

NOBLE 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.

Peter NOBLE was married to **Mary Duthie FINDLAY** (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Peter signed an agreement 18 February 1888 with the Falkland Islands Company Ltd as an engineer at Goose Green for a term of 5 years from his arrival in Stanley on an annual salary of £150 rising by £10 yearly to £200. Peter received an advance of £30 and agreed to pay a further £15 towards the extra expense of his family. His furniture was sent by the *Minna Helene* and he, his wife and four children departed March 1888 from Dartmouth on board the *Memphis*; travelling second class and arriving in Stanley 15 April 1888. He wanted £4 a month to be paid to his uncle Mr CLARE but this was declined by London Office in September 1888 as he still owed advances of £50. [FIC/C2: desp 700, 701, 709, 711, 712]

On 2 March 1891 the Falkland Islands Company Ltd paid £40 to Mrs George Finlay of 103 Park Street, Aberdeen on behalf of Mary Noble. [FIC/E10; 200]

On 13 March 1893 A E Baillon was advised that he was at liberty to renew Peter's agreement. [FIC/C2; 16]

Mary, age 34 and Scottish, died at 2.15am Saturday 29 July 1893 at Goose Green from puerperal septicaemia and was buried Tuesday 1 August 1893 in Darwin Cemetery.

Mrs. Noble, of Goose Green, being in a critical state, Mr. Aspinall decided to stay over Sunday. To the deep grief of her husband, and of every one who had known her she passed away on Saturday at 2.15 A.M. Sympathy with her husband was particularly keen owing to his being left with seven little ones. The funeral took place on Tuesday, and was attended by over 100, many of the Darwin section men being unable to be present owing to unavoidable work at a distance.

[FIM August 1893]

The Board of Directors conveyed their expression of sympathy to Peter and advised that should he desire to come to England to make arrangements for the care of his children it could be no doubt arranged for him to take leave of absence after the next season at Goose Green. [FIC/C2; 85]



Mary's grave in Darwin Cemetery

Peter and his younger children departed 18 July 1894 on board the *Pentaur*. Peter left his children with a Mrs BOOTH of Aberdeen, Scotland. [FIC/C3; 807] Peter departed London 4 October 1894 on board the *Tanis*, via Antwerp, and arrived back 4 November 1894. [FIC/C2; 66]

Peter, a widower and engineer living at Goose Green, was married to (2) **Johann FERGUSON**, living in Stanley, 20 April 1899 at Darwin according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Edwin C Aspinall. The witnesses were Charles Lay and Kate Davies. Peter's father was recorded as James Noble, commercial traveller, and Johann's father was recorded as Peter Ferguson, mason.

Johann was the cook at Government House and Peter probably met her while he was working on the *Great Britain's* boiler, etc in Stanley during the winter of 1898. [FIC/D9;960]

On 5 February 1897 Peter was described by the London Office of the Falkland Islands Company Ltd as '*a wild sort of man who wants controlling. It has been hinted to me that he has taken to drinking; I hope that there is no foundation for this. A man in charge of steam should be beyond suspicion.* Stanley Office responded 22 March 1897 that he was '*a wild, impetuous fellow who requires curbing a good deal. I do not think however that there is any foundation for saying that he has taken to drink - although he has given way once or twice when in Stanley - in company with Shipmasters - and I warned him more than once.*' [FIC/C3; 20: FIC/D9; 627]

FIRST GENERATION

Children of Peter and Mary NOBLE:

1. **Peter NOBLE** born ? (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Peter departed with William Noble 16 November 1893 for England on board the *Herodot*. Peter carried with him a parcel for the Frederick Cobb and his father said that he would be extremely grateful if his boys could be met on the arrival of the *Herodot* and put on the train for Elgin where they were going to school. Frederick arranged for the boys to be met but they were with the sail maker, who appeared to have had subsequent instructions about them, and they went with him to Scotland. [FIM Dec 1893: FIC/D8; 968: FIC/C2; 3: FIC/D9; 911]
2. **William NOBLE** born ? (*not in the Falkland Islands*). William departed with Peter Noble 16 November 1893 for England on board the *Herodot*. He and his brother were going to go to school in Elgin. [FIM Dec 1893: FIC/D8; 968: FIC/D9; 911]
3. **Child NOBLE** born ? (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Departed 18 July 1894 on board the *Pentaur*. Was left in the care of a Mrs BOOTH of Aberdeen, Scotland. [FIC/C3; 807]
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5. **Mary Orissa Arainca Frances NOBLE** born 18 August 1889 at Goose Green and baptised **Mary Orissa Rosina Frances NOBLE** 4 November 1889 by the United Free Church, Darwin. Her father's occupation was recorded as engineer. Departed 18 July 1894 on board the *Pentaur*. Was left in the care of a Mrs BOOTH of Aberdeen, Scotland. [FIC/C3; 807]
6. **Alexander Arthur Mornington NOBLE** born 18 September 1891 at Goose Green and baptised 15 May 1892 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as engineer. Departed 18 July 1894 on board the *Pentaur*. Was left in the care of a Mrs BOOTH of Aberdeen, Scotland. [FIC/C3; 807]
7. **Hellen Mackay NOBLE** born 14 April 1893 at Goose Green and baptised 31 July 1893 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as engineer. Departed 18 July 1894 on board the *Pentaur*. Was left in the care of a Mrs BOOTH of Aberdeen, Scotland. [FIC/C3; 807]

Children of Peter and Johann NOBLE:

- a. **Barbara NOBLE** born 17 May 1901 and baptised 31 March 1901 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as engineer. Barbara, age 8 ½ months, died 2 November 1901 from pneumonia and heart failure and was buried in Darwin Cemetery next to Mary Noble.