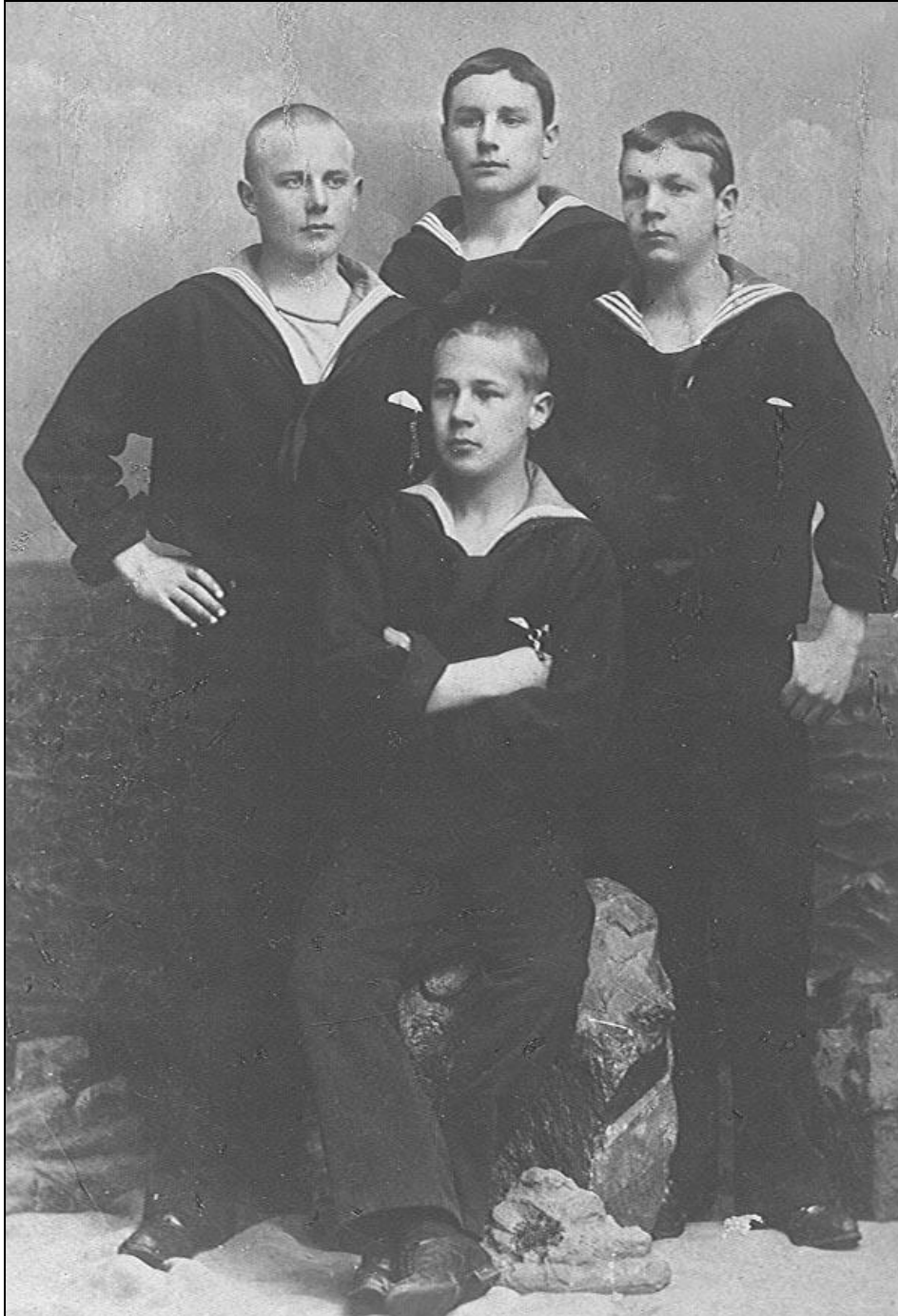


PETTERSSON FAMILY

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 name or the spellings of names are recorded as written in the records at the time.

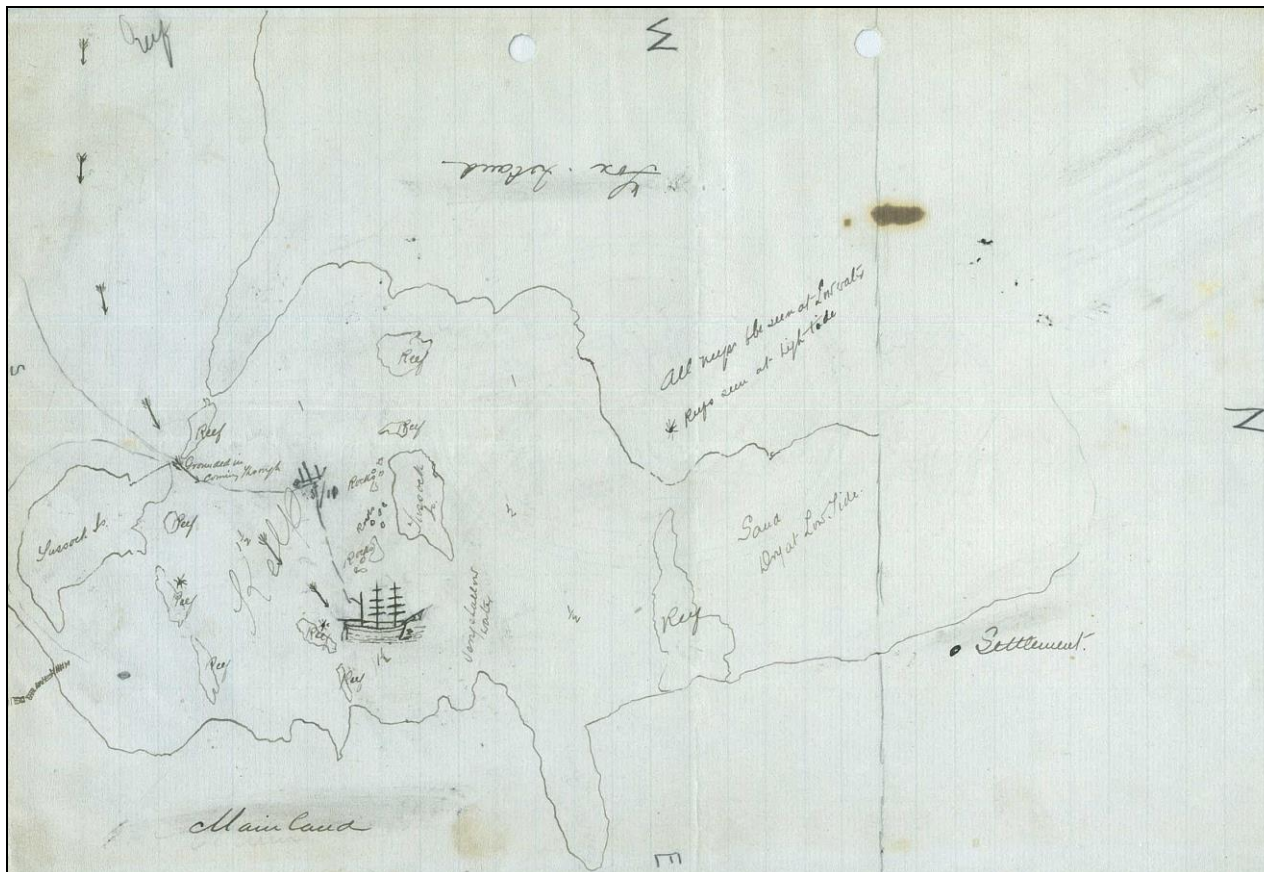
Frans Axel PETTERSSON was born 19 May 1878 in Norrkoping, Sweden to **Frans August** and **? PETTERSSON**.



Axel and others in uniform – photo Joe King

Axel worked for a short time in the printing works that his father managed before joining the Swedish Navy. During training he did a cruise of the South Atlantic in a fully rigged training vessel. After serving seven years he decided to visit South America again in a merchantman and he joined the *Samoa* in Hamburg.

The 686 ton Norwegian Barque *Samoa* left Hamburg on 19 July 1899 bound for Punta Arenas with general cargo. From 10-14 October 1899 they struggled against bad weather trying to round Cape Horn and with four sick crew, unable to carry sails and shifted cargo the vessel drifted. When west of the Falklands and the crew too sick to make sail they decided 23 October 1899 to make for a safe harbour in the Falkland Islands. They passed to the north of New Island and Weddell Island and endeavoured to reach Port Richard but it came too dark so they dropped anchor in Queen Charlotte Bay. On 25 October 1899 the *Samoa* slipped anchor to beach bow first in Spring Bay, Spring Point, Queen Charlotte Bay. Two days later, while trying to come off the *Samoa* was blown up on Green Island. Axel, a sailor, was one of those who witnessed the statement of the master, A Berntzen.



Sketch of the route of the *Samoa* and final grounding

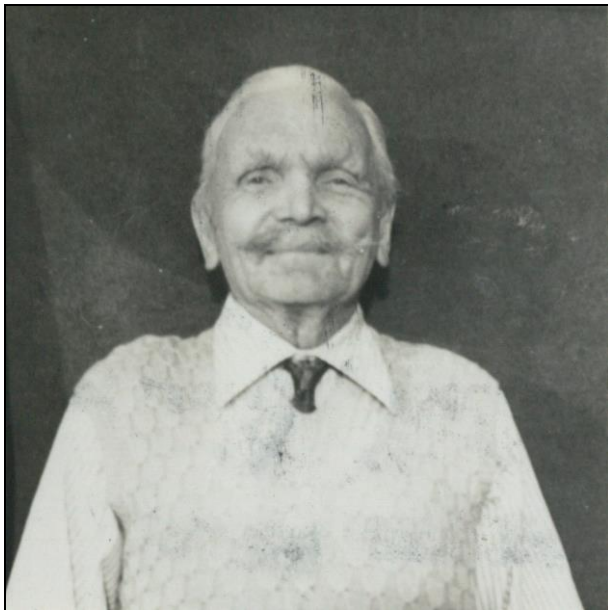
The *Samoa* was put up for auction and the Falkland Islands Co Ltd purchased her 1 January 1900. All of the crew were sent home except for three who volunteered to stay behind, one of whom was Axel. After some of her cargo was taken off the *Samoa* was towed into Stanley by the *Samson* where she discharged the remainder of her cargo at West Jetty and later left for the UK.

Frans, age 24 and a mariner living in Stanley from Norrköping, Sweden, was married to **Annie Caroline NEWMAN**, age 20 and living in Stanley, 22 July 1902 in the house of Alex Martin according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Alexander Martin and Ann Elizabeth Martin. Frans' father was recorded as Frans August Pettersson, printer, and Annie's father was recorded as Frederick Newman, carpenter.

Axel worked for the Falkland Islands Co Ltd and was skipper of the tugs *Samson* and *Kelp* for a number of years and it was reported in December 1920 that the *Samson* was well run by Axel. While skipper of the *Kelp* he helped tow the ss *Great Britain* to Sparrow Cove. Later he came

ashore to work in the FIC warehouse and sail loft. Axel was also in charge of the erection of the wireless masts at the Wireless/Telegraph station that used to be located at the Canache.

Axel celebrated the 50th anniversary of his arrival in the Falkland Islands in October 1949.
[Falklands Listener w/e 30 Oct 1949]

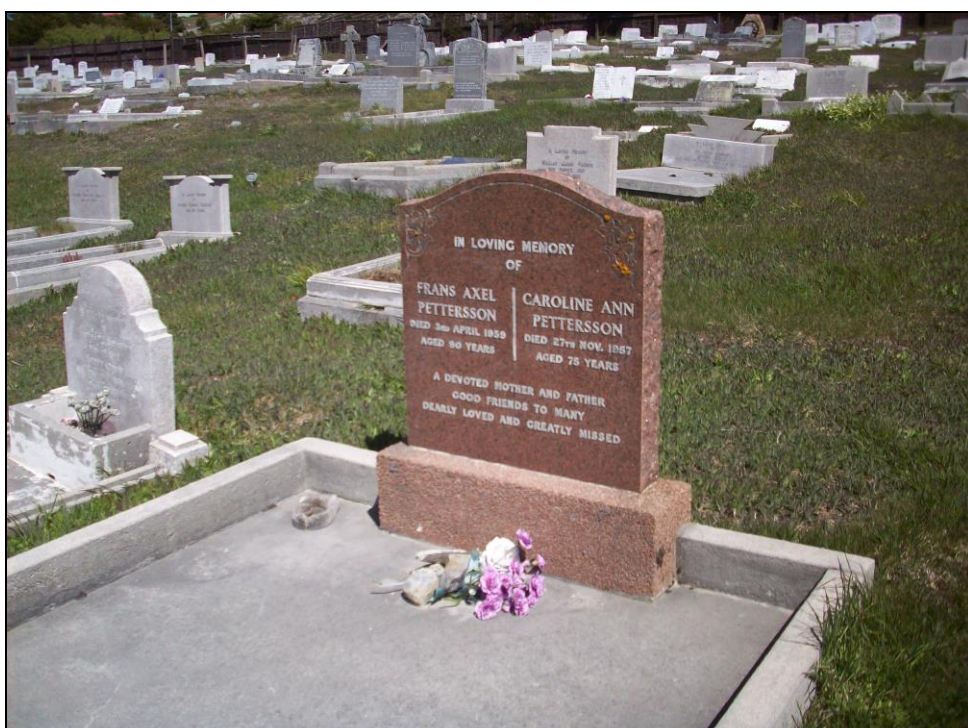


Axel and Annie in 1950

In 1950 Axel, age 71 and a mariner, travelled to Montevideo for medical treatment. Annie, age 66, accompanied him. Axel was recorded as being 5' 7" tall with blue eyes and white hair, and Annie was recorded as being 4' 9" tall with brown eyes and brown hair.

Annie, age 75, died in Stanley 27 November 1957 and was buried 30 November 1957 in Grave Q1600.

Frans, age 80 and a retired seaman from Sweden, died in Stanley 3 April 1959 in Stanley and was buried 6 April 1959 in Grave 1629.



FIRST GENERATION:

Children of Frans and Annie PETTERSSON:

1. **Axel Richard August PETTERSSON** born 14 October 1902 and baptised 7 December 1902 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as mariner. Axel started work at the canning factory at Goose Green 28 October 1914 on £2 per month. He finished working there 17 June 1918. Axel, a painter, was married to **Beatrice Ellen REIVE** 18 July 1928 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by S E E Aylward, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were John Pettersson and Anna Elizabeth Pettersson. Axel's father was recorded as Franz Axel Pettersson, foreman, and Beatrice's father was recorded as Robert Reive, shepherd. Axel, age 41 and a hotel proprietor, went to Uruguay on a business trading tour in 1944. He was recorded as being 5' 6" tall with brown eyes and brown hair. Axel, age 48 and a publican, drowned in the Murrell River 17 April 1949 and was buried 21 April 1949 in Grave Q1401. [Account of accident FI Weekly News 22 Apr 1949, pg 12] Beatrice, a widow and publican, was married to (2) **Stanley Howard JOHNSON**, widower and labourer, 11 October 1952 at the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by H Bennett, Registrar General. The witnesses were Henry W A Stewart and V Pettersson. Stanley's father was recorded as George Frederick Johnson (deceased), and Beatrice's father was recorded as Robert Reive, deceased shepherd. Beatrice died 28 August 1982 in Stanley and was buried next to Axel in Grave Q1984.



Axel in 1944



2. **John Silas Percival "Jock" PETTERSSON** born 5 April 1905 in Stanley and baptised 5 June 1905 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as mariner. Jock worked as a boy or navvy at Walker Creek from 4 November 1916. He was then a boy or navvy at Goose Green to 10 May 1917. He started again 15 January 1918, finishing 19 June 1918. Started 28 February 1919, finishing 2 May 1919. He worked on the Bodie Creek Bridge erection from 10 October 1924. After that he remained on at Darwin as a navvy until 29 March 1927 when he was dismissed summarily with F H Davies for fighting. He moved back to Stanley. John, a labourer, was married to **Mary Ann "Polly" THOMPSON** 20 September 1930 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by J M Ellis, Registrar General. The witnesses were L W Aldridge and W D A Jones. John's father's was recorded as Axel Pettersson, mariner, and Mary's father was recorded as Charles Fisher Thompson, carpenter. In September 1944 Polly was living at 3 Philomel Place. [WAR/W2H/7#5] They later divorced.



Anna and Jock – photo Joe King

3. **Anna Elizabeth PETTERSSON** born 7 December 1906 in Stanley and baptised 17 March 1907 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as mariner. Anna was married to **Frederick Henry DAVIES**, labourer, 21 July 1930 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by F S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Axel Richard August Pettersson and Gladys Evelyn Pettersson. Frederick's father was recorded as Francis Herbert Davies, deceased foreman, and Anna's father was recorded as Frans Axel Pettersson, mariner. Anna, age 28, and Frederick, age 35 and a labourer, emigrated to the UK in 1935.



Anna and Frederick's wedding party – photo Joe King

4. **Lucy Caroline PETTERSSON** born 4 December 1908 in Stanley and baptised 17 January 1909 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as mariner. Lucy, age 13, died 13 April 1922 from acute septicaemia, meningitis and heart failure and was buried 16 April 1922 in Grave K870.



Lucy, Anna and Kathleen – photo Joe King

5. **Ellis Frederick PETTERSSON** born 13 February 1911 and baptised 10 September 1911 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as mariner.



Ellis in Wellington, New Zealand – photo Joe King

6. **Kathleen Millicent PETTERSSON** born 2 November 1913 in Stanley and baptised 2 November 1913 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as mariner. Millicent, age 25 and a civil servant, emigrated to the UK December 1938. She was recorded as being 5' 6" tall with greyish eyes and dark brown hair.



Millicent in 1938

15th December, 1938.

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C H U R C H N E W S & N O T E S .

1. On Saturday night last December 10th, the girls of the Cathedral Choir gathered at the Deanery for a farewell party to Miss Millicent Pettersson who left for England in the "Lafonia" on Monday night. Miss Pettersson was presented with a lovely pebble necklet and a sum of money. Millicent was a member of the choir for about ten years, and was one of the most regular attenders, her lovely voice and pleasant disposition will be greatly missed. We wish her the best of luck and happiness in her new home.

7. **Girl PETTERSSON** born 20 May 1915. Her father's occupation was recorded as mariner. Stillborn.
8. **Boy PETTERSSON** born 14 October 1916. Stillborn.
9. **Gladys Eveline PETTERSSON** born 21 October 1918 and baptised 29 December 1918 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as mariner. Gladys, a schoolteacher, was married to **Vernon Thomas "Joe" KING**, printer, 14 March 1947 at Christ Church Cathedral by R G R Calvert, Senior Chaplain. The witnesses were Ronald Isbel King and Mary Pettersson. Vernon's father was recorded as Frederick Henry King, foreman carpenter, and Gladys' father was recorded as Frans Axel Pettersson, sailmaker. Gladys died 30 March 1999, age 80, and was buried 5 April 1999 in Grave V3296. Joe, a retired printer, died 19 February 2005 and was buried in Grave V3297.



Eileen Aldridge, Gladys, Velma and Tony Pettersson – photo Joe King

DESCENDANTS OF AXEL AND CAROLINE STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS