comet" 18th April 1902, and a manuscript has been kindly lent to the Times by Mr. Jim Lellman who is a grandson of Captain Rowlands.

[FI Times Mar 1979]

Francis, of full age and a boatman from Kalmar, Sweden, was married to (1) **Janet Wilson HERON**, of full age and a domestic from Dumfries, Scotland, 17 September 1868 at Trinity Church Stanley according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England after Banns by Charles Bull MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were William Russell and Catherine Cardle. Francis' father was recorded as Israel Rowland, captain and Janet's father was recorded as James Heron, tea merchant.

Francis, a native of Sweden, swore allegiance 26 August 1870 and was granted naturalisation. [FI Gazette June 1900]

Francis was master of the 20-ton cutter *Windward* in 1868 and 1869. The *Windward* belonged to Robert C Packe and worked around East Falkland.

He was master of the 23-ton schooner *Malvina* in 1870.

On 3 June 1873 Crown Grant 211 being Lot 36 in Section O, with a frontage to Ross Road and rear to James Street and containing 32 perches, was issued to Francis for £20. [CG 211]

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CAPTAIN FRANK ROWLANDS OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS (Part 3) Part 2 appeared  
in Issue 2/79.

In the year 1875, Captain Rowlands took a half share in the schooner "Louisa" with the late Captain Hansen of Carcass Island, and traded between here and Sandy Point with intervals for sealing and the killing of Penguins, the latter of which were taken for the oil obtained for them. It was a usual thing to kill as many as 80,000 penguins in the season, from which they got about a half-pint of oil each. This was sold at £25 per ton of 250 gallons, so it will be seen that this was a remunerative business. After some four years of this, Rowlands sold his share of the schooner and took a trip to England with a view to purchasing a schooner of his own. The result was that he bought the "Fair Rosamond" and sailed her out with a cargo for Messrs. Dean & Sons. Leaving Portsmouth on the 1st of January 1881, they encountered a heavy gale for the first nineteen days during which time the Rosamond was hove-to under close-reefed staysail set. This terrible weather continued the whole way to Madeira which was reached in nineteen days, whereas it is only about a four day journey ordinarily. In spite of this inauspicious start, Stanley was reached in sixty two days, whereas the "Denis Brundritt" which left England on Christmas day 1880 was a fortnight behind the "Fair Rosamond" at this end.

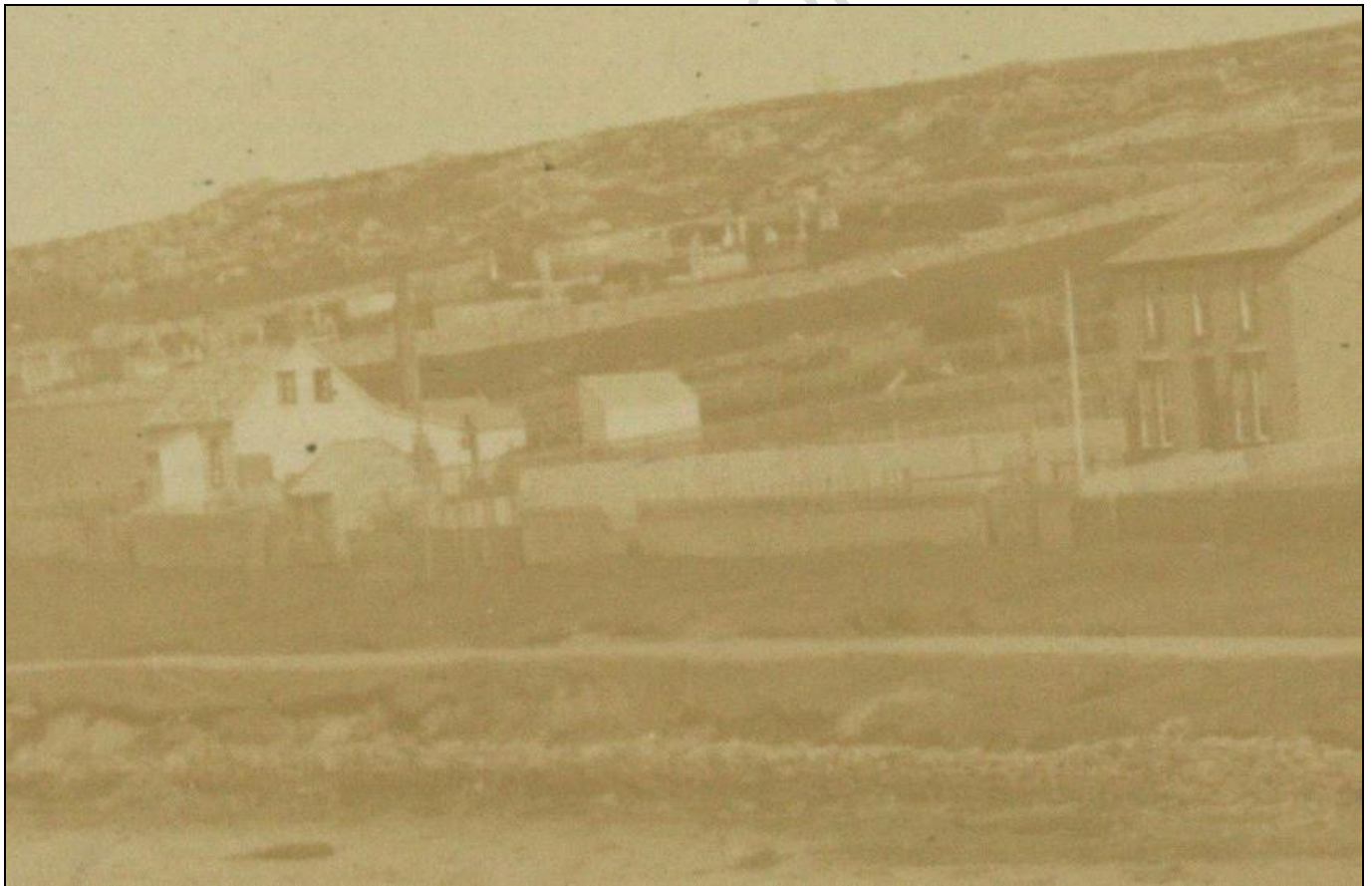
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[FI Times Mar 1979]

On 20 January 1876 Crown Grant 237 being Lot 36a in Section O, with a frontage to Ross Road and rear to James Street and containing 32 perches, was issued to Francis for £26. [CG 237]

Francis shipped a house from Sweden and erected it at 8 Ross Road East in 1879.



**8 Ross Road East (on the left)**

Francis was master of the 82-ton *Fair Rosamond* from 1881 to 1888 except when he took command of the *Genesta* for the Falkland Islands Company Limited in 1887, pending the purchase and arrival of the *Castalia*. He was master of the 97-ton *Castalia* from 1889 to 1891.

CAPTAIN FRANK ROWLANDS OF THE FALKLAND ISLANDS...CONCLUSION.

After running the "Fair Rosamond" for about eight years, Captain Rowlands was induced to take command of the "Castella" for the Falkland Islands Company, putting Captain John Jones in charge of the "Fair Rosamond" until, in 1892, she was sold to the Company. At the end of some four years as Master of the Castella, that vessel was wrecked on Weddell Island, dragging ashore and so seriously damaging her keel that she had to be abandoned.

In 1893 another trip to England was the order of the day, and after a spell there, the "Fortuna" was purchased to replace the Castella and the 'Commodore' was appointed to sail her out. Loading with a cargo principally for Messrs. Packe Bros. & Company, the "Fortuna" left Portsmouth on St. Valentines Day 1894, and after a very fine passage, arrived at Dunnose Head in forty-nine days....The End.

EDITOR'S NOTE: There seems to be some sort of confusion in the manuscript as to whether the name of Captain Rowlands' command was the "Castella" or as mentioned in other places as the "Castalia". I'll leave it to the bona-fide historians to sort that one out. I'd like to say thanks to Jim Lellman for the loan of the manuscript which appeared in the "Stanley Comet" of the 18th April 1902.

[FI Times May 1979]

Captain Rowland, Janet and two children, departed 19 July 1893 on board the *Denderah*.



**Janet and her daughter Frances**

Janet, age 46, died Friday 25 August 1893 in London. She is listed on her parent's plaque in Troqueer Churchyard, Dumfries, Scotland. According to family history Janet had diabetes.

Francis and his children returned on the *Fortuna* which departed Portsmouth on 14 February 1894.

Francis, a widower and master marine, was married to (2) **Elizabeth Warburton**, of full age and a widow, 28 November 1895 in the Parish Church according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Martin Johnson and Catie Johnson. Francis' father was recorded as Israel Rowlands, master mariner and Elizabeth's father was recorded as Henry Dicken, harness maker.

Francis was master of the *Fortuna* from 1902 to 1906 and the *Gwendolin* from 1907 to 1909. He was master of the *Lafonia* in 1911 and 1912.

On 28 January 1908 W A Harding, the Colonial Manager of the Falkland Islands Company Ltd wrote to London Office saying *'I much regret to say that Captain Rowlands is breaking up, and it is doubtful if he will be able to take the schooner again...Rowland has not, of course, been a servant of the Company sufficiently long to qualify for a pension, but he has done such excellent service that I trust the Directors will see their way to give him some small allowance, especially in view of his age, - 72. His service with us bean, I believe, when we purchased the Fair Rosamond in April 1892, that is to say nearly 16 years; his salary has been £144 per annum, supplemented by a gratuity of £10 at the end of the year.'* [FIC/D11; 608, par 17]

On 11 March 1908 W Harding was informed that he was wrong about the date Francis had joined the Falkland Islands Company Ltd. He was told *'Rowlands has served us in a most exemplary way, and we may never see his equal for pushing the work of a schooner, for which reason the Board which to treat him exceptionally well. He was over 50 when he joined us, and the Board cannot make an exception to the rule that to qualify a man must have spent his best years in our service; but it was unanimously decided to give him a gratuity of £200, when he leaves the service, and when the time arrived for presenting this to him you must convey to him the Directors' appreciation of his long and faithful services.'* [FIC/C5; desp 1043, par11]

**John ROWLANDS**, age 70 and a mariner from Sweden, died in Stanley 23 July 1910 and was buried 25 July 1910 in Grave I 724. The informant was Francis Rowlands, brother, Stanley.



**Grave of John**



**Grave of Francis**

### LOCAL NOTES.

Captain Rowlands, who was recently the recipient of a testimonial from some of his friends in the Colony, finds it impossible to write to each individual donor. He has therefore asked us through the Magazine to express his best thanks and to assure his friends that their gift has been much appreciated.

Mrs. Rowlands, Honorary Secretary for the Mothers' Union, will be glad to receive the subscriptions which are now due for the 'Mothers' Union Journal' and for the 'Mothers in Council'. In common with the majority of publications these papers have advanced in price, the former being now 2d quarterly and the latter 6d a quarter.

[FIM February 1919 and April 1919]

Francis, age 83 and a mariner from Sweden, died Tuesday 15 April 1919 in Stanley and was buried 20 April 1919 in Grave E 838. In his will dated 17 January 1919 Francis left all of his estate to his wife Elizabeth as long as she did not remarry. At her death or remarriage, he left the benefit of his estate to his two daughters Lillian Ellen and Dorothy Elizabeth. At their death or departure from the Falkland Islands their share to go to his son George, his wife and children.

### OBITUARY.

With deep feelings of sorrow we have to register the death of one of our best known inhabitants of the Falkland Islands. Capt. Frank Rowlands passed away on Tuesday, April 15th, 1919, at the age of 83 years. During his last illness he was nursed with constant devotion by his wife and family, to whom we offer our deepest sympathy.

During his long connection with these Islands Captain Rowlands had made a host of friends and was held in universal esteem. It was through an accident that Captain Rowlands first came to the Falklands, for when he was a young A.B. on board the English barque "Colonza", on her homeward voyage from Callao, bound to England for orders, the vessel was wrecked on Speedwell Island on August 14th, 1860. Many will recollect that the late Mr. W. McDaid was a seaman on the same ship. From that time Captain Rowlands made his home in the Falkland Islands.

Captain Rowlands commanded a good many of the Falkland Islands Company's schooners, the Fortuna, Gwendolin, Lafonia, Castellia, Fair Rosamond, and several others whose names have escaped the present writer's memory. His long experience raised him to the highest standard to which a man can attain by many years of faithful service on these rocky coasts. Throughout his career he shewed unfailing courtesy and attention to his passengers, rich and poor alike. Only recently a number of his friends shewed their appreciation of his past kindness and fidelity to all by presenting him with a cheque.

Captain Rowlands was the oldest member of the Stanley Benefit Club, having been admitted in February 1861, nineteen months after the formation of the Club.

Captain Rowlands leaves a widow, three daughters and three sons.

"Heddwch yw lweh."

H. T.

[FIM June 1919]

Elizabeth departed 2 April 1922 on board the *Orcoma* bound for the UK with her daughter, Dorothy. They arrived back 28 September 1922 on board the *Oriana*.



**Elizabeth in 1922**

Elizabeth, age 64, went on holiday to the UK with her daughter Dorothy, departing 4 July 1924 on board the *Ortega*. Elizabeth arrived back 31 December 1924 on board the *Ortega*.

Elizabeth, age 73, departed for the UK via Montevideo 28 August 1933 on board the *Lafonia*. She was recorded as being born 29 May 1860 in Wilford, Nottingham, England.

## FIRST GENERATION:

### Children of Francis and Janet ROWLANDS:

1. **John Edward ROWLAND** born 3 July 1869 in Stanley and baptised 12 September 1869 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as boatman. John, age 21, was accidentally drowned at San Carlos 26 February 1891 and, when his body was recovered, was buried in Grave 3 at Port San Carlos.

On the 26th February John Rowland was drowned at San Carlos. He was in a dinghy alongside the "E. Waldron" and it is supposed that in fixing the rudder he must have fallen overboard as he was next seen floating astern of the "E. Waldron" with his head under water. A life buoy and an oar were thrown to him but he was already unconscious and he sank before the boat could reach him. The body has not been found. Much sympathy is felt for Captain and Mrs. Rowland in their sad bereavement.

[FIM March 1891]

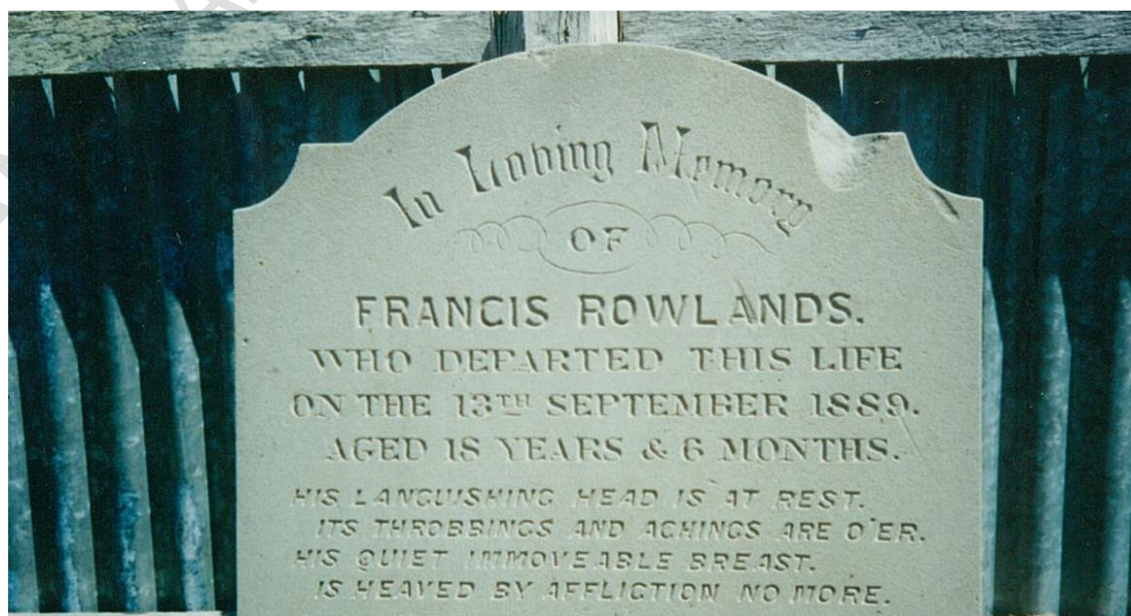
2. **Francis ROWLANDS** born 19 April 1871 in Stanley and baptised 24 June 1871 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as seaman. Francis committed suicide through drowning 13 September 1889 and was buried at Port Stephens.

**DEATHS.**

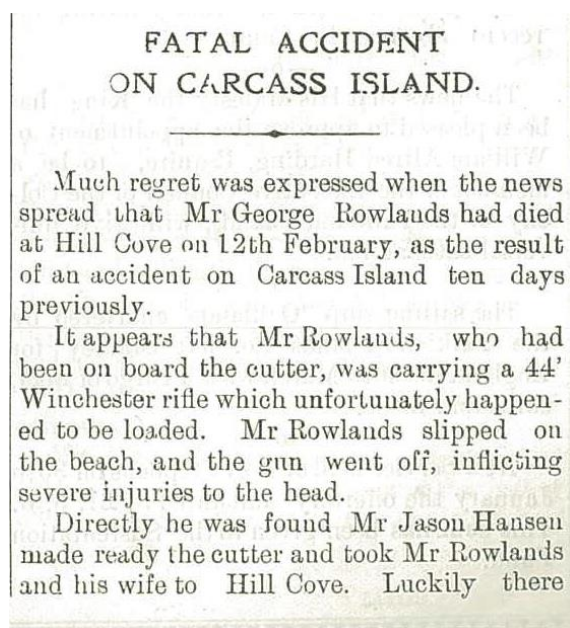
HAMILTON. Stanley, October 9, Captain Hamilton, of the iron barque *Arethusa*, of exposure.  
NICOL. Moffitt Harbour, September 13, Mrs. Nicol, aged 34.  
ROWLAND. Stanley, September 14, Johanna Rowland, aged 15.  
ROWLAND. Port Stephens, September 13, Francis Rowland, Jun.. Drowned, aged 18½ years,  
Verdict of Coroner's Court. Suicide by drowning, while of unsound mind.

Much commiseration is felt for Captain & Mrs. Rowland, who have lost 4 children within 9 months. Mary Jane, aged 12 years. Anna Janet, aged 2 years & 9 months. and the above. Francis seemed much depressed by the loss of his two sisters, (he had not heard of the death of the third), and was being watched: the man in charge wanted a few bricks, the boy said he would go for them; not returning, a search was instituted, he was found drowned in a creek in but 2½ feet of water, with a brick in each hand.

[FIM Nov 1889]



3. **George ROWLANDS** born 9 March 1873 at Fitzroy and baptised 25 May 1873 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as seaman. George, a sergeant in the Falkland Islands Volunteer Force, was made efficient in June 1895. [FIM Dec 1895] George, a carpenter, was married to **Alice Maud DAVIS** 11 November 1903 at the house of Mrs Wang, Stanley by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Charles Wang and Ann Elizabeth Wang. George's father was recorded as captain of the *Fortuna* and Alice's father was recorded as John Davis, sailmaker. George, age 47, died 13 February 1921 at Hill Cove as the result of an accidental gunshot wound on Carcass Island ten days previously.



was a good breeze and the journey was soon accomplished. Doctor Craddock, who was telephoned for, immediately started from Fox Bay. Mr Luxton sent horses and a guide to meet him & take him along until the guide from Hill Cove was encountered. By this means Mr Rowlands was able to receive medical attention with the least possible delay.

Under the skilful treatment of Doctor Craddock and with the nursing of Mrs Rowlands, Mrs Miller, Mr H. Bonner and Mr Shroeder the patient showed considerable improvement, and for some time hopes were entertained of his recovery. However, these hopes proved vain, and the end came quite suddenly.

The funeral was at Hill Cove on 14th February, when the service was read by the Dean who happened to be in the neighbourhood.

Mrs George Rowlands feels that every possible attention was given to her husband, and she and her family wish to convey their grateful thanks to all their friends for their kindness.

[April 1921].

- George was buried 14 February 1921 at Hill Cove. Alice, a widow was married to (2) **Ole Albert STEVENSEN**, mariner from Norway, 21 January 1922. Alice, age 60 and a housewife, died 19 May 1947 and was buried in Grave P 1340. In her will dated 20 December 1940, Alice appointed her eldest son, James George Rowlands, to be her executor and left all of her property to be rented for the support of Ole and any of her children that may be under sixteen years of age; Ole was to be paid £5 per month for his support during his lifetime and the balance of the rental income was to be paid to her eldest daughter Rebecca Maud Clifton for the support of any of her children that may be under the age of sixteen. At the death of her husband and if her youngest child was over sixteen years of age; her property was to be sold and the proceeds of the sale to be divided equally between all of her surviving children. Ole, age 72 and a mariner, died 4 February 1949 and was buried in 6 February 1949 in Grave Q 1393
4. **Johanna ROWLANDS** born 29 January 1875 in Stanley and baptised 10 February 1876 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as seaman. Joanna died 15 September 1889 in Stanley from syncope and was buried 17 September 1889 in Grave A99.
5. **Mary Jane ROWLANDS** born 3 November 1876 in Stanley and baptised 30 September 1877 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as seaman. Mary Jane died 16 December 1888 from typhoid gastritis and was buried 19 December 1888 in Grave A100. Her father was the master of the schooner *Fair Rosamund* at the time of her death.

6. **Theodore Conrad 'Conrad' 'Con' ROWLANDS** born 25 July 1879 in Stanley and baptised 2 October 1879 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as seaman. Theodore departed 19 July 1893 on board the *Denderah* with his parents and brother. He learnt to play the violin in a music school in Gosport while they were waiting for the *Fortuna* to be ready for the voyage to the Falkland Islands. The *Fortuna* departed Portsmouth on 14 February 1894. Theodore, a labourer, was married to **Lucy YATES**, divorced, 14 March 1928 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by M Craigie Halkett, Ag Registrar General. The witnesses were Gwen King and A B King. Theodore's father was recorded as Francis Theodore Rowlands, deceased, and Lucy's father was recorded as Richard Larsen, deceased. Theodore, age 90 and a labourer, died 1 January 1970 in Stanley and was buried 5 January 1970 in Grave U 2149. Lucy, age 78, died 26 December 1979 in Stanley and was buried 29 December 1979 in Grave U 2150.



**Con and Lucy in 1951**

7. **Frances ROWLANDS** born 25 November 1881 in Stanley and baptised 20 September 1882 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as mariner. Frances departed 26 August 1891 on board the *Orissa* bound for London. Frances was married to **Albert Ferdinand LELLMAN**, carpenter, 27 February 1907 at Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley by C Rome Hall, BA, Assistant Chaplain. The witnesses were Franz F Lellman and F Rowlands. Albert's father was recorded as Francis Joseph Lellman, carpenter and Frances' father was recorded as Francis Rowlands, master mariner. Frances, age 49 and a housewife, went on holiday to Uruguay and Argentina in 1932. She was recorded as being 5' 4" tall with brown eyes and brown hair. Albert, age 62 and a carpenter, went to Montevideo for medical and a holiday in 1943. He was recorded as being 5' 6" tall with blue eyes and grey hair. Frances, age 51, died 22 November 1933 from coma and diabetes mellitus. Albert, age 92 and a carpenter, died 13 July 1973 in Stanley and was buried 17 July 1973 in Grave U 1809.



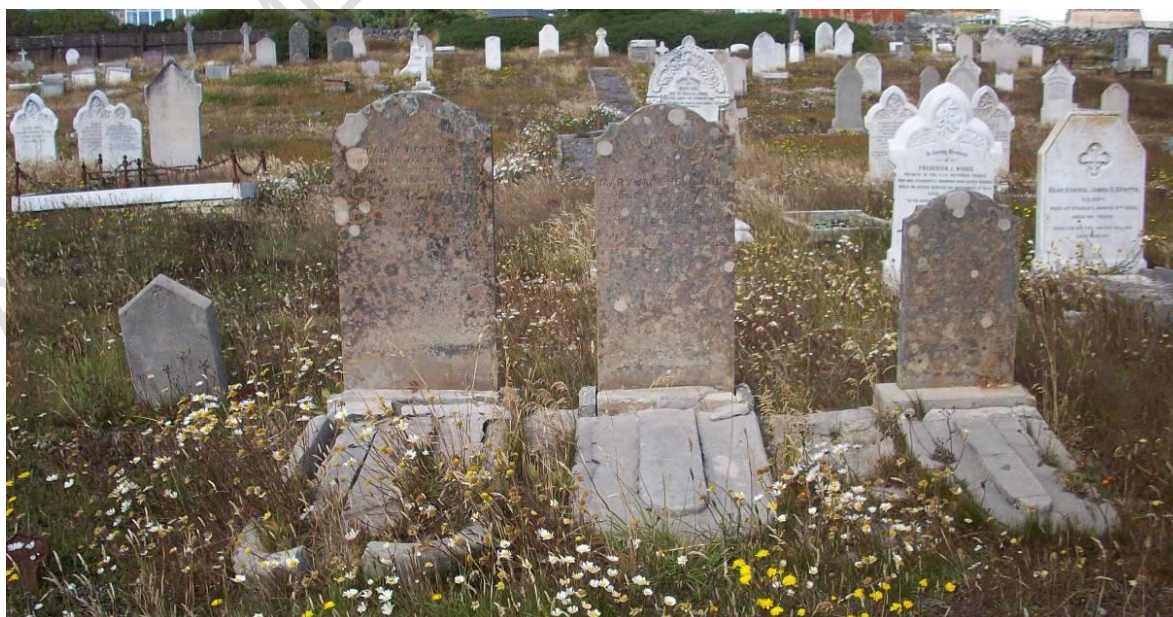
**Frances with her mother circa 1893, Frances in 1932 and Albert in 1943**

8. **James Harold ROWLAND** born 5 December 1883 in Stanley and baptised 20 July 1884. His father's occupation was recorded as mariner. James departed 19 July 1893 on board the *Denderah* with his parents and brother. They returned on the *Fortuna* which departed Portsmouth on 14 February 1894. James departed 12 June 1919 on board the *Antartico*. He returned 9 November 1922 on board the *Ortega*. James, and his nephew Jim, departed 13 October 1933 on board the *Lafonia* to work on the Pesca land station at South Georgia. They returned 9 April 1934. James, and his nephews Jim and William, departed 13 October 1934 on board the *Lafonia* to work in the whaling industry at South Georgia. James departed 12 January 1935 on board the *Lafonia*, bound for the UK via Montevideo. He arrived back 14 September 1935 on board the *Lafonia*. James was married to **Agnes Mary IRISH** (*not in the Falkland Islands*). James and Agnes arrived 19 November 1938 on board the *Lafonia*. James, age 67 and a sailor, and Agnes, age 67, emigrated to England in 1951.



**Agnes and James in 1938**

9. **Anna Janet ROWLANDS** born 5 June 1886 in Stanley and baptised at Darwin by the United Free Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as mariner. Anna died 11 March 1889 in Stanley from enteric fever and was buried 13 March 1889 in Grave A101.



**Joanna, Mary Jane and Anna Janet ROWLANDS**

### Children of Francis and Elizabeth ROWLANDS:

- a. **Boy ROWLANDS** born 1 January 1897. Stillborn (*no birth, death or burial record*). [FIM Feb 1897]
- b. **Lillian Ellen "Lily" ROWLANDS** born 30 June 1898 in Stanley and baptised 8 September 1898 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as mariner. Lillian was married to **Gavin Robert Lockhart BROWN**, clerk, 1 December 1920 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Robert Greenshields and D E Rowlands. Gavin's father was recorded as Gavin Brown, deceased stevedore. Gavin, age 51 and a civil servant, and Lillian age 35, emigrated to the UK in 1933. Gavin was recorded as being 5' 8 ½" tall with blue eyes and grey hair and Lillian was recorded as being 5' 8" tall with grey eyes and blond hair.



Gavin and Lillian in 1933

#### Mrs Brown's Departure.

It was a surprise to us all when we learnt that Mrs Brown was soon to leave the Colony for England. What is a loss to some is a gain to others. Ours is the loss here of a capable and faithful Church-worker but the gain will be that of the parish at home which is fortunate enough to welcome her.

From her earliest years she has been a devoted worker in the various parochial objects of the Cathedral Church. As Sunday School Teacher to which work she has given her whole life so far, and afterwards as organist. Of late she has rendered valuable services as Secretary of the Mother's Union and also of the Women's Fellowship. For years she rendered yeoman service to the work of the Bazaars, and in many other directions has given worthy service. What makes the loss even greater is that all the duties she undertook she was so practical and efficient. If she did a thing she would make a success of it. It is not every willing heart that is capable of this, for all can be willing though not all can be efficient, and workers of that type are hard to replace.

She will be a great loss to the children who loved her and who were, in return loved by her. They will never forget her kind and gentle, though always very firm manner. They will remember the delightful music she rendered at the organ during the Children's Service and the Catechism.

In this short article for the Church Magazine we are only concerned with her as Church Worker but she will also be remembered for her services rendered in good work for the Colony in the civil life without the Church in many directions and to which it would be impossible to give full due in the space at our disposal here.

Our best and sincere wishes go with her husband, and Dorothy her daughter, and with Mrs Rowlands her mother.

We wish them Bon voyage, Godspeed, and Goodbye. 'Ave atque vale' as the old Romans said "Hail! and Farewell!"

[FIM August 1933]

- c. **Francis Arthur ROWLANDS** born 28 December 1901 and baptised 18 February 1902 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as mariner. Francis went to the UK with his mother, sister and half-sister 7 January 1903 on board the *Orellana*.
- d. **Dorothy Elizabeth ROWLANDS** born 31 March 1903 at Burton-on-Trent, England. Dorothy arrived from Liverpool on board the *Orissa* with her mother, half-sister Frances and sister Lily 5 August 1903. Dorothy was appointed a pupil teacher 22 January 1917 on annual salary of £24. Dorothy departed 2 April 1922 on board the *Orcoma* bound for the UK, with her mother. They arrived back 28 September 1922 on board the *Oriana*. Dorothy resumed her duties as pupil teacher in the Government School 2 November 1922. Dorothy went on holiday to the UK with her mother, departing 4 July 1924 on board the *Ortega*. Dorothy was married to **Frank Austin BOYCE** 30 August 1924 at St Peter's, Slough, England. Dorothy died 17 April 1999 in Bedford, England.

Congratulations to Miss Mary Short and Miss Dorothy Rowlands on their success in the second examination prescribed at the Government School for Pupil Teachers.

Congratulations to Miss Dorothy Rowlands and Miss Mary Short on their success in the third examination for Pupil Teachers prescribed by the Government School.

[FIM February 1919 and February 2020]

## The Government School

We Government School children were very happy on the 27th of June to give Miss D. Rowlands a parting wedding gift and to be able to thank her for her seven and a half years service to the school. In her leaving we feel we are losing a much loved friend. The presentation was given on the 27th at three o'clock by two of the four girls who had originated the idea of a school wedding present. Betty Felton made a short speech, which was followed by the presentation by Mary Sullivan and Muriel Newing while Nellie Osborne called for three cheers which were given with much heartiness and goodwill. Miss Rowlands expressed her thanks and the much looked forward to holiday began.

*Alumna.*

A radio has been received announcing the safe arrival of the 'Ortega' and the conversion of Miss Dorothy Rowlands into Mrs. Frank Boyce. Mr. & Mrs. Boyce will have the good wishes of a host of friends in the Falkland Islands where both bride and bridegroom are well known.

[FIM July 1924 and October 1924]



Frank, a warrant telegraphist, in 1919

On Saturday last at St. Paul's Church, Slough, was celebrated the wedding of Miss Dorothy Elizabeth Rowlands, younger daughter of Mrs. Rowlands and the late Captain Rowlands, of the Falkland Islands, South America, and Mr. Frank Austin Boyce, elder son of Mr. T. A. Boyce, of Stoke Road, Slough. The vicar, the Rev. R. Hack, officiated and, in a short address, he mentioned the work of the bride in connection with the Falkland Islands Cathedral. Mr. H. Stanbrook was at the organ. The bride was given away by her uncle, Mr. Baker, of Nottingham and was attended by Miss Iris Baker, her cousin, Miss C. Boyce and Miss F. Boyce, sisters of the bridegroom, Miss G. Bunday, and Miss E. Bunday, cousins of the bridegroom. The best man was Mr. S. Boyce, the bridegroom's brother. The bride, who carried a sheaf of lillies, wore a dress of ivory satin, draped with silver lace and embroidered with pearls. The dresses of the bridesmaids were of ivory crepe de chine, trimmed with lace. They wore ruby drop pendants, gifts of the bridegroom, and carried beautiful bouquets of red roses. The bride's mother was dressed in mauve silk and carried a basket of mauve and pink sweet peas, the gift of the bridegroom, while Mrs. Boyce wore a dress of grey crepe de chine, embroidered in silver, with hat and shoes to match. She carried a bouquet of red rose buds. The three-tier wedding cake was decorated with ships and anchors. After the reception, which was held at the Oakley Hall, Slough, Mr. and Mrs. Boyce left by car for their honeymoon, which will be spent touring. There were 173 handsome and costly presents.

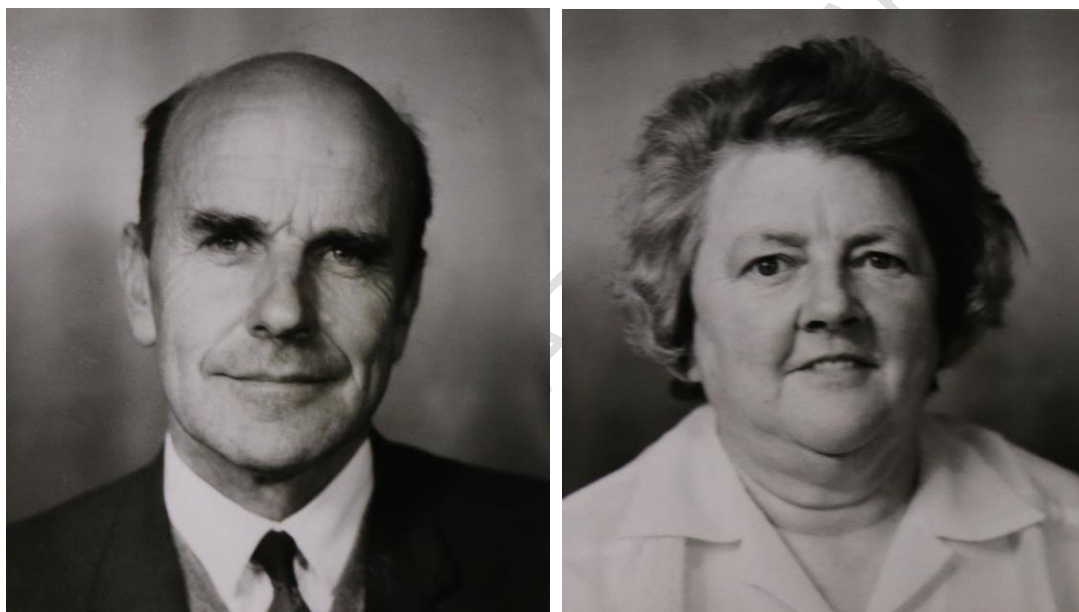
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## SECOND GENERATION:

### Children of George ROWLANDS (3) and Janet SMITH:

1. **Helen "Nellie" SMITH** born 25 November 1903. Her father's name was not recorded. **Nellie ENNENGA**, a shop assistant, was married to **Walter Forrest "Forrest" McWHAN**, nonconformist minister from Scotland, 19 March 1940 at the Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle), Stanley by Special Licence by Ernest John Brain, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were William Henry Sedgwick and Edith Mary Pitaluga. Nellie's father was recorded as George Rowlands, deceased and Forrest's father was recorded as Andrew Alexander McWhan, medical officer of health. Walter, age 51 and a minister, and Nellie, age 61, went to the UK for a visit in 1964. Forrest was recorded as being 5' 10" tall with blue eyes and brown hair and Nellie was recorded as being 5' tall with green eyes and grey hair. Forrest, age 52, died from cancer 25 August 1965 in the Royal Infirmary, Falkirk, Scotland and was buried in Duns New Cemetery, Duns, Scottish Borders, Scotland. Nellie, age 70 and a widow, died in Stanley 31 August 1974 and was buried 3 September 1974 in Grave U 1835.



Forrest and Nellie in 1964

### Children of George (3) and Alice ROWLANDS:

1. **Rebecca Maud 'Maud' ROWLANDS** born 10 April 1904 in Stanley and baptised 14 May 1904 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Rebecca was married to **Thomas Stanley CLIFTON**, shepherd, 29 September 1926 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by Frederick S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Albert Clifton and Alice Elizabeth Rowlands. Thomas' father was recorded as Henry Clifton, butcher, and Rebecca's father was recorded as James George Rowlands, carpenter. Thomas, age 26 and a shepherd, and Rebecca, age 25, went to Punta Arenas, Chile in 1929 seeking employment. Thomas was recorded as being 5' 2 1/2" tall with blue eyes and dark brown hair and Rebecca was recorded as being 5' tall with brown eyes and black hair. Rebecca, age 42 and a housekeeper, and her son Clive departed 18 November 1946 on board the ss *Fitzroy* bound for Montevideo. According to the FI Weekly News and her passport application they were travelling to Australia via Buenos Aires. According to family history they went to Tasmania. Thomas departed for the UK via Montevideo 18 December 1946 as he was going to take part in the Victory Parade. His son Gerard accompanied him. Thomas and his son Gerard left Montevideo 27 February 1947 on board

the ss *Lafonia* bound for Stanley. Rebecca, age 43, and Clive, age 5, left Montevideo 30 July 1947 on board the ss *Lafonia* bound for Stanley. Rebecca, age 44, and Clive, age 6, left the Falklands 7 March 1949 on the ss *Lafonia*. According to family history when they got to England they went to live with Thora, Rebecca's half-sister, and Bill Mansfield, in Nelson, Lancashire. Later on, Rebecca bought the house next door and she took in lodgers. Eventually, she married one of them and became Mrs Joe Taylor (Rebecca and Thomas divorced in 1951). Joe died circa 1981 and Rebecca went to live with her son, Clive, in Sale, Manchester. Rebecca, age 91, died in 1987.



Thomas and Rebecca in 1929

2. **Alice Elizabeth ROWLANDS** born 26 November 1905 in Punta Arenas and baptised 17 December 1905 in Punta Arenas. Her godparents were recorded as Mrs Davies and the parents. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Alice, age 21 and a domestic, went to Montevideo, Uruguay for her health in 1927. Alice was married to **John George DABINETT**, labourer, 26 April 1929 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by A B Hoare, Ag Registrar General. The witnesses were Dennis Wheatley and Malvina Rowlands. John's father was recorded as John Dabinett, farmer, and Alice's father was recorded as George Rowlands, carpenter. Johns, age 22, and Alice, age 23, moved to South Petherton, England in 1929 where John was going farming. John was recorded as being 5' 11" tall with blue eyes and brown hair and Alice was recorded as being 5' 2" tall with grey eyes and brown hair.



John and Alice in 1929

3. **Malvina Frances 'Mally' ROWLANDS** born 1 November 1907 in Stanley and baptised 20 November 1907 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Malvina was married to (1) **Charles Edward AIKEN**, ship steward and British, 29 March 1930 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by M Craigie Halkett. The witnesses were Rebecca Maud Clifton and Elizabeth Wheatley. Charles' father was recorded as George Frederick Aiken, motor engineer, and Malvina's father was recorded as George Rowlands, deceased. Malvina, age 22, went to Montevideo for a holiday in 1930. She was recorded as being 4' 10" tall with blue eyes and black hair. Malvina, a divorcee, was married to (2) **Frederick Aubrey SEDGWICK**, mariner, 10 June 1937 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by A W Beardmore, Registrar General. The witnesses were William Henry Sedgwick and Daisy May Betts. Frederick's father was recorded as Henry Horace Sedgwick, deceased seaman, and Malvina's father was recorded as George Rowlands, deceased carpenter. Malvina, age 36 and a housewife living on Fitzroy Road, went to Montevideo on holiday in 1946. She was recorded as being 4' 10 ½" tall with grey eyes and black hair. Frederick, age 56 and a mariner, emigrated to the UK in 1951. He was recorded as being 5' 10 ¼" tall with blue eyes, brown hair and tattoos on his arms.



Malvina in 1930



Frederick in 1951 and Malvina in 1946

4. **James George "Jim" ROWLANDS** born 29 June 1909 in Stanley and baptised 4 August 1909 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Jim, age 16, started work as an assistant steward on the ss *Falkland* on a monthly wage of £7-10-0 with a promise of a rise to £10 if he stayed until he turned 18. In May 1928 he was still working on the ship. [FIC/EF/] On Thursday 28 May 1931 James proceeded to Johnson's Harbour as a member of the crew of the motor boat owned by Iver Bjarne Steen. James was rowing the pram back to the motor boat in Johnson's Harbour when about 180 yards from the beach the pram lurched and he was thrown head first into the sea. He could not swim and commenced to choke and lost consciousness. Iver jumped into the sea and swam to his rescue, struggling through a kelp patch. James surfaced after being underwater twice and lying motionless started to struggle and sank. Iver dived and grabbed him by the collar and swam back to the beach, having to pull himself with one hand through the kelp patch. He applied artificial respiration and after five minutes James regained consciousness. Iver was awarded a bronze medal by the Royal Humane Society. [PPL-MED-1-6] Jim, and his uncle James, departed 13 October 1933 on board the *Lafonia* to work on the Pesca land station at South Georgia. They returned 9 April 1934. Jim, and his uncle James and brother William, departed 13 October 1934 on board the *Lafonia* to work in the whaling industry at South Georgia. Jim and William arrived back 13 April 1935 on board the *Lafonia*. James, a shepherd, was married to (1) **Louisa Rose ANDERSON** 7 July 1945 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by J E Hamilton, Registrar General. The witnesses were

Rebecca Maud Clifton and Joyce Maud Stevensen. James' father was recorded as George Rowlands, deceased, and Louisa's father was recorded as Ludwick Riley Anderson, shepherd. Louisa, age 24, died 1 September 1950 from heart failure and tuberculosis and was buried 5 September 1950 in Grave 1433. James, a widower and labourer, was married to (2) **Phillis Ileen Edith RUTTER**, widow, 2 June 1956 at the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by Harold Bennett, Registrar General. The witnesses were W R Rowlands, John Lang, Sylva Spencer and Genevieve Rutter. James' father was recorded as George Rowlands, deceased carpenter, and Phillis' father was recorded as William Henry Goss, deceased. James, a coxswain, died 2 July 1963 in Stanley from a cerebral haemorrhage and was buried 5 July 1963 in Grave Q1741. Phillis, age 49 and a domestic servant emigrated to New Zealand in 1964. She was recorded as being 5' 1" tall with grey eyes and fair hair.



**Phillis in 1964**

5. **Daisy May ROWLANDS** born 27 November 1913 and baptised 18 April 1918 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Daisy was married to **Cyril Severine BETTS**, labourer, 11 April 1931 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by G R L Brown, Registrar General. The witnesses were Malvina Frances Aiken and Ellen Maude Carey. Cyril's father was recorded as Alexander John Betts, shepherd, and Daisy's father was recorded as George Rowlands, deceased labourer. Daisy and Cyril later divorced. Daisy, age 29 and general worker, went to the UK in 1943 for war work or to join the forces. She was recorded as being 5' 4" tall with brown eyes and brown hair.



**Daisy in 1943**

6. **William John ROWLANDS** born 4 February 1916 on Weddell Island and baptised 18 April 1916 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. William, a labourer was married to (1) **Alice Annie MILLS** 27 September 1934 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by A R Hoare, Ag Registrar General. The witnesses were Malvina Aiken and Daisy Betts. William's father was recorded as George Rowlands, deceased carpenter, and Alice's father was recorded as Thomas Henry Mills, gardener. William, and his uncle James and brother Jim, departed 13 October 1934 on board the *Lafonia* to work in the whaling industry at South Georgia. William and Jim arrived back 13 April 1935 on board the *Lafonia*. William departed 10 November 1935 on board the *Lafonia* for the whaling season in South Georgia, returning 11 April 1936. William, age 26 and a ship's cook, went to South American ports and the UK in 1942 as part of his occupation. He was recorded as being 5' 4 1/4" tall with blue eyes, black hair and a tattoo on his right arm. William and Alice divorced in April 1945. William, a divorced steward, was married to (2) **Catherine Annie "Rene" ALDRIDGE** 12 December 1954 at the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by H Bennett, Registrar General. The witnesses were E F Lellman and R McCallum. William's father was recorded as George Rowlands, deceased, and Catherine's father was recorded as Stephen Charles Victor Aldridge, foreman. Catherine, age 37 and a housewife living at 3 Hebe Street, went overseas on holiday in 1966. She was recorded as being 5' 1" tall with green eyes and light brown hair. William and Catherine divorced in 1968.



William in 1942 and Catherine in 1966

#### Children of Theodore (6) and Lucy ROWLANDS:

1. **John Richard ROWLANDS** born 3 April 1928 and baptised 1 July 1928 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. John, a greaser, was married to **Daisy Malvina BOWLES**, age 22, 11 June 1951 at Christ Church Cathedral by M Floyd Jones BA, Clerk. The witnesses were Richard Victor Goss and Alice D Goss. Daisy's father was recorded as George Edward Bowles, labourer. John, age 24 and a ship's fireman living at 8 Ross Road, went to the UK in 1952 as a member of the crew of RMS *Fitzroy*. He was recorded as being 6' 1" tall with blue eyes and fair hair. John died 26 February 2000 and was buried 2 March 2000 in Grave V3317.



**Wedding of John and Daisy Rowlands**

**Back L-R: Con and Lucy Rowlands, Dick Goss, John and Daisy Rowlands, Beat Morrison,  
Mrs Dick Goss, Bella and George Bowles, Daisy Bowles.**

**Front L-R: Harold Rowlands, Willie Bowles, Frances Bowles, Ronnie Morrison**



**John in 1952**

2. **Betty Josephine ROWLANDS** born 29 August 1929 in Stanley and baptised 1 December 1932 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Betty was married to **Basil William BIGGS**, caretaker, 4 September 1947 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by J E Hamilton, Registrar General. The witnesses were Eileen N Biggs and Terence L Biggs. Basil's father was recorded as Bernard Claude Biggs, storekeeper. Basil, age 50 and a constable-handyman at South Georgia, and Betty, age 38 and a housewife, went to the UK on leave in 1968. Basil was recorded as being 5' 9" tall with blue eyes, brown hair and a scar on his left jaw and Betty was recorded as being 5' 6" tall with blue eyes and fair hair. Basil, age 69 and retired, died 8 May 1987 and was buried 13 May 1987 in Grave R 3075. Betty, age 79, died 17 September 2008 and was buried 24 September 2008 in Grave U 3481 next to her parents.



**Basil and Betty in 1968**

3. **Harold Theodore ROWLANDS** born 10 July 1931 and baptised 28 February 1932 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Harold, age 39 and a civil servant, went to the UK on holiday in 1971. He was recorded as being 5' 6" tall with blue/grey eyes and fair hair. Harold, a retired financial secretary, died 17 April 2004 in Stanley by drowning.



**Harold in 1971**

### Children of Frances (7) and Albert LELLMAN:

1. **Francis Theodore LELLMAN** born 11 February 1908 in Stanley and baptised 29 March 1908 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Francis, an apprentice carpenter when to England in 1931. Francis, a travelling teacher, went on holiday to Montevideo in 1943. Francis, a schoolteacher, was married to **Mildred Gladys BRAXTON**, clerk, 26 March 1946 at Christ Church Cathedral by R G R Calvert, Chaplain. The witnesses were Winifred Joyce McLeod and Henry William Alfred Stewart. Mildred's father was recorded as Thomas Braxton, mason. Mildred, age 24, went on holiday to Uruguay in 1947. She was recorded as being 5' 2" tall with grey eyes and brown hair. Mildred died 29 August 1949, age 26, from pulmonary tuberculosis and was buried 31 August 1949 in Grave C1406. Francis died overseas in 1900 and his ashes were buried 13 April 1991 in Grave 1809.



**Mildred in 1947**

2. **Karl Vernon LELLMAN** born 25 January 1910. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Karl, a clerk, was married to **Mary Malvina 'Mally' REIVE**, clerk, at the Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle), Stanley by Banns by Walter Forrest McWhan, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were H H Sedgwick and P M Atkins. Mary's father was recorded as Thomas Reive, butcher. Karl served in the Falkland Islands Defence Force of 25 years and reached the rank of sergeant. Karl, age 43 and a town clerk, and Mary, age 39, emigrated to New Zealand via the UK in 1953. Karl was recorded as being 5' 5" tall with brown eyes and dark brown hair and Mary was recorded as being 5' 2" tall with blue eyes and light brown hair. Karl, age 100, died 5 August 2010 in Auckland, New Zealand. His obituary published in the New Zealand Herald read '*LELLMAN, Karl. On Thursday 5 August 2010 at Beechworth Home And Hospital; in his 101st year. Loved husband of the late Mal. Loved father and father-in-law of Michael and Pauline and John and Robyn. Adoring Grandfather of Philippa and Karl and loved Great-Grandfather of Benjamin and Natalie. Thank you to Browns Bay Retirement Village and Beechworth Home And Hospital. In lieu of flowers donations please to Starship Foundation, PO Box 99389, Newmarket 1149. A service will be held at the North Harbour Chapel of Dil's Funeral Services, 185 Schnapper Rock Road, Albany on Wednesday 11 August at 1pm followed by private cremation.*'



**Karl and Mary in 1953**

3. **Nancy Sybill Francis LELLMAN** born 5 April 1915 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Nancy, a clerk, was married to **David Masterton HONEYMAN**, schoolmaster, 27 March 1937 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by Gerald K Lowe, Chaplain. The witnesses were Karl Lellman and Ellen Lellman. David's father was recorded as Andrew Honeyman, clerk. David, age 51 and a teacher living at Darwin, and Nancy, age 39, went on holiday to the UK and Montevideo in 1935. David was recorded as being 5' 9" tall with blue eyes and dark hair and Nancy was recorded as being 5' 2" tall with blue eyes and brown hair. In 1941 they moved to Argentina where David taught in a small private school and in a prep school. They then went to Scotland where David took a teachers training course. David took over as headmaster in the Government School, Stanley in 1949. In 1952 David became headmaster of Darwin Boarding School and Nancy became matron. In 1957 they moved to Edinburgh, later emigrating to New Zealand. David, age 71 years, 11 months and 4 days, died 5 July 1975 in Palmerston North and was buried in Kelvin Grove Cemetery. Nancy, age 98 years, 11 months and 15 days, in 20 March 2014 in Palmerston North and was buried with her husband in Kelvin Grove Cemetery.



**David and Nancy in 1935**

4. **Boy LELLMAN** born 7 January 1922. Stillborn. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. (*No burial or grave record*).

**Children of Lillian (a) and Gavin BROWN:**

- a. **Dorothy Elizabeth BROWN** born 18 October 1921. Her father's occupation was recorded as civil servant.

***DESCENDANTS OF FRANCIS AND JANET STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS***