

HENNAH 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 Henry HENNAH was born in 1826.

*In 1852, **Thomas Henry Hennah**, a young London artist, together with **William Henry Kent**, a photographic artist from the Isle of Wight, purchased a licence from William Fox Talbot to make portraits using the calotype process. The photographic prints were called 'Talbotypes' in honour of the inventor. By 1854, **Hennah and Kent** had established a Talbotype Portrait Gallery in William Henry Mason's Repository of Arts at 108 King's Road, Brighton <https://www.photohistory-sussex.co.uk/Sussexearly.htm>*

Thomas, age 32 and the eldest son of the late Thomas Hennah, esq of the East India House, was married to **Lucy Clara Wilsher ROGERS-HARRISON**, sleeping partner in photographic business and the third daughter of George Harrison Rogers-Harrison, esq Windsor Herald, at St Mary's, Lambeth in 1858. Lucy was born 3 October 1838 to **George Harrison ROGERS-HARRISON** and **Helen N WILLSSHER**.

Thomas, age 49, died in 1876.

Lucy died June 1917 in Bromley, Kent, England.

Children of Thomas and Lucy HENNAH:

1. **Henry Harrison HENNAH** born 20 August 1859 in Brighton, Sussex, England. Henry was training as a practical mechanical engineer when the death of his father in 1876 left his mother and sister dependant on him. Henry came to the Falkland Islands circa 1879. For some years he worked for Wyrley Birch, the then manager of Weddell Island. He then went to Port Stephens where he became manager in 1886. Henry, camp manager and English, was married to **Elsbeth DICKSON**, living at Carew Harbour and under 21, 28 June 1888 at Darwin, in the house of Rev William Philip according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of Scotland By Governor's Licence by William Hill Philip Minister. The witnesses were John Dickson and Elsie Philip. Henry's father was recorded as Thomas Henry Hennah, gentleman, and Elspeth's father was recorded as John Dickson, shepherd. Henry, Elspeth and their daughter departed 18 May 1894 on the *Dendarah* bound for Europe. They arrived back 22 December 1894 on the *Herodot* and departed Stanley 27 December 1894 for Port Stephens on the *Hadassah*. Henry, Elspeth and their daughter arrived 25 September 1907 on board the *Orepesa* from Liverpool. First prize offered for carpentry in the March 1908 Stanley Flower show and Industrial Exhibition was a clock selected by Henry while he was in England. Henry, Elspeth and their daughter were placed in quarantine on their arrival back in Stanley due to a case of scarlatina. They quarantined on board the *Gwendolin* in Stanley Harbour for seven days and departed 7 October 1907 on board the *Gwendolin* for Port Stephens. [FIM May 1907; Nov 1907] Henry, age 50 and a sheep farmer from England, died 7 July 1909 at Port Stephens from cerebral thrombosis and was buried there. He had been in a precarious state of health for some time. [FIM Aug 1909; 110: Obituary FIM Sep 1909; 126] Elspeth and her daughter arrived in Stanley 29 October 1909 on the *Hattie L M* and departed 29 December 1909 on board the *Orcoma* for Liverpool. They arrived in Liverpool 24 January 1910. On 26 August 1920 Lucy wrote from Markhampton, Cambridge Road, Bromley, Kent, on behalf of her mother Elspeth, asking that £1 a month from money owing to her mother from Mrs Dean was added to the £3 a month already paid to John Dickson. [Henry and Elspeth mentioned in FI Dictionary of Biography]

DEATH OF MR. HENNAH.

NEWS has reached us of the death of Mr. Hennah of Port Stephens. As most of our readers know Mr. Hennah had been in a precarious state of health for some time. During the last 25 years or so Mr. Hennah had been manager of the large camp the centre of which was Port Stephens. Previous to this we believe he resided at Weddell Island. A man of great activity, and of more than considerable ability, he will be much missed on the West Falklands. Outside his particular walk in life, he was also a clever and successful engineer.

[FIM August 1909]

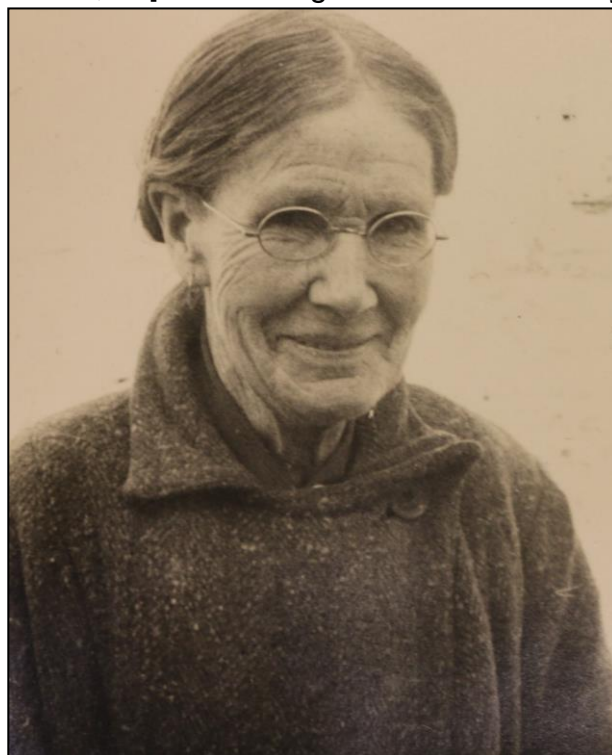
HENRY H. HENNAH.

FEW men have given so many years of their life, or more strictly speaking, a larger proportion of their life to actual work in the colony as the late manager of Port Stephens, Henry H. Henna. He came to the Falklands thirty years ago and for some time was with Mr. Wyrley Birch the former manager of Weddell Island. He left there to go to Port Stephens and there he has remained ever since. Times have changed and sheep farming has become much simpler in the Falklands since that day. Scab was then prevalent, workmen were then neither so plentiful, nor so easy to work with, and young Henna had many difficulties to face and overcome. He has told the writer how, one cold winter he had to have one flock of sheep dipped eleven times because of other infected sheep deliberately let into the paddock with those just dipped. He lived to know he was respected and valued by the owners of the property in which a few years past, he was given a share.

But a man's private life is only known by his friends, and those who knew him sincerely mourn his death. Speaking from the world's point of view Henry Henna with his varied abilities was wasted at Port Stephens. He in training as a practical mechanical engineer when the death of his father left his mother and sister dependent on him. As an engineer, we venture to say, he would have had a brilliant career. But, to use his own words, it was imperative that he should be able at once to help his mother financially, and he threw up his career and came to the Falklands and from that day until the present time he lived for duty alone—to those who employed him a faithful servant, to his own family a loving and self sacrificing son and brother. An interesting man to talk to on any subject, one who chose his reading matter carefully and remembered what he read, one whose mechanical ability was made use of by many of his brother camp-managers, one who worked for the pleasure it gave him and not to take advantage of another's difficulty to make money for himself. Kindly and generous, he hated all shams. A loving helpful husband, he frequently made use of his mechanical knowledge to simplify the difficulties of camp housekeeping. So we feel today that after all his life has not been wasted for it shows us what devotion to duty as God reveals it to us can make a man become.—Communicated.

[FIM September 1909]

2. **Lucy Maud Harrison HENNAH** born in 1860 in Brighton, Sussex, England. Lucy died in 1938.
3. **Ethel Harrison HENNAH** born in 1862 in Brighton, Sussex, England. Ethel died in 1920.
4. **Mabel Harrison HENNAH** born in 1863 in Brighton, Sussex, England. Mabel died in 1864.
5. **Mildred Harrison HENNAH** born in 1865 in Cuckfield, Sussex, England. Mildred died in 1930.
6. **Samuel Harrison HENNAH** born in 1866 in Cuckfield, Sussex, England. Samuel died in 1908.
7. **Thomas Harrison HENNAH** was born in 1867 in Brighton, Sussex, England. Thomas came to the Falkland Islands, circa 1882 at the age of 15. His first job was as an engineer at Port Stephens. Thomas, carpenter &c, was married to **Mary DICKSON** (*sister of Elspeth*) 19 April 1889 in the house of G Natt, Stanley, according to the rites and ceremonies of the Baptist Church by Governor's Licence by George H Harris, Baptist minister. The witnesses were George Natt and Hannah M Rummel. Thomas' father was recorded as Thomas Henry Hennah, photographic artist, and Mary's father was recorded as John Dickson, shepherd. Both Mary and Thomas were resident in Stanley at the time of the marriage. Thomas and Mary departed 1 April 1913 on the *Oronsa* bound for Punta Arenas. Thomas, age 56, and Mary, age 57, arrived 28 May 1923 on the *La Paz* from Punta Arenas for a holiday in the Falklands, departing 6 July 1923 on the *Orepesa* for Punta Arenas. Mary and her two children arrived 23 October 1924 on the *Falkland* from Punta Arenas. Thomas arrived 19 January 1925 on the *Ballena* from Punta Arenas. They spent 25 years in Patagonia. Thomas built a house on what is now 25 Ross Road East in 1927. [Penguin 16 Jun 1933] On 13 September 1928 Crown Grant 409, containing half an acre more or less, was issued to Thomas for the sum of £50. In 1928 Thomas was working on Pebble Island for part of the year. [DEA2; 71] On 12 September 1929 Thomas sold half of Crown Grant 409 to his son Thomas for £25. [BUG-REG10; 86] According to local oral history Thomas built a boat in the loft of his house and it had to be removed through the side of the house. Thomas, age 70 and a carpenter, died in King Edward Memorial Hospital 14 November 1938 after being ill for six months. He was buried 17 November 1938 in Grave L 1131. [Obituary FINW 17 Nov 1938] In his will dated 10 August 1932 he left everything to his wife. [BUG-REG-11; 154] Mary, age 77, applied for a passport to emigrate to the UK via Montevideo. She was recorded as being 4' 6" tall with hazel eyes and grey hair. She departed 28 June 1945 on the *Fitzroy* for the UK, via Montevideo. She was intending to reside there but arrived back 16 August 1946 on board the *Fitzroy*. Mary, age 83 and the widow of Thomas Henry Hennah, carpenter of Scotland, died 28 August 1951 and was buried 30 August 1951 in Grave L 1460. [Thomas & Mary mentioned in FI Dictionary of Biography]



Mary in 1944

8. **Owen Harrison HENNAH** born in 1868 in Brighton, Sussex, England. Owen died in 1869.
9. **Ellen Mabel Harrison HENNAH** born in 1872 at 7 Clarence Street, Brighton, Sussex, England. Ellen died in 1922.
10. **Ruth Harrison HENNAH** born in 1874 in Brighton, Sussex, England. Ruth died in 1961.

Jane Cameron National Archives

FIRST GENERATION

Children of Mary (2) and Thomas HENNAH:

1. **Thomas Henry Harrison HENNAH** born 17 October 1889 on Dyke Island and baptised 16 November 1889 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Thomas was educated at the Government School, Stanley. Thomas was married to **Violet Maud ALAZIA** (*not in the Falkland Islands*). In 1926 Thomas and Violet renewed their passports to travel to Punta Arenas or Europe. Their two sons accompanied them. On 12 September 1929 Thomas bought half of Crown Grant 409 from his father for £25. He sold the land for £35 on 28 December 1930. On 21 January 1930 he signed an agreement with the Falkland Islands Government to purchase Workman's Dwelling No 1 in Drury Street (7 *Drury Street*) for £800. [BUG-REG10; 86; 100; 107] Thomas was appointed engineman of the electric lighting service of Stanley 1 January 1930 on a salary of £180. In 1938 Thomas, age 48 and an engineman, and Violet, age 41, travelled to the UK with their daughter, Phyllis, to see their son and other relations. Thomas was recorded as being 5' 9 ¾" tall with grey eyes and brown hair. Violet was recorded as being 5' 5" tall with brown eyes and dark brown hair. They departed at 2pm on 10 April 1938 on the *Lafonia* bound for Montevideo. They arrived back on Saturday 19 November 1938 on the *Lafonia* from Montevideo. Thomas was granted 142 days leave on full pay on his retirement from the Public Service with effect from 31 October 1949. His supervisor wrote '*Mr Henna has shewn outstanding ability as Superintendent in the Power House. He has successfully installed and maintained diesel generating plant of the 4 L2 and 5 L2 type Gardner plant and TX3 type Petter Atomini diesel plant.*' Thomas, age 59 and superintendent of the Power House, and Violet, age 52 and a housewife, went to the UK for a holiday in 1949. In 1952 Thomas was living at Trelawney, 46 Abingdon Road, Drayton, Berks. [FIC/EF/] Thomas joined the Ministry of supply 12 June 1950 as an industrial employee and remained with the Atomic Energy Research Establishment throughout his service. He was still employed there 19 March 1958.



Thomas and Violet in 1938

Children of Elspeth (4) and Henry HENNAH:

1. **Elsbeth Agnes Lucy Harrison “Lucy” HENNAH** born 28 March 1889 at Port Stephens and baptised 15 November 1889 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as manager and justice of the peace. Lucy arrived with her mother in Stanley 29 October 1909 on the *Hattie L M* and they departed 29 December 1909 on board the *Orcoma* for Liverpool. They arrived in Liverpool 24 January 1910. On 26 August 1920 Lucy wrote from Markhampton, Cambridge Road, Bromley, Kent, on behalf of her mother Elspeth. Lucy was married to ? **TANNER** (*not in the Falkland Islands*). In 1945 she was living at 81 Stanford Avenue, Brighton, England. [FIC/EF/]

Jane Cameron National Archives

SECOND GENERATION

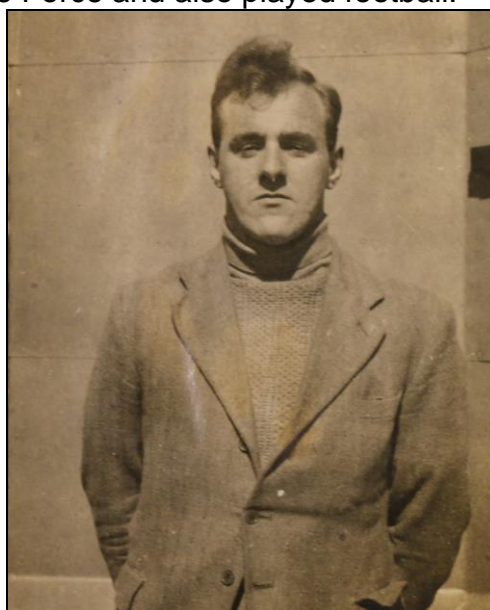
Children of Thomas (2) (1) and Violet HENNAH:

1. **Thomas George Harrison HENNAH** born 20 March 1919 at Monte Dinero, Rio Gallegos, Santa Cruz, Argentina, and baptised 27 November 1919 by St James Church, Punta Arenas, Chile. Thomas, age 17 and a seaman, applied for a passport 21 December 1936 to go to the UK to enlist in the Royal Navy. He was recorded as being 5' 7¼" tall with brown eyes and dark brown hair. Thomas departed 1 August 1936 on the *Penola* bound for South Georgia. Thomas joined the *Penola*, departing 30 December 1936 for Grahamsland.



Thomas in 1936

2. **Samuel Harrison HENNAH** born 9 June 1920 at Monte Dinero, Rio Gallegos, Santa Cruz, Argentina, and baptised 9 April 1922 in St James Church, Punta Arenas, Chile. Engineman. Samuel, age 26 and an engineman, went to Montevideo in 1947 for a holiday. He was recorded as being 5' 10 ½" tall with brown eyes and brown hair. Samuel was married to **Joan Theresa BENNETT** (*not in Falkland Islands*). Samuel was a member of the Falkland Islands Defence Force and also played football.



Samuel in 1947

3. **Phyllis Maude HENNAH** born in 1929 in Stanley and baptised by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Phyllis and her parents departed at 2pm on 10 April 1938 on the *Lafonia* bound for Montevideo. She arrived with her parents on Saturday 19 November 1938 on the *Lafonia* from Montevideo. Phyllis, age 17 and a schoolteacher, emigrated to the UK in 1947. She was recorded as being 5' 6" tall with brown eyes and dark brown hair. Phyllis was married to **FORD** (*not in the Falkland Islands*).



Phyllis in 1947