

HOCKING 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.

James Henry HOCKING was born circa October 1819 (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

James HOCKIN joined the marines in December in 1838. [C5; 78]

James HOCKIN served for nine months and 12 days on HMS *Winchester*. [C5; 80]

James HOCKIN joined HMS *Cambridge* 30 June 1840. He was discharged from HMS *Cambridge* 16 October 1842 onto HMS *Impregnable*. He was described as a steady, attentive, good man and his conduct in general gave perfect satisfaction to his officers. [C5; 78, 79]

James HOCKIN joined HMS *Impregnable* 17 October 1842. Private Marine 3rd Class **James HOCKIN**, age 22, stature 5 feet 8 ½ inches, a fresh complexion and very good conduct, was discharged from HMS *Impregnable* 8 June 1843. [C5; 77]

Private Marine 3rd Class **James HOCKIN**, age 25, stature 5 feet 8 ½ inches and with a pale complexion, would have completed seven years service on 28 December 1845 but he was discharged on 28 September 1845 for a diseased testicle and deafness of the right ear contracted subsequent to his entry in the service. His testicle was hurt during gun drill in the early part of February 1845 when he was aged 26 years and 8 months. [C5; 78, 80]

James was married to **Ann TREVERTON** (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

James HAWKINS and his wife **Ann HAWKINS** arrived in the Falkland Islands on board the *Barque Victory* 13 October 1849 as part of a group of military pensioners commanded by Captain James Reid, a total of 122 people including women and children.

On 29 April 1850 **James HOCKING** requested that Captain Reid recommended him for the position of schoolmaster. James held the position from April 1850 until February 1860. [C5; 76; B17; 135]

In the 1851 census the family are listed as:

James HAWKINS, age 30, (military) pensioner and silversmith

Ann HAWKINS, age 29, wife, from England

Elizabeth Ann HAWKINS, age 6 months, infant

In 1854 Governor Rennie received a communication from the War Office stating that in light of Private James Hocking being unable to attend military parade for the last 12 months due to the state of his health that he should be returned to England with his family as he could be of no use to the force. In August of the same year James wrote a memorial stating that he did not want to be sent home with his family as it would have serious consequences to his prosperity as with his pension, light work, his cottage and garden he was able to support his family far more comfortably than in England. Also, he had expended between £30 and £40 on the improvement of his cottage and garden which sum would be lost to him in the event of his leaving the Falkland Islands. Governor Rennie backed his appeal with the fact that James and his wife had been careful and industrious as household servants and had saved some earnings as well as maintaining excellent characters for honesty and sobriety. James had been suffering from an aggravated attack of psoriasis. [B27; 109]

James was appointed schoolmaster 1 December 1854 on an annual salary of £44. On 10 July 1853 he was also appointed to the posts of Parish clerk, church cleaner and bell ringer on an annual salary of £10.

On 2 July 1860 James was appointed gaoler on an annual salary of £48 and lived at the gaol. As an out pensioner of Greenwich hospital he also received 2/6 a day.

In 1868 James wanted his sister, **Ann HOCKING**, brought out AS an emigrant by the Falkland Islands Co Ltd. She was described as being a single, middle-aged woman and a domestic. Her address was care of Mrs Bunton, Treveland, near Liskeard, Cornwall. [FIC/D2; pg 95]

In October 1870 James was appointed acting schoolmaster and served until July 1871. [B17; 135]

On 19 February 1871 at 5pm Dr Watts reported Hocking as suffering from a drunken bout in the gaol. Because Hocking was tried, Governor D'Arcy told Dr Watts that he would be forgiven but that he was dangerously violent when drunk was known. [D14; 274]

James served as acting schoolmaster from March 1874 to April 1875. [B17; 135]

James Henry HOCKING, age 73 and a naval pensioner, died 23 November 1892 from acute bronchitis and was buried in Grave E436. He left his entire estate to his wife, Ann.

Ann Elizabeth HOCKING died 10 May 1896, age 76, from senile decay and was buried 14 May 1896 in Grave E437. Her will was as follows:

This is the last Will and Testament of me Ann Hocking, widow of Stanley.

Crown Grants 100, 104, 74, 76, 189

I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Mary Ann Kendall, all my personal effects also all those lots of land with the houses buildings and improvements thereon, that is to say all those lots known as Pensioners Cottage Allotments numbers 25, 27, 28, 29 & 30.

Crown Grant 102

I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Ann Elizabeth Coulson all that lot of land with the house and improvements thereon that is to say all that known as Pensioners Cottage Allotment number 26.

Crown Grant 244

I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Alice Mary Coulson that lot of land with the house and buildings thereon that is to say all that known as Pensioners Cottage Allotment number 4.

Crown Grant 8

I give and bequeath unto my son James Hocking during his life only all the rents profits and benefits derived from all that lot of land with the houses thereon known as the "Prince of Wales" and situate north of the Fitzroy Road and West of Philomel Street this land being all that portion of the allotment number 89 and the residue of the estate of the late Lawrence Ennis and the remaining being that portion lying between the above land and Fitzroy Road.

At the death of my son should he have issue by his present or any future wife then the whole of this property to his child or children.

Should he James Hocking die without issue, then the whole of this property land and houses and improvements shall become the joint property of Mary Ann Kendall, Ann Elizabeth Coulson and Alice Mary Coulson or such of them that may survive him, James Hocking, and to be divided by the survivors in equal parts. It is to be understood in such case that any one of my surviving granddaughters wishing to dispose of her interest in

this property that she shall give the prior right of purchase unto her sisters my heirs above named.

Crown Grant 103

I give and bequeath unto my son James Hocking all that lot of land containing 10 acres situate in the suburbs of Stanley and known as pensioners special allotment No 13.

Crown Grant 31

I give and bequeath unto my son James Hocking also that lot of land containing half an acre being the south half of Lot No 5 situate in the suburbs of the town of Stanley.

At my death any money that I may die possessed of or any money that may be due unto me is to be equally divided between Mary Ann Kendall, Ann Elizabeth Coulson, Alice Mary Coulson and James Hocking or such of them as may survive me.

I leave the residue of any estate unto Ann Elizabeth Kendall.

I appoint Mr James John Felton and Dr Samuel Hamilton MD, to be trustees and executors of this my last will with the right of appointing one or more to act in their stead.

Dated this sixth day of December one thousand eight hundred and ninety two.

[Reg Off, Vol IV, Pg 169-171]

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of James and Ann HOCKING:

1. **Elizabeth Ann “Lizzie” HOCKING** born ? 1850 (*no birth record*) and baptised 21 July 1850 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as seaman. Elizabeth, age 5, attended the Government School. [H8] In August 1864, Lizzie, age 14, was servant to Mr Pyne. [H21, 169] Elizabeth, age 18, was married to (1) **John KENDALL**, age 32 and a cattle keeper from Norfolk living in Stanley, 21 April 1868 at Trinity Church Stanley according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England after Banns by Charles Bull MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were James Hocking and William Alex Hilton. John's father was recorded as John Kendall, labourer and Elizabeth's as James Hocking, gaoler. John, a herdsman from Norfolk, England, died 22 April 1872, age 36, from acute pneumatosis and was buried 28 April 1872 in Grave E434. Elizabeth, age 23 and a widow, was married to (2) **William COULSON**, age 32, a widower and Government servant living in Stanley, 23 April 1873 in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by H C Lory Act Col Chaplain. The witnesses were Adam Rice and Sarah Rice. William's father was recorded as Joshua Coulson, shepherd and Elizabeth's as James Hocking, gaoler. Elizabeth died 16 September 1883, age 33, from peritonitis and was buried 20 September 1883 in Grave E435 next to John Kendall. William, age 58, died in Stanley 21 August 1889 from acute capillary bronchitis and was buried 23 August 1889 in Grave E401.



2. **James Henry HOCKING** born 8 June 1852 in Stanley and baptised 30 January 1853 as **James HAWKINS** by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shoemaker and pensioner. James, age 3, attended the Government School. [H8] James, assistant lighthouse keeper living at Cape Pembroke and Stanley, was married to **Eliza Ann REES**, age 16, 14 August 1877 in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by Lowther E Brandon Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were James Henry Hocking and Eleanor Lewis. James' father was recorded as James Henry Hocking, jailer and Eliza's as Horatio Rees, ship carpenter. On 2 May 1878 Eliza appeared before the police magistrate charged with attempting to commit suicide at Cape Pembroke where her husband was working as assistant lighthouse keeper. She was severely admonished. [H35; 32c] In November 1897 Mary Ann Kendall, Ann Elizabeth Coulson, and Alice Mary Coulson sold their interests in the Prince of Wales Hotel (CG 8 & 314) to James for £50 each. James then sold the hotel to John Lehen for £400. [Reg Off Vol IV, pg 232, 299-300] James and Eliza retired to Somerset, departing on board the *Liguria* 30 April 1902. [FIM May 1902]; [Golden wedding FIM Jan 1928] Eliza died in December 1928 and James died in 1929. [Biography Dictionary of Falklands Biography]

SECOND GENERATION:

Children of Elizabeth (1) and John KENDALL:

1. **Mary Ann KENDALL** aka **Emily HOCKING** born 5 May 1868 in Stanley and baptised 18 June 1868 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Emily HOCKING, teacher in the Infant School, was appointed a teacher in the Senior School 1 March 1894. In November 1897 Mary Ann Kendall sold her interests in the Prince of Wales Hotel (CG 8 & 314) to her uncle James for £50. Emily departed for England 30 April 1902 on board the *Liguria* for medical treatment. She travelled with her uncle and aunt, James and Eliza Hocking. Emily died 7 November 1902 in Leeds. She left her estate equally to her sisters Ann Elizabeth COULSON and Mary Alice COULSON. [BUG/REG/7; 27]

MISS HOCKING.

It was with real concern and sympathy that Miss Hocking's many friends in Stanley and the Camps heard by telegram in November of her death at a hospital in Leeds on the 7th of that month. A later mail brought the sad particulars.

It is scarcely a year ago, since the disease that caused her death, first shewed itself and, as we all remember she went to England last April for further advice and treatment. She entered Guy's Hospital, London, and was operated on, on June 20th. The operation appeared successful, and the rest of the summer she spent with her sister and friends near Leeds and cheerfully wrote of her return to Stanley. But on October 20th she was obliged to undergo a second operation in the Leeds hospital, and then a minor one for skin grafting on the wound. These were most successfully gone through, but the disease had penetrated to the lung, a clot of blood formed, and was the cause of her death. At 7 o'clock on the morning of the 7th Nov. she felt faint and asked to see her friends, but before they could arrive she had passed peacefully away in less than 2 hours.

Feb 1903

FOR SALE.

ESTATE OF the late MARY ANN KENDALL (known as EMILY HOCKING) for Auction early in March. Pensioners Cottage allotment, Nos. 27 & 28 will be sold together with the buildings thereon. 29 & 30 each separately. Household furniture and effects &c. &c. All claims to be sent in before 28th February, and all debts paid on or before same date to

J. J. FELTON *Executor*

2. **Walter John KENDALL** born 19 August 1872 in Stanley and baptised 15 September 1872 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as deceased labourer. Walter started working for the Falkland Islands Co Ltd in their Camp Establishment 16 December 1886 on an annual wage of £45 rising to £60. He finished working for them 20 June 1891. Walter departed for Lafonia on board the *Fortuna* 9 August 1904 and started working for the FIC again 23 August 1904. Walter, an overseer and labourer, was married to **Jessie JENNINGS** 1 July 1909 at the Registrar's Office, Darwin by Special Licence by C N Foley, JP & Registrar of Marriages. The witnesses were William Jennings and Ellen McCall. Walter's father was recorded as John Kendall and Jessie's father was recorded as George Jennings, labourer. [Account of wedding FIM Aug 1909] Jessie, age 66, died 20 January 1941 and was buried in Grave L1175. Walter, age 78, died 14 October 1950 and was buried in Grave L1437.

Children of Elizabeth (1) and William COULSON:

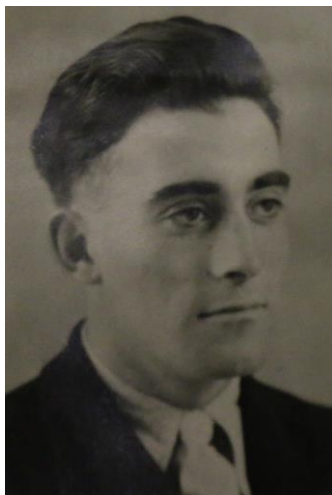
- a. **Anne Elizabeth COULSON** born 31 July 1874 in Stanley and baptised 27 December 1874 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as mariner.

- b. **William James “Willie” COULSON** born 25 April 1876 in Stanley and baptised 4 March 1877 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as government messenger. William was in Montevideo in August 1896 and “*was no better, either mentally or regards the rheumatism in his hip.*” [FIM Aug 1896] William, age 23, died in Stanley 14 August 1899 from Scopalous canis of the spine & hip joint and was buried 17 August 1899 in Grave E402.
- c. **Mary Alice (Alice Mary) “Ettie” COULSON** born 19 March 1878 in Stanley and baptised 31 January 1879 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as government messenger. Alice was married to **Walter Thomas WAINWRIGHT**, church organ builder living in Stanley but normally resident at 34 Studley Road, Forest Gate, London, 22 April 1899 in the Parish Church according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Frederick Durose and Herbert Coulson. Walter's father was recorded as George Joseph Mainwright, church organ builder, and Alice's father was recorded as William Coulson, Colonial Treasury clerk. In September 1903 Alice was living at 33 Cross Flats Drive, Beeston, Leeds, England. [BUG/REG/7; 32]
- d. **Henry Herbert COULSON** born 22 October 1879 in Stanley and baptised 1 January 1880 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as Government messenger. Henry, assistant lighthouse keeper, was married to **Ella Stanley KIDDLE** 22 March 1905 at Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Frederick William Kiddle and Ella Marion Kiddle. Henry's father was recorded as William Coulson, clerk, Government office, and Ella's father was recorded as Noah Kiddle, navy. Ella, in her 55th year, died 20 January 1939 in Corbea, Chile. [FI News Weekly 2 Mar 1939]
- e. **Charles Edward COULSON** born 18 November 1881 in Stanley and baptised 8 January 1882 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as messenger. Went to Bristol as a Post Office telephonist when he was 21. In 1923 he went into business in North Street, Stokes Croft, as Central Wireless which later became Wireless Electric Ltd. Charles was married to ? **FISHER**. Charles, age 62, died in 1944 at 42 Zetland Road, Bristol. [Obituary FI Weekly News 30 Mar 1944]
- f. **Samuel COULSON** born 15 September 1883 in Stanley and baptised 15 September 1883 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as messenger to Post Office. Samuel, age 7 days, died in Stanley 22 September 1883 from inanition and was buried 25 September 1883 (*no Grave recorded, buried with mother?*).

THIRD GENERATION:

Children of Walter (1) (2) and Jessie KENDALL:

1. **John Thomas 'Jock' KENDALL** (twin) born 8 July 1913 at 3.50pm at Walker Creek and baptised at Walker Creek 11 August 1913 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as foreman labourer. John, age 23 and a mariner, departed 29 August 1936 on the *Lafonia* bound for Montevideo. He was recorded as being 5' 8" with brown eyes and dark hair. John was proceeding to the UK to bring out the Falkland Islands Company Limited's new ship. John, age 27 and an AB in the merchant navy, died at sea in 1940. He had contracted malaria on his way to England in the *Lafonia*. [Obituary FI News Weekly 11 Jul 1940]



John in 1936

2. **George North 'Bun' KENDALL** (twin) born 8 July 1913 at 4.5 pm at Walker Creek and baptised at Walker Creek 11 August 1913 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as foreman labourer. George, age 39 and a seaman, went to the UK on holiday in 1952. He was recorded as being 5' 6" with grey eyes and greying hair. In October 1955 George was living at 45 Thornton Quay, Wellington, New Zealand.



George in 1952

Children of Henry (1) (d) and Ella COULSON:

1. **William Henry COULSON** born 1 January 1906 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as assistant light keeper.