

## RUMBOLDS 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.*

**William Charles RUMBOLDS** was born 21 December 1891 in Stoke Ferry, Norfolk, England to **Thomas William RUMBOLDS** and **Maude RUMBOLDS**. William was educated at Walsingham Board School.

William, a shepherd, was married to **Mary Ellen “May” JOHNSON** 10 February 1919 at Christ Church Cathedral by Governors Licence by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Mary Rattley and George Rattley. William’s father was recorded as Thomas William Rumbolds, soldier, and Mary’s father was recorded as George Frederick Johnson, foreman.

May, age 25, died 19 April 1922 on Saunders Island from pulmonary tuberculosis and cachexia and was buried on Saunders Island.



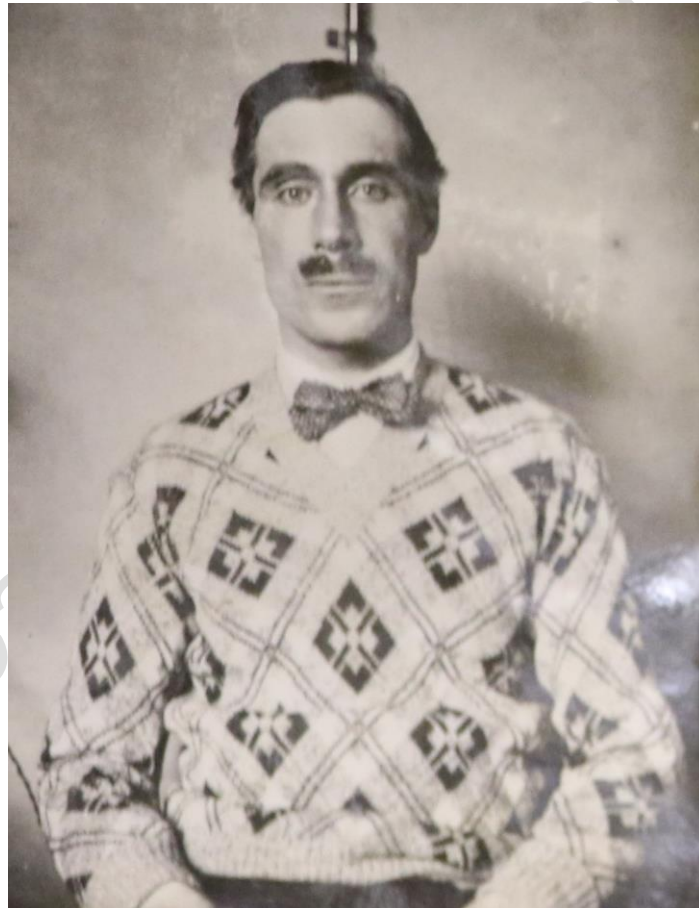
William was appointed a customs officer 20 December 1923. His annual salary was £150 plus a £50 duty allowance. His uniform was also provided. William travelled to South Georgia on the *Tijuca* which arrived in Stanley at 8am on 28 March 1924 and left for South Georgia at 3pm. The *Tijuca* arrived in South Georgia 3 April 1924 and took up his duties the same day. On 1 January 1926 William was appointed Assistant Customs Officer, South Georgia. William was appointed Acting Customs Officer, South Georgia 10 May 1927 to cover for the leave of W W Stuart. William was the Whaling Officer in the South Orkneys for the 1927-28 whaling season. In 1928 William took a leave of absence and took his son to England. He was recorded as being 5' 7 ½ " tall with grey eyes and black hair. From 1 January 1930 William was receiving an annual salary of £162 as Assistant Customs Officer and £168 from 1 January 1931. In May 1931 William requested the sum of £5 a month to be deducted from his salary and paid to his mother at 28 Atherton Crescent, Hungerford, Berkshire, England. William was appointed Customs Officer, South Georgia on probation for a year from 1 October 1932 on an annual salary of £200 rising by annual increments of £10 to £240 a year. William was confirmed in his appointment in April 1934. On 18 June 1935 William requested permission for his wife to reside with him at South Georgia (*no record of their marriage in South Georgia or the Falkland Islands*).

In October 1935 William's wife, Mrs K M Rumbolds, was living at 44 Queens Road, Newbury, England. In March 1937 and March 1938 William was appointed officer-in-charge and justice of the peace during the absence of William Barlas, the South Georgia magistrate. In October 1939 William returned to Stanley and was trained as a Lewis gunner for anti-aircraft defence at South Georgia. William returned to South Georgia by first class passage in March 1940. In October 1941 William applied for the post of Magistrate, South Georgia. In August 1942 the Magistrate, South Georgia requested that William be removed as a customs officer as he was "*unreliable, indiscreet, most untruthful and inefficient in execution of his duty. He also lacks aptitude. Moreover he carries no weight as an official and is given to bouts of insobriety.*"

In August 1945 William submitted an application for leave at the end of the 1946 whaling season and to retire on pension while in England. William sailed from South Georgia 19 April 1946 for the United Kingdom. His address in England was 6 York Road, Newbury, Berkshire. His pensionable service was from 20 December 1923 to 4 June 1947; a total of 23 years, 5 months and 16 days. He received a pension of £158-9-0.

William was married to 2) **Kaste Mary ROLFE**.

William died 25 November 1969. His wife survived him.



**William in 1928**

**Robert Henry RUMBOLDS** was born 16 January 1894 in Stoke Ferry, Norfolk, England to **Thomas William RUMBOLDS** and **Maude RUMBOLDS**.

Robert joined the FIDF in August 1914 and was promoted to corporal in December 1914.

Robert had thirty-three months active service during World War I. His duties included being in charge of various outposts and the guards on two prize ships brought into Stanley by the navy. He was also in charge of a battery of three 12-pounder guns and was attached for several months to the Coast Artillery 6-inch guns.

Robert started work at Teal Inlet circa 1920 and worked for them for 22 years.

Robert, a shepherd, was married to **Gertrude Maude DAVIS** 22 August 1921 at Christ Church Cathedral by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Robert Thomas Hutchinson and Gladys Mildred Davis. Robert's father was recorded as Thomas William Rumbolds, soldier, and Gertrude's father was recorded as John Davis, deceased mariner.

In 1939 at the outbreak of World War II Robert was promoted to sergeant in the FIDF.

From November 1943 Robert was attached to the Quartermaster's Department with his duties including care and issuing of stores, clothing and equipment and the necessary book-keeping.

In January 1950 Robert was working for PWD as a labourer on CDW stores and had had much experience on the clerical side of both Admiralty and War Disposals. Robert was appointed a clerk grade IV in the Public Works Department 17 January 1950 on a total annual salary of £214-10-0. On 17 January 1952 Robert was promoted to Grade III. Robert resigned as from 15 October 1952. His certificate of service recorded his character as excellent and his ability as being most satisfactory and that he would be difficult to replace.

Robert, age 58 and a clerk, and Gertrude, age 58 and a housewife, emigrated to Australia via the UK in 1952 as Robert was taking up a position in Australia. Robert was recorded as being 5' 11 tall with grey eyes and grey hair and Gertrude was recorded as being 5' tall with grey eyes and brown hair.

Robert died in Victor Harbour, South Australia



**Robert and Gertrude in 1952**



## FIRST GENERATION

### Children of William (1) and Mary RUMBOLDS:

1. **Robert William RUMBOLDS** born 3 June 1919 and baptised 24 August 1919 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as clerk. Robert's father took him to England in 1928. In 1936 Robert has a post as hall boy in a large country house in Berkshire. In 1944 Robert was serving in the Royal Army Medical Corps as a field nurse, first class. [FI Weekly News 7 Sep 1944] Robert, late of 30 Archers Road, Southampton and a bachelor, died 27 October 1982.

### Children of Robert (2) and Gertrude RUMBOLDS:

1. **Joyce Constance RUMBOLDS** born 1 June 1922 at Teal Inlet and baptised **Joyce Constance Maud RUMBOLDS** 5 November 1922 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. In February 1940 Joyce was living at Marnon House, Fox Bay East. Joyce, age 21 and a domestic living at Teal Inlet, went to the UK in 1944 to join the Forces, leaving 6 March 1944 for Montevideo on ss *Fitzroy*. She was recorded as being 5' 3" tall with grey eyes and brown hair. Joyce, an ACW2 in the WAAP was due to be married to **Trevor BATES**, driver RASC, 29 July 1944 in Dudley. [FI News Weekly 3 Aug 1944; account of wedding 12 Oct 1944] Joyce died in 1984.



**Joyce in 1943**

2. **Adelaide Joan RUMBOLDS** born 27 July 1925 and baptised 16 August 1925 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Adelaide, age 9 months, died 23 April 1926 at Teal Inlet from congestion of the lungs and was buried 25 April 1926 in Grave K 937.

3. **Iris Malvina RUMBOLDS** born 3 December 1927 in Stanley and baptised 28 December 1927 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Iris departed for Teal Inlet with her mother 20 March 1937. Iris was married to **Arthur Gordon PATIENCE**, labourer, 27 September 1952 at Christ Church Cathedral by J Durno Steele, Senior Chaplain. The witnesses were Mrs D Lang, Mr C S Keeleyside, R H Rumbolds, J Parrin and G M Rumbolds. Arthur's father was recorded as Hugh Patience, labourer, and Iris' father was recorded as Robert Henry Rumbolds, clerk. Iris, age 24, was recorded as being 5' 4" tall with green eyes and brown hair. Iris died in 2007



**Iris in 1952**