LINDENBERG 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.

Karl Edward (Edward Karl) LINDENBERG was born 30 July 1884 in Windau, near Riga, Latvia to Andrew and Elizabeth LINDENBERG, both Russian. Both of his parents died before January 1937. According to his obituary Karl originally came to the Colony in the Baden-Powell. [FI Weekly News 5 Dec 1946] Karl left Halifax, Nova Scotia September 1907 on board the 94 ton sealing schooner Baden Powell. They sealed off the River Plate and arrived in the Falkland Islands October 1907. In November they anchored in the gulch on the north side of Elephant Jason Island with a cargo of 132 fur seal skins. The wind rose from the north and the ship dragged onto a large rock and started to break up. The crew jumped on to the rock and passed the food, guns and boats across and hauled it all up the cliff. The crew stayed on the island for 10 days then rowed for two days to Pebble Island with the intention of reaching Stanley but upon arrival at Pebble Island were informed that the schooner Richard Williams would be returning with wool and they decided to avail themselves of the chance so they stayed for a while helping with the farm work. The crew were brought into Stanley 22 December 1907 by the Richard Williams. Although they were suspected of seal poaching there was insufficient evidence for prosecution. According to Government files the Baden-Powell had a crew of 19. The Captain was John ANDERSON and the 1st mate Clement B CHRISTIAN. Fifteen of the crew departed 31 December 1907 on board the Orissa. One seaman, Walter STRUM did not go with the rest as he had broken his leg in a brawl outside the Globe Public House but was sent out on the mail steamer RMS Oravia February 1908. [420/07 & 442/07] Karl LINDENBERG and Robert HIRTLE remained and settled.

Karl sailed in the FIC schooner for some two years. He worked for 6 years on Carcass Island and 7 ½ years on Lively Island. In 1936 Karl was working as an able seaman on the ss *Lafonia* and was described as being of steady sober habits and one of the best seamen in the Islands. He was sent to England 26 September 1936 by the *Lafonia* and *Highland Patriot* as one of the part crew sent to bring back the ss *Southern Coast*. [FIC/EG/16#3]

Karl, a bachelor and mariner, was married to **Annie Francis WATTS** 26 March 1912 in the Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle) by Governor's Special Licence by Robert Johnson, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were Howard Porter and Mary Julia Pedersen. Karl's father was recorded as Karl Lindenberg a farmer.

In August 1929 Karl was living on Lively Island when the Falkland Islands Company Ltd returned a cheque for £10 which he had tried to remit to his sister in Latvia.

Karl was naturalised 5 January 1937. After January 1937 and before May 1942 Annie divorced Karl. In his will dated 8 April 1944 Karl left all of his estate to be divided equally between his two sons John and Karl. Edward, age 61 and a mariner, went to the UK on holiday to visit his relatives in 1945. His height was recorded as 5 feet 8 inches, hair and eye colour as grey. On his return in November 1946 he returned to work at Pebble Island. A week later, after becoming sick on board the cutter "Indiana" Karl died 3 December 1946 in the KEM Hospital, Stanley, age 62, from carcinoma ventriculi and exposure and is buried in Grave P1334.

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of Carl and Annie LINDENBERG:

1. **John Edward Theodore LINDENBERG** born 16 February 1913 in Stanley. John, a farm labourer, was married to **Sarah Ethel KIRK** 15 August 1935 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by A R Hoare, Ag Registrar General. The witnesses were Peter Anderson and Laura Perry. Sarah's father was recorded as William Edward Kirk, labourer. John and Sarah were living on Lively Island in 1946. John, age 48 and a foreman, and Sarah went to the UK on holiday in 1961. John was recorded as being 5 feet 7 inches tall with dark brown hair and grey eyes. Sarah was recorded as being 5 feet 1 inch tall with dark brown hair and hazel eyes.





2. **Karl Nathaniel James LINDENBERG** born 7 July 1914 in Stanley. Karl, age 25 and a labourer, emigrated to the UK in 1939. He was recorded as being 5 feet 6 ½ inches tall with brown hair and blue eyes. Karl was living in Scotland in 1944 and 1946. In 1944 his father transferred £200 to him. [FIC/EF/]



3. **Leslie Walter LINDENBERG** born 28 November 1919. Leslie, an AB Seaman with the Falkland Islands Company Ltd, died 1 April 1944 of chronic pulmonary tuberculosis and is buried in Grave O1267.

