

BRAXTON 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.

Thomas BRAXTON was born 25 July 1868 in Berkshire, England. Thomas came to the Falkland Islands circa 1889 to work at Port Howard.

Thomas, age 25 and a labourer living at Port Howard, was married to **Flora Sarah PAICE**, age 17 and living at Port Howard, 7 July 1895 at Port Howard according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by John Williams. The witnesses were George Paice and Emily Jane Paice. Thomas' father was recorded as John Braxton, sawyer, and Flora's father was recorded as Nathaniel Paice, labourer.

Thomas, Flora and their son Thomas departed for England on board the *Herodot* 28 May 1897, arriving back 20 October 1897 on board the *Ammon*.

Thomas, Flora and their two children arrived in Stanley 19 May 1908 from Port Howard and departed for Liverpool 17 June 1908 on board the *Oronsa*. The family arrived back 24 August 1909 on board the *Orissa* and departed for Port Howard 28 August 1909 on board the *Hattie L M*.

Thomas, age 49 and British, died 30 March 1919 from purulent bronchitis and pleurisy and is buried at Port Howard. Flora, age 75 and a widow, died 9 June 1953 and was buried 10 June 1953 in Grave L 1513.



FIRST GENERATION

Children of Thomas and Flora BRAXTON:

1. **Thomas Nathaniel John BRAXTON** born 31 March 1896 on West Falkland and baptised 12 April 1896 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Thomas, a navy, was married to **Ellen Mary Grace BLYTH**, widow, 10 June 1919 at Port Howard by Special Licence by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Henry John Lee and Flora Braxton. Thomas' father was recorded as Thomas Braxton, deceased carpenter, and Ellen's father was recorded as Alfred Vincent Lee, shepherd.

Thomas was 5 feet 6 inches tall with blue eyes and dark hair.



Thomas and Ellen in February 1947

Thomas commenced work as a mason on the Government improvement works 4 September 1924 on an hourly basis. Thomas was placed on the permanent staff when he was appointed a mason in the Public Works Department 1 January 1939. While Thomas was on leave in the United Kingdom in 1947 he took a course in artificial stone construction with the Works Department of the Liverpool Artificial Stone Co Ltd, Bermondsey, England for 4 weeks in October 1947. He was trained in the manufacture of reconstructed stone with particular regards to work on windows. During his career as a mason Thomas worked on the original Secretariat, the second Town Hall, the new telephone exchange, water works at Mount William intake, stone drain on Hebe Street, concrete drain through Government Paddock, concreting the school yard, chimney at Sullivan House among others. Thomas retired on pension 21 July 1957.

Ellen, age 59, died 5 June 1952 from pulmonary tuberculosis and was buried 8 June 1952 in Grave C 1484. Thomas, age 91 and a pensioner, died 1 November 1987 and was buried 4 November 1987 in Grave T 2044.



2. **Flora BRAXTON** born 22 April 1903 and baptised 21 June 1903 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Flora was married to **Frederick George BERNTSEN**, shepherd, 25 June 1930 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by F S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Frederick Nathaniel Berntsen and Mary Sarah Jane Miller. Frederick's father was recorded as Abner Berntsen, deceased, and Flora's father was recorded as Thomas Braxton, deceased. Frederick died 9 January 1966 in Stanley and was buried in Grave T2043. Flora went to Montevideo for medical treatment in 1967. No other mention of her.

DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS & FLORA STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS