

## STOKES 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.*

**William STOKES** was born circa 1810 in Lewisham, Kent, England to **Thomas** and **Caroline STOKES**.

William, age 14, enlisted 4 October 1824 in Lewisham. William was married to **Ellen O'NEIL** 11 July 1838 in Bishop Monmouth Church, Sunderland, England. Ellen was born in 1819 in Monmouth, Sunderland, England.

William transferred to the 88<sup>th</sup> Regiment 31 May 1844. William was discharged in Chatham, England 28 November 1848.

William and Ellen arrived in Stanley, Falkland Islands on board the *Victory* 13 October 1849 with their children **John STOKES** and **Louisa STOKES**.

William is recorded in the Falklands 1851 Census as being age 40 and a pensioner of England. Ellen is recorded as being age 30 and of England.

In 1851 William was convicted for drunkenness and abusive language and sentenced to 7 days imprisonment with hard labour. The same year he had a second offence of drunkenness and was fined 10 shillings and was also convicted of using indecent language and insulting words with intention to provoke a breach of the peace and was sentenced to 10 days imprisonment with hard labour.

On 14 May 1853 William signed a petition requesting to be moved to a more genial climate such as New Zealand or Australia. At that time he was earning 3 shillings a day on Government works.

Circa 1854 William donated 2 shillings and sixpence towards the fund for the orphan Susan Reddie.

In a letter dated 18 November 1856 Thomas HAVERS informed the directors of the Falkland Islands Company Ltd that *'William Stokes our present blacksmith wishes for an accordion of 24 keys and Instructor with a Selection of sacred music – and one of airs and songs for the same instrument. He is a good pay and a decent old man, therefore if it can be sent I would like to get it for him.'*

William, Ellen and their children John, Louisa, Henry, James and Elizabeth left – probably in January 1858 on board the *Ealing Grove*.

William enlisted in the Enrolled Pensioners Force of Western Australia and Tasmania in England and arrived in Fremantle, Australia. William was discharged in Perth, Western Australia.

Ellen died 18 November 1878 in Geraldton, Western Australia.

William, age 73, died 16 May 1881 in Geraldton, Western Australia.

### Children of William and Ellen STOKES:

1. **William Innes STOKES** born circa 1837 in Innesfallen, Ireland. William, age 4 years, died 21 August 1841 in Limerick, Ireland.
2. **Sarah STOKES** born circa 1838 in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Sarah, age 7 months, died 4 July 1839 in Belfast, Northern Ireland.
3. **John Gallway STOKES** born 7 January 1843 in Galway, Ireland. John arrived in Stanley, Falkland Islands on board the *Victory* 13 October 1849 with his parents and sister and is recorded in the Falklands 1851 Census as being age 8. 1 April 1855 he is recorded as attending the Government School, age 12 and able to read and write. He missed 30 days of school in February and March as working at peat. John died 4 December 1871 in Champion Bay, Geraldton, Australia.
4. **Louisa STOKES** born 23 March 1844 (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Louisa arrived in Stanley, Falkland Islands on board the *Victory* 13 October 1849 with her parents and brother and is recorded in the Falklands 1851 Census as being age 3. 1 April 1855 she is recorded as attending the Government School, age 7 and able to read but not write. She missed 1 day of school in February and March. Louisa was married to **Fredrick Gibson INGLEWOOD** 10 November 1864 (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Louisa died 16 September 1901 (*not in the Falkland Islands*).
5. **Ellen STOKES** born 6 June 1846 in Galway, Ireland. Ellen died in 1849 in Birmingham, England.
6. **Henry STOKES** born 11 June 1850 and baptised 28 July 1850 by Holy Trinity Church. Henry was recorded in the Falklands 1851 Census as being an infant, no name. On 1 April 1855 he is recorded as attending the Government School, age 5 and able to read a little but not write. He missed 1 day of school in February and March. Henry was married to **Cecilia FLETCHER** (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Henry died 11 July 1927 in Perth, Australia.
7. **James Stanley STOKES** born 11 September 1851 in Stanley and baptised 7 November 1852 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as gunmaker. James was married to **Mary Ann McMULLEN** (*not in the Falkland Islands*). James died 19 July 1927 in Geraldton, Western Australia.
8. **Evilina STOKES** born 25 March 1854 in Stanley and baptised 7 May 1854 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as gunmaker. Evelina, age 1 year and 1 month, died in Stanley 17 May 1855 from being accidentally burnt and was buried 19 May 1855 (*no Grave record*).
9. **Elizabeth Stanley STOKES** born 23 November 1856 in Stanley and baptised 4 January 1857 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as blacksmith and gunsmith. Elizabeth was married to **Edward BERRINGER** (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Elizabeth died 22 September 1952 (*not in the Falkland Islands*).
10. **Mary Waterside STOKES** born 28 October 1859 in Waterside, Londonderry, Northern Ireland. Mary was married to **Edward ARUNDAL** 2 November 1891. Mary died 29 April 1921.
11. **Thomas Grenough STOKES** born 5 July 1865 in Grenough Flats, Western Australia. Thomas was married to **Jane BAKER** 5 June ? . Thomas died 1 March 1930.