

PRESCOTT 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.

James PRESCOTT was born circa 1840 in Manchester, England.

James enlisted in the Royal Artillery circa July 1860.

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

On 30 October 1878 **James PRESCOTT**, corporal in the 17th Lancers stationed at Hounslow, England, signed an agreement to proceed to the Falkland Islands as constable in the Police Force for the term of six years. He was to receive an annual salary of £60, paid at £5 per month, and free quarters and a garden. He would also be allowed to supply himself with free peat from Crown Lands. Passages for himself and for his family would be provided. [T1]

In the descriptive return dated 18 November 1878, Corporal **James PRESCOTT** 112, age 38 and a saddle tree maker, was described as 5 foot 8 inches tall with brown hair, grey eyes and a fresh complexion. His character was good and he was discharged to a modified pension. James had served 6 years and 3 months in the Royal Artillery, 10 months in the IMF and 11 years and 3 months in the 17th Lancers. During that time he served 4 years and 9 months in India. [T1]

James and his family arrived in the Falkland Islands 20 December 1878 on board the *Black Hawk*. James was sworn in as constable in the Police force 3 January 1879 on an annual salary of £60 and a house rent free.

James PRESCOTT and his fellow constable, **William CLAPPERTON**, were suspended from duty while they were the subject of an investigation. Both men were dismissed from the Police Force of the Falkland Islands 29 October 1879. Since in his arrival in the Falkland Islands James had been severely reprimanded several times by the Governor. As per the terms of his agreement, his pension was stopped by the Government until the amount paid for the passages of James and his family and the balance of the advance of £15 paid to him in England, a total of £45-15-0, had been recovered. He was also given notice to quit the Government cottage and garden occupied by him by 8 November 1879. [D18; 306, 307, 308, 310]

James shipped as a carpenter on board the Dutch ship *Utrecht* bound for San Francisco in October 1882. From there he was to return to Europe and he had been directed to report himself to the War Office in England. [D19; 55]

Children of James and ? PRESCOTT:

1. **Elizabeth PRESCOTT** born circa 1863 (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Elizabeth age 19 and living in Stanley, was married to **William Hugh WILSON**, age 19 and a mariner living in Stanley, 28 June 1882 in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Charles Cole and Laura Roberts. William's father was recorded as Charles Watson Wilson, lieutenant colonel, and Elizabeth's father was recorded as James Prescott, pensioner. *William died in 1905* (not in the Falkland Islands – needs confirmation).

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of William and Elizabeth WILSON:

1. **Charles Edward James WILSON** born 28 July 1883 in Stanley and baptised 18 August 1883 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as seaman/mariner.
2. **William Francis WILSON** born 15 April 1885 at Port Stephens and baptised 10 May 1885 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as mariner.
3. **Henrietta Elizabeth Isabella WILSON** born 16 March 1887 at Port Stephens and baptised 28 April 1887 by Holy Trinity church. Her father's occupation was recorded as mariner.