

## SARNEY 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.*

**James Henry “Harry” SARNEY** was born 5 October 1865 at Highmore Cross, Henley on Thames, England.

**Annie WOODS** was born 21 October 1870 at Greys, Henley on Thames, England.

Henry came out originally from London to work for J L Waldron, Port Howard. The earliest mention found to date for Harry in the Falkland Islands is 4 July 1890 when he was working at Port Howard and E F Mathews sent cheques (*amount not recorded*) to be credited to his account. [H45, pg 5]

The next mention of Harry is his departure for Montevideo (*possibly on to the UK*) 19 July 1892 on board the *Menes* and his return 22 December 1892 on board the *Isis*. As normal contracts at the time were five years he may have first come to the Falkland Islands in 1887.

A possible arrival for Annie is a Miss WOOD arriving at Stanley 26 October 1894 from London on board the *Pentaur*, travelling on to Port Howard on board the *Result* 2 November 1894.

**Harry SARNEY**, age 29 and a labourer living at Port Howard, was married to **Annie WOODS**, age 24 and living at Henley on Thames, England, 12 November 1894 at Port Howard according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Edwin C Aspinall Assistant Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Henry Gilbert and Alice Paice. Harry's father was recorded as Henry Sarney and Annie's father was recorded as George Woods.

**Henry SARNEY** started work for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in Lafonia 30 November 1898 and worked until 19 May 1899 receiving £27-14-3 for killing 3034 sheep. Henry started work with FIC again 27 September 1899 on a monthly wage of £6-10-0 and worked with them until he changed to a cooper on a monthly wage of £8 from 1 March 1903. He finished work with them as a cooper in Lafonia 1 October 1912.

Henry went to Stanley to start a dairy but it failed after 6 or 9 months and he went to work for the FIC jetty gang circa October 1912 and remained until March 1916 when he went to Darwin again, this time as a cook. He remained there until he left the Falkland Islands. [FIC/EF]

**James Henry SARNEY**, a cook, his wife **Anne SARNEY** and daughters **Winifred Mary SARNEY** and **Dorothy Violet SARNEY** emigrated to England in 1929. His sons **Harry SARNEY** and **James SARNEY** also accompanied them but returned to the Falkland Islands later the same year. The family left Stanley 1 May 1929 on board the *Orita* bound for Liverpool.

In August 1936 Harry was recorded as retired. James, age 74 and living at 22 Seaford Road, West Ealing died in Middlesex Hospital from bronchitis, 18 March 1940 and was buried in Westminster Cemetery. [Obituary FI Weekly News 18 July 1940]

## FIRST GENERATION:

### Children of Harry and Annie SARNEY:

1. **Mable Annie SARNEY** born 14 October 1895 at Port Howard and baptised 12 April 1896 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Mabel was married to (1) **Alfred Bertram KING**, carpenter, 5 July 1916 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Joseph Lehen and Ellen May Ethel King. Mabel's father was recorded as Harry Sarney, cook, and Alfred's father was recorded as George I King, foreman. [Account of wedding FI Magazine Aug 1916] Alfred, a caretaker, died 25 July 1946 from acute heart failure and arteriosclerosis and was buried 28 July 1946 in Grave P1325. Mabel, a widow, was married to (2) **John Samuel BARNES**, widower and contractor, 25 February 1950 at Christ Church Cathedral by R G R Calvert MA, Senior Chaplain. The witnesses were Gordon Arthur Howkins and Olga Annie Howkins. Mabel's father was recorded as Harry Sarney, deceased and John's father was recorded as Arthur James Barnes, deceased.
2. **George Howard SARNEY** born 24 February 1897 and baptised 18 April 1897 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. George died 13 August 1899 from acute bronchitis and was buried 16 August 1899 in Grave Ai172.
3. **Violet Elizabeth SARNEY** born 27 October 1898 and baptised 30 November 1898 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Violet died 30 January 1914 from pulmonary tuberculosis and was buried 1 February 1913 in Grave I768.
4. **Frances Maud SARNEY** born 20 December 1900 at Goose Green and baptised 2 February 1901 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Frances, a domestic servant, was married to **Finlay MORRISON**, shepherd, 7 April 1924 at Darwin Harbour by Governor's Licence by Alexr Moir, Deputy. The witnesses were Harry Sarney and Salvia Morrison. Frances' father was recorded as James Henry Sarney, cook, and Finlay's father was recorded as Kenneth Morrison, shepherd. Frances and Finlay went to the UK in March 1956 with a view to residing permanently.
5. **Ellen/Helen May SARNEY** born 27 May 1903 at Goose Green and baptised 23 August 1903 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as cooper. Ellen, a domestic servant, was married to **Murdoch Angus McLEOD**, labourer, 19 July 1922 at Darwin, East Falkland by Alex Moir, Deputy Registrar. The witnesses were William Victor Craig and Isabella Margaret McKenzie. Ellen's father was recorded as Harry Sarney, cook and Murdoch's father was recorded as Norman McLeod, shepherd. Murdoch died 21 April 1985 and was buried 25 April 1985 in Grave V3029. Ellen died 31 October 1994 in the KEMH Sheltered Housing and was buried 3 November 1994 (*no grave record*).
6. **Harry SARNEY** born 30 March 1906 at Goose Green and baptised 24 July 1906 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as cooper. Harry, a labourer, emigrated to England 1 May 1929 on board the *Orita* bound for Liverpool with his family but returned 15 October 1929 on board the *Orita*. Harry, a pensioner, died 22 August 1999 and was buried 26 August 1999 in Grave V3305.
7. **Winifred Mary SARNEY** born 13 October 1908 at Goose Green and baptised 12 December 1909 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as cooper. Winifred, a shop assistant, emigrated to England with her family 1 May 1929 on board the *Orita* bound for Liverpool.

8. **James Arthur SARNEY** born 17 September 1911 at Goose Green and baptised 28 February 1912 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as cooper. James, a labourer, emigrated to England with his family 1 May 1929 on board the *Orita* bound for Liverpool with his family but returned 15 October 1929 on board the *Orita*. James, an engineer, was married to **Elizabeth Sarah SCOTT** 26 August 1936 at the Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle), Stanley by Banns by Walter Forrest McWhan, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were David John Middleton and Elliot Sedgwick. James' father was recorded as Harry Sarney, retired and Elizabeth's father was recorded as Charles Frederick Scott, deceased. [Account of wedding Penguin 28 Aug 1936]
  
9. **Dorothy Violet SARNEY** born 25 June 1915 and baptised 21 September 1915 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as cooper. Dorothy emigrated to England with her family 1 May 1929 on board the *Orita* bound for Liverpool.

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