

HOWATT 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.

Frank Buchanan HOWATT was born 9 December 1888 in Glasgow. He probably first came to the Falkland Islands on board the RMS *Panama* from Liverpool, arriving in Stanley 6 July 1906 as he started work for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd on 11 July 1906, possibly at Darwin. In 1907 and 1908 he was working in the North Arm area and was earning £4 a month. He finished work with the Falkland Islands Company Ltd 5 March 1910 and had one months wages deducted for leaving during the season. On 9 May 1911 the Governor appointed Frank as a Lamplighter at an annual salary of £34.

Frank married **Elsie Malvina KELWAY** 17 January 1912 at Tabernacle, Stanley after Banns by Robert Johnson, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were G Kelway, junior and Alice Etheridge. Frank's father was recorded as Walter Donald Howatt, engineer and Elsie's as George Frederick Kelway, storekeeper.

On 14 July 1913 the Governor appointed Frank as Assistant Light-keeper at an annual salary of £96. He also received a house allowance of £36 a year. Sometime after January 1914 Frank and his family went to the UK. They arrived back from Liverpool with their family on board the *Orcoma* 8 December 1919. Frank must have resumed working for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd as in 1920 he represented them in a football match. In October 1927 Frank went to Punta Arenas in service with HMS *Afterglow*. On the 23 April 1936 Frank, Elsie and two of their children, Evelyn and Eric, departed for the UK on board the *Lafonia*. By November 1936 Frank was employed on mv *Cameroni* running between Glasgow & New York. [Penguin Wed 4 Nov 1936] In 1941 Frank was working as a shipyard worker. Frank died in Glasgow 20 December 1964 age 76.

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of Frank and Elsie:

1. **Girl HOWATT** born 5 November 1912 in Evelyn Cottage, Stanley. Stillborn.
2. **Donald George HOWATT** born 2 January 1914 in Stanley. His father was working as Assistant Light keeper at the time. Left the Falkland Islands 30 August 1929 for the UK via Montevideo on board the *Falkland* to enlist in the Navy. Returned 30 November 1931 as one of the crew of HMS *Dauntless*. Arrived back in the Falkland Islands 30 December 1936 on board the *Ajax*.
3. **Frank Derby HOWATT** born 16 March 1916 in Glasgow, Scotland. Arrived in the Falkland Islands 8 December 1919 on board the *Orcoma* from Liverpool. Baptised 29 August 1920 in Stanley. In March 1937 Frank went on holiday to the UK. He was working as a storekeeper at the time. Frank married **Elizabeth Ann Smith**, a schoolteacher, 13 September 1941 at the Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle), Stanley by Special Licence by Ernest John Brain, Minister of Religion. The witnesses were Margaret Emma Redmond and Edwin James Hutchinson. Frank was still working as a storekeeper by 1974. Frank died 26 November 1997.
4. **Evelyn Annie HOWATT** born [REDACTED]. Her father was working as a labourer for the Falkland Islands Company Limited at the time. In 1936 Evelyn was employed in a draper's shop in Glasgow. [Penguin Wed 4 Nov 1936]
5. **Eric Atherton HOWATT** born [REDACTED]. His father was working as a captain at the time.