

FRY 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.

(1) EMILY FRY:

Emily FRY was born circa 1844 to **William** and **? FRY** (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

Emily, a general servant well known to Mrs Mason, paid £15 for her passage on the *Victoria Tatham* leaving London December 1869 and arriving in Stanley 22 February 1870. [FIC/C1; 397: SHI/REG/1]

Emily, a domestic from England living in Stanley, was married to **William RATCLIFFE**, a seaman from England living in Stanley, 28 March 1870 at Trinity Church Stanley according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England by Governor's Licence by Charles Bull MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were William Macey and Celestina Pitaluga. William's father was recorded as William Ratcliffe, engineer and Emily's father was recorded as William Fry, gardener.

William Ratcliffe was appointed the Government Pilot 1 February 1871 on an annual salary of £72.

Captain William Ratcliffe, Senior was granted a licence as a pilot for the Port of Stanley 23 July 1897 and this was still valid 11 January 1905.

Emily, age 48, died of apoplexy 4 May 1892 and was buried in Grave A 66.

William, age 80, died from cardiac disease and influenza 29 September 1920 and was buried 3 October 1920 in Grave Ei 853.

(2) JANE FRY:

Jane FRY was born circa 1837 in England.

Jane was married to **George NATT** (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

Jane was a passenger on the *Chislehurst* leaving London December 1870 and arriving in Stanley 2 February 1871. Jane travelled intermediate and paid £20 for her passage. [FIC/C1; 414]

George was appointed pilot by the Governor 1 February 1871 on an annual salary of £72-0-0 with no house allowance. George resigned 1 January 1872 and was reappointed 1 July 1872 but does not show in the 1873 list of Government employees.

In 1886 George bought the 60 ton Admiralty schooner *Chance* and sailed September 1886 from Dartmouth. The *Chance* of Portsmouth arrived 2 December 1886 under Captain J B BAKER. George sold the *Chance* 23 May 1889. [FIC/C2; 676; 677: SHI/REG/1]

George, Jane and one child departed 31 July 1889 on board the *Denderah*, which was bound for Montevideo. George, Jane and their daughter returned 14 February 1895 on board the *Serapis* from Europe.

In April 1895 George advertised that he had brought out "*One of Edison's Wonderful Talking Machines - The Phonograph*". [FIM Sep 1889; Mar 1895; Apr 1895: BUG/REG/5; 132: BUG/REG/4; 60]

On 16 April 1895 **G NATT senior** and **G NATT junior** departed for the West Coast on the *Luxor*; returning 15 May 1895 on the *Tanis* from Punta Arenas.

George was appointed to the Board of Health in January 1897. [FIM May 1895; Jun 1895: P3; 308]

George, age 57 and British, died in Stanley 4 May 1898 from an aortic aneurism and was buried 8 May 1898 in Grave A 62. His headstone reads '*In Loving Remembrance of my Dear Husband George Natt who departed this life on May 4th 1898 aged 57 years*'.



In his will dated 5 September 1885 George left all of his estate to his wife. In the event of his wife dying he left all of his estate to his daughter Elizabeth except for the stone house and lot occupied by **William RATCLIFFE**. If his wife and daughter died he left all of the personal estate

to William's son **George RATCLIFFE** and all his real property to his sister **Susan RAWLINGS** of Deptford, Kent, England. [BUG/REG/3; 281]

Jane and her daughter Elizabeth departed 25 May 1904 on board the *Victoria* bound for Liverpool. Also on board was **George RATCLIFFE**. [FIM Jun 1904]

Jane died Friday 15 January 1909 in Brantford, Ontario, Canada and was buried in Plot 12W-3-21 in Mount Hope Cemetery, Brantford.

DEATH OF MRS. NATT.

WE are sure many of our readers, both in Stanley and the Camps will be grieved to hear of the death of Mrs. Natt. Since leaving the Falklands Mrs. Natt had been living in Canada, with her daughter, Mrs. James Humble, and had been complaining of not being well for some little time. On Thursday, January 14th she was seized with a Paralytic stroke, and passed away on Friday the 15th, never regaining consciousness from the time of the seizure. As there were many "old Stanleyites" living in the neighborhood, the funeral was very largely attended.

Mrs. Natt will be remembered not only as a resident of Stanley, but as one who was always trying to do good, in her own quiet way, and especially in connection with the Speedwell Coffee Room, when the Navy ships visited Stanley. Many of the 'Blue Jackets' made the "Speedwell" their home when on shore, and thanked Mrs. Natt for being the means of keeping them straight.

Her house might almost have been called an open house, for everybody was welcome there, and many pleasant and happy evenings have been spent with her and her daughter. It was always a pleasure to see her bright, cheerful countenance, and if one went to her sad and sorrowful, some kind word would sure to be spoken that would make the sadness fly away.

We sympathize deeply with her daughter and relatives and feel sure that the memory of Mrs. Natt will live in the hearts of many people in the Falklands for many years.

[FIM May 1909]

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of (1) Emily and William RATCLIFFE:

1. **Emily Crossman RATCLIFFE** born 9 October 1870 in Stanley and baptised 1 February 1872 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as mariner. Emily, age 51, died 6 March 1922 from mitral endocarditis and myocarditis dropsy and was buried 8 March 1922 in Grave K 866.
2. **William RATCLIFFE** born 3 October 1871 in Stanley and baptised 18 February 1872 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as pilot. William, age 71 and a seaman, died 14 August 1943 and was buried in Grave K 1244.
3. **John Hallowell "Jack" RATCLIFFE** born 20 November 1872 in John Street, Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as pilot. Jack worked as part of the crew of the *Zillah* when she brought in the cargo of the wrecked *J R Kelly* in June 1899. On 1 November 1923 he purchased the front half of what is now 31 Fitzroy Road from Elizabeth Humble, heir of George Natt. On 30 March 1929 he purchased the south portion of the lot for £150 from Estate Cornelius Michael Lehen. John's occupation later was a merchant. John, age 81, died 28 May 1954 and was buried in Grave K 1536.
4. **George RATCLIFFE** born 5 March 1874 in Stanley and baptised 1 October 1874 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as pilot. George went to Liverpool on the *Victoria* 25 May 1904.
5. **Albert Edward "Bertie" RATCLIFFE** born 9 November 1875 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as pilot. Albert, age 73 and a retired Government Pilot, died 17 April 1949 and was buried 19 April 1849 in Grave K 1400.
6. **David Hallowell RATCLIFFE** born 9 October 1878 in Stanley and baptised 17 November 1878 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as pilot. David, age 7 years and 7 months, suffocated in the peat slip of 2 June 1886 and was buried 6 June 1886 in Grave A 104.
7. **James William RATCLIFFE** born 27 January 1881 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as seaman. James, age 74, died 9 February 1955 and was buried in Grave K 1542.
8. **Howard Hallowell RATCLIFFE** born 28 December 1883 in Stanley and baptised 23 March 1884 by the United Free Church. His father's occupation was recorded as mariner. Howard commenced working as a lad with his brothers Jack and James on the *Zillah*. Served on FIC schooners and from 1918 worked as Government Pilot after the retirement of his brother Bert. Howard, age 60 and a Government Pilot, died Tuesday 26 September 1944 and was buried Friday 29 September 1944 in Grave K 1283. [Obituary FI Weekly News 28 Sep 1944]

Children of (2) Jane and George NATT:

1. **George NATT junior** born ? (*not in the Falkland Islands*)
2. **Elizabeth Anne NATT** born 5 June 1879 in Stanley and baptised 27 July 1879 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as seaman. Elizabeth was married to **James Hunter Taylor HUMBLE** 7 August 1904 in Darlington Baptist Chapel, England. [FIM

Nov 1904] In 1909 when her mother died Elizabeth was living in Canada. [FIM May 1909] According to the City of Brantford 1916 Street and Business Directory James H T Humble was at 176 Darling, north side. On 19 July 1923, Elizabeth A Humble of the City of Brantford, in the County of Brant, the only heir as law and next of kin of George Natt, appointed George Turner as her power of attorney to sell property belonging to him on Fitzroy Road and realised £235. The property was sold to her first cousin, John 'Jack' RATCLIFFE. [BUG/REG/9; pg 163; 165] James, age 72, died 29 January 1955 and was buried in Plot 12W-3-21 in Mount Hope Cemetery, Brantford, Brant County, Ontario, Canada. Elizabeth, age 92, died 17 July 1971 and was buried in Plot 12W-3-21 in Mount Hope Cemetery, Brantford, Brant County, Ontario, Canada.

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