

HICKFORD 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.

Edward HICKFORD was born circa February 1844 in Bury Saint Edmunds, Suffolk, England to **James HICKFORD**, lawyer, and ? formerly ?.

Edward, unmarried and a packer, was enlisted into the Royal Marines for 12 years at Westminster at 12 noon on 6 September 1864 by Sergeant John Watson. He was recorded as being age 20 years and 7 months, 5 foot 8 inches tall with a fresh complexion, grey eyes and brown hair.

Edward, a private in the 1st Company of Royal Marines Light Infantry, appears from his record of service¹ to have arrived 30 October 1872 on the *Foam*.

Edward, of full age and a private in the Royal Marine Light Infantry living in Stanley, was married to **Louisa DIXON**, of full age and living in Stanley, 5 August 1874 in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Banns by Henry C Lory Act Col Chaplain. The witnesses were Stephen Tollfree and G Wilson. Edward's father was recorded as James Hickford, lawyer, and Louisa's father was recorded as Peter Dixon, brass finisher.

From his record of service he appears to have left the Falkland Islands December 1876. His family probably accompanied him.

According to the 1881 English Census Edward and Louisa Hickford were back in England.

Louisa DIXON:

Louisa was born in 1843 in Brighton, Sussex, England to **Peter** and **Sarah DIXON**.

In the 1861 English Census when she was 17/18 she was a servant in the household of Sophia Firmin in Islington, London.

In the 1871 English Census when she was 27 she was a servant in the household of George and Ellen Little (George was an East India Merchant).

Assuming that Edward was the father of Louisa's baby born 25 November 1874 this means that she was in Stanley by at least February 1874. To date no mention has been found of her so it is likely that she came out as a servant (*servants were generally not named*). A possibility is that she came out with Charles Williams and his family; they lived in Stanley. Charles, his wife, four children and servant were passengers on board the Boyne departing England 20th September 1873 for Montevideo. They were then passengers on board the 110 ton schooner *Black Hawk*, arriving in Stanley 3 November 1873, nine days out from Montevideo with 18 passengers.
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¹ *Edward served in the Royal Marines from 7 September 1864 to 12 January 1877, a total of 12 years and 128 days, comprising of 2 years and 143 days shore service, 4 years and 126 days on HMS Galatea, 1 year and 98 days shore service, 4 years and 114 days in the Falkland Islands and 12 days shore service. His conduct for his whole service was recorded as very good.*

FIRST GENERATION

Children of Edward and Louisa HICKFORD:

1. **Peter Arthur HICKFORD** born 25 November 1874 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as private in the Royal Marines.
2. **Catherine Elizabeth HICKFORD** born 1 March 1876 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer and private in the Royal Marines.
3. **Walter HICKFORD** born in 1878 in Islington, London, England.

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