

## COATES 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.*

**Reuben COATS** was born ? (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

Reuben, a private in the 40<sup>th</sup> Company of Royal Marines Light Infantry, arrived 3 May 1869 on board the *Mageera* as part of a marine detachment.

**Reuben COATES**, a private in the Royal Marine Light Infantry living in Stanley, was married to **Annie NIXON**, age 17 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and living in Stanley, 20 December 1876 St Mary's Catholic Church Stanley by James Foran Catholic Priest.

On the 21 December 1876 a marriage service was performed in Trinity Church Stanley according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church (after marriage by banns in the RC Chapel Dec 20 1876) by Waits H Falkland Islands James Foran. The witnesses for both weddings were John Nixon and Lizzie Nixon. Reuben's father was recorded as Richard Coates, labourer and Annie's as John Nixon, pensioner.

Annie, Reuben and their son Richard sailed to Devonport, Plymouth, which was Reuben's base, sometime after 6 January 1878.

Reuben later died of TB and Annie remarried sometime after.

## FIRST GENERATION

### Children of Reuben and Annie COATS:

1. **Richard John COATES** born 28 November 1877 in Stanley. His father was recorded as a private in the Royal Marines Light Infantry. Baptised 6 January 1878 by Holy Trinity Church. Left sometime after this with his parents for Devonport, Plymouth.

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