

## KIRWAN 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.*

**John KIRWAN** was born circa 1848 in Lancashire, England. John was married to **Jane ?** (*not in Falkland Islands*).

John was appointed clerk at Stanley for a term of five years at a salary of £210 a year to commence one month after leaving England and security of £1,000 to be provided. His wife was given a gift of £10 by the FIC in London for her expenses as her husband was leaving before her. John was sent out on the mail schooner *Serapis* leaving London 20 September 1890 and arriving in Stanley 19 October 1890.

Mrs Kirwan and her seven children left London 8 October 1890 on the *Dennis Brundit*. The family provided their own bedding and FIC provided five mattresses and bolsters. They also brought a large quantity of furniture with them. [FIC/C2, desp 746]

John purchased Crown Grant 9 being land and buildings bounded on the north by Ross Road and being 100 links east to west & 200 links north to south 11 April 1901 for £240. His daughter Frances ran a shop for many years from the premises.

John was dismissed December 1892 by the FIC for dishonourable conduct by offering to show the Company's correspondence on controversial questions to the Government.

In September 1893 John placed an advert stating that he, John Kirwan, formerly clerk to the FIC, general merchant had opened a store in Primrose Villa, Stanley and would be selling clothing and foodstuffs. [FIM Sep 1893] By April 1895 John was also offering to keep and audit accounts and lessons in bookkeeping. [FIM Apr 1895]

John was appointed Sanitary Inspector and Clerk to the Board of Health 29 July 1909 on an annual salary of £24 and £6 respectively.

John, age 71 and a British merchant, died 4 January 1919 and was buried 7 January 1919 in Grave Ei833. [Obituary FIM Feb 1919] Jane, age 75 and British, died 3 February 1924 and was buried 5 February 1924 in Grave K896.

**Children of John and Jane KIRWAN:**

*NB: The ages on the emigration by FIC don't all tie up with later records.*

1. **Charles Barrington KIRWAN** born in 1873 (*not in Falkland Islands*). Charles, age 17, left London 8 October 1890 on the *Dennis Brundit*. [FIC/C2, desp 746] Charles, age 25, drowned 5 June 1898 in Port Salvador. [FIM June 1898]
2. **Ada Mary KIRWAN** born 5 November 1874 in Liverpool, England. Ada, age 16, left London 8 October 1890 on the *Dennis Brundit*. [FIC/C2, desp 746] Ada was appointed a senior school teacher in the Government School 8 February 1897 on an annual salary of £42. She had first begun work in 1896. In 1908 Ada was in charge of the Infant School. On 3 May 1909 a farewell was held in the Government School for Ada who was moving to Punta Arenas. Ada departed 5 May 1909 on board the *Orissa*. [FIM Jun 1909] Ada was married to **John HARPER** in 1912 in Rio Gallegos. John was born 4 June 1883 in Willowbank, Wick, Caithness and had emigrated to Rio Gallegos in the early 1900s. Ada and John arrived from South America 29 October 1912 on board the *Orissa* and returned 11 December 1912 on board the *Orcoma*. Ada and John moved to Punta Arenas circa 1918 where John was an employee of the Electric Light Company. John died 26 April 1936 and Ada died 22 August 1957 and both were buried in St James Cemetery, Punta Arenas.
3. **Sydney James KIRWAN** born circa 1876 (*not in Falkland Islands*). Sydney, age 14, left London 8 October 1890 on the *Dennis Brundit*. [FIC/C2, desp 746] Sydney was badly burnt in 1898 when he was having some methylated spirits applied for rheumatic pains and the fire set the spirit on fire. He was badly scorched the on back, shoulders and one side. [FIM July 1898] Sidney was baptised by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church 6 June 1898 and was married to **Madeline Agatha BIGGS** 9 June 1898 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. On 18 June 1918 Sidney wrote to the manager of the FIC to let him know where he was living in case he was due a bonus. He arrived in England 10 April 1918 and at the time of writing was living at 36 York Street, Portman Square, W1.
4. **Frances Elizabeth "Fanny" KIRWAN** born 15 October 1882 in London. Frances, age 12, left London 8 October 1890 on the *Dennis Brundit*. [FIC/C2, desp 746] Frances ran a shop from her house on Ross Road (*now the Waterfront Guest House*) Frances, age 43 and in general business, went to 3 Goldington Road, Bedford, England in 1925 for a holiday. Frances sold Crown Grant 9 to Ema Hooley 2 April 1940 for £550. Frances, age 82, died 6 July 1960 in Stanley and was buried 9 July 1960 in Grave Q1673.
5. **Arthur Coningsby KIRWAN** born in either 1885 or 1887 (*see age per emigration & age per death - not in Falkland Islands*). Arthur, age 5 ½, left London 8 October 1890 on the *Dennis Brundit*. [FIC/C2, desp 746] Arthur was the top boy in Standard IV at the Baptist School and was 13 marks ahead of any other boy in the three competing schools. [FIM Mar 1898] Arthur was appointed office keeper and messenger 9 June 1902 on an annual salary of £24. He also held the post of assistant sorter in the Post Office in conjunction. In 1907 Arthur was junior clerk and printing apprentice and was absent from the Falklands from 16 August to 31 December. In 1908 Arthur was junior clerk to the Colonial Secretary. On 29 July 1909 Arthur was appointed deputy collector of customs and deputy postmaster on New Island and his annual salary was £120. On 12

November 1910 Arthur was appointed treasury clerk in conjunction with the post of shipping master. Arthur was on leave from the Falkland Islands from 1 January 1912 to 3 January 1913 and again from 13 August 1914 to 13 October 1914. During WWI Arthur was unable to join up due to ill health but obtained clerical work at Woolwich Arsenal until his health meant he had to return to the Falkland Islands. Arthur had to retire from Government service on a pension due to ill health. Arthur's sister Frances nursed him until his death. Arthur, age 36, died 13 September 1924 from septic absorption and disseminated sclerosis and was buried 15 September 1924 in Grave K908. [Obituary FIM 5 Oct 1924]

6. **Beatrice Gwendoline KIRWAN** born circa 1886 (*not in Falkland Islands*). Beatrice, age 4, left London 8 October 1890 on the *Dennis Brundit*. [FIC/C2, desp 746] Beatrice won second prize in Standard III at the Baptist School and also won first prize in the drawing prize. [FIM Mar 1898] Beatrice was married to **George Wesley Gordon ROYLE**, dental surgeon, 3 June 1916 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were John Craddock and A C Kirwan. George's father was recorded as George Royle, barrister, and Beatrice's father was recorded as John Kirwan, gentleman.
7. **Florence Stuart KIRWAN** born circa October 1888 (*not in Falkland Islands*). Florence, age 2, left London 8 October 1890 on the *Dennis Brundit*. [FIC/C2, desp 746] Florence, age 2 years and 3 months, died 9 January 1891 in Stanley from tabes mesenterica and was buried 10 January 1891 in Grave A64.

**FIRST GENERATION:**

**Children of Sidney (3) and Madeline KIRWAN:**

1. **William Sidney KIRWAN** born 27 July 1901 in Stanley and baptised 1 September 1901 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter.
2. **Madeline KIRWAN** born 27 September 1905 in Stanley and baptised 12 November 1905 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter.
3. **Adeline Mary Orita KIRWAN** born 7 January 1908 in Stanley and baptised 28 June 1908 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter.