

BOWLES 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.

George John BOWLES was a passenger on board the *Cordova* leaving London Docks 27 February 1882. The *Cordova*, a British vessel of 521 tons arrived in Stanley August 1882. George came out to work for George Cobb on Lively Island. [FIC C1, desp 602; Shipping Registers] George, a labourer on Lively Island, was married to **Charlotte Caroline TAYLOR**, residing in Stanley and Lively Island, 18 September 1886, in the house of William Harrison according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were W Harrison and Ellen Harriett Harrison. George's father was recorded as George Bowles, painter and Charlotte's father was recorded as James Taylor, wheelwright. Charlotte was born in Bath, England 11 April 1856 and George was born in Bath, England 16 July 1865.

George and his family moved to Hawk Hill in 1896. [FI Magazine Sep 1896]

George and Charlotte retired to England, departing 1 April 1924 on board the *Oriana*. [FIMagazine April/May 1924]

The best of good wishes will accompany Mr. & Mrs. George Bowles, Senior, in their retirement to England after forty two years spent in the Falkland Islands. The majority of the time has been passed in the service of the Falkland Islands Company. By their integrity and devotion to duty Mr. & Mrs. Bowles have won the esteem of a host of friends, and they have every reason to be proud of their record. Throughout they have both been loyal to the Church, and Mr Bowles has occasionally written accounts for the Magazine. We have hopes that he will now have leisure to become a more frequent contributor.

George and Charlotte celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in Bath 18 September 1936. [Penguin 19 Nov 1936]

George died in England in 1940. [FI News Weekly 7 March 1940]

COND O L E N C E S.

Many of our readers will be grieved to hear of the death, in England, of Mr George Bowles.

The late Mr Bowles is survived by his Widow and Two Sons and a Daughter, to whom we wish to convey our sincere condolences.

For 42 years, the late Mr Bowles resided in the Falklands, as a servant of the Falkland Islands Company, and retired to England on pension approximately 14 years ago. During his residence in the Falklands he was a very keen supporter of Christ Church Cathedral. Many of the older members of the community will remember "Old George" and regret his passing.

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of George and Charlotte BOWLES:

1. **George John BOWLES** born 18 September 1888 at Darwin and baptised **George Edward BOWLES** 23 April 1889 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as domestic servant and the family were living on Lively Island at the time. George, a navy, was married to (1) **Mary Ellen WATSON** 8 July 1920 at North Arm, East Falkland by Special Licence by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders 8 July 1920. The witnesses were William John Bowles and Isabella Bowles. George's father was recorded as George John Bowles, storekeeper, and Mary's father was recorded as William Henry Watson, shepherd. [Account of wedding FIM] Mary, divorced, was married to (2) **Donald Ewen MORRISON**, a British carter, 12 March 1930 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by M Craigie Halkett, Registrar General. The witnesses were Elspeth L McCullum and H C Ley. George, a divorced labourer, was married to (2) Isabella **Margaret McKENZIE** 22 June 1932 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Registrar General's Licence by G R L Brown, Registrar General. The witnesses were Marion McLeod and W J Bowles. George's father was recorded as George John Bowles, storekeeper, and Isabella's father was recorded as Alexander McKenzie, retired shepherd. Isabella died 20 January 1960 in Stanley, age 60, and was buried 21 January 1960 in Grave Q1657. George, a retired handyman, died 22 November 1966 in Stanley and was buried 24 November 1966 in Grave T2071.
2. **Frances Emily BOWLES** born 14 January 1891 at Moss Side, Lafonia and baptised 4 February 1891 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Frances was married to **Alexander Latto BLYTH**, navy, 28 February 1912 at Darwin Harbour by Edward J Seymour, Dean & Chaplain. The witnesses were George Edward Bowles and Charlotte Edith Bowles. Frances' father was recorded as George Bowles, gardener, and Alexander's father was recorded as John Blyth, blacksmith. [Account of wedding FIM] Frances died 14 March 1919 from pneumonia and heart failure at Darwin Harbour and is buried at Darwin. [Obituary FIM Apr 1919] Alexander, a retired handyman age 70, died 29 July 1959 in Stanley and was buried 1 August 1959 in Grave Q1638.
3. **William John BOWLES** born 6 April 1892 at Moss Side, Lafonia and baptised 9 May 1892 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. William, a shepherd, was married to **Isabella WATSON** 30 June 1915 at North Arm, East Falkland by Governor's Licence, by C McDonald Hobley, Chaplain Christ Church Cathedral 30 June 1915. The witnesses were Mary Ellen Watson, William Henry Watson and George Edward Bowles. William's father was recorded as George Bowles, farm labourer, and Isabella's father was recorded as William Watson, shepherd. [Account of wedding FIM] William, a retired handyman, died 31 May 1963 in Stanley and was buried 3 June 1963 in Grave Q1739. Isabella died 6 December 1975 in Stanley, age 80, and was buried 9 December 1975 in Grave U1863.
4. **Charlotte Edith "Lottie" BOWLES** born 17 November 1894 at Moss Side and baptised 6 February 1895 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Lottie was married to **Stanley Alexander STEWART**, shepherd, 6 August 1913 at Darwin by Edward J Seymour, Dean & Chaplain. The witnesses were David Gordon Stewart and Jane Burns. Charlotte's father was recorded as George Bowles, labourer, and Stanley's father was recorded as David Stewart, shepherd. [Account of wedding FIM] Charlotte and Stanley emigrated to the UK in 1945.

DESCENDANTS OF GEORGE & CHARLOTTE STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS