

## SORNSEN 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.*

**Edward SORNSEN** was born circa 1860 to **Canute SORNSEN** and ? in Norway.

On 12 October 1892 **SORNSEN** and **G BOTWOOD** tendered to erect fencing around the commonage and this was accepted by the Falkland Islands Government 1 November 1892. [D22]

On 29 October 1892 Edward had completed the erection of a stable at Government House. [D22]

Edward, age 35 and a Norwegian carpenter living in Stanley, was married to **Jane HALLIDAY**, age 15, 7 August 1894 in the house of Mr Halliday. His father was recorded as Canute Sornsen, carpenter.

On Monday 24 May 1897 E SORNSEN was one of the crew of the Governor's gig in a boat race against the gig of A E Baillon; the Governor's gig won by a length. [FIM Jun 1897]

In June 1897 Edward was one of three contractors to build a length of 100 yards each of the sea wall on the way to 'Italy' (*the point where the Battle Memorial is now situated*). [FIM Jun 1897]

**E SORENSEN** arrived in Stanley 1 June 1899 as part of the crew of the *Zillah* brining in cargo of the *J R Kelly*. [FIM Aug 1899]

Edward, age 54 and Norwegian, died 16 December 1914 of pneumonia and cardiac arrest and was buried 20 December 1914 in Grave I 784.



**Edward's grave marker and Jane's grave in Stanley Cemetery**

Jane, age 64, died 24 May 1943 and was buried 16 May 1943 in Grave O 1239.

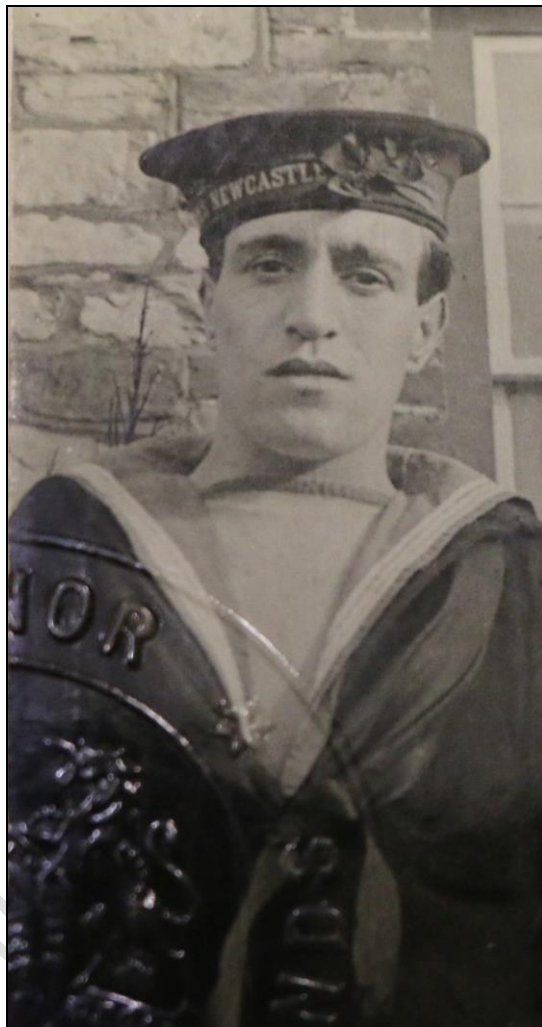
## FIRST GENERATION

### Children of Edward and Jane SORNSEN:

1. **Annetta Agnes SORNSEN** born 18 August 1895. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Annette, age 3 days, died 21 August 1895 from inanition (*no burial record*).
2. **Ellias Ludvig SORNSEN** born 1 February 1897 and baptised 3 March 1897 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Ellias, a sailor, was married to **Isabella MORRISON** 27 July 1935 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by A R Hoare, Ag Registrar General. The witnesses were Robert Reive and Mrs G Short. Ellias' father was recorded as Edward Sornsen, deceased ships carpenter, and Isabella's father was recorded as Finlay Morrison, deceased shepherd. Ellias, age 70 and a retired labourer, died 23 October 1967 in Stanley and was buried 27 October 1967 in Grave T 2086. Isabella, age 79, died 18 October 1982 in Stanley and was buried 22 October 1982 in Grave T 2087.



3. **Annetta Katrina SORNSEN** born 2 December 1899 and baptised **Annetta Katrine SORNSEN** 9 January 1900 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. **Annetta Catherine SORNSEN** was married to **Samuel NELSON**, stoker, 2 April 1918 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were F Wray and N Bradbury. Samuel's father was recorded as William Nelson, iron moulder, and Annetta's father was recorded as Edward Sornsen, carpenter. Samuel, a first class stoker, departed for the UK by ss *Falkland* or *Kenuta* in 1919. Annetta, age 20, and her infant son, departed for the UK in 1920.



Annetta, age 20, with her son Edward in March 1920, and Samuel in September 1919

4. **Agnes Caroline SORNSEN** born 31 October 1901 and baptised 10 December 1901 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Agnes, age 69 and single went to the UK on holiday in 1971. She was recorded as being 5' 3" tall with grey eyes and brown/grey hair.



Agnes, age 69

5. **Christian Edward SORNSEN** born 13 September 1903 and baptised 5 November 1903 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Edward joined the Cathedral choir in April 1915. [FIM Apr 1915] Christian, a labourer, was married to **Ruth Eveline WILLIAMS** 13 March 1928 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by M Craigie Halkett, Ag Registrar General. The witnesses were Agnes Caroline Sornsen and George Albert Sornsen. Christian's father was recorded as Edward Sornsen, deceased. Ruth, age 43, died 5 December 1950 from tuberculous broncho-pneumonia and diabetes and was buried in Grave Q 1441. Christian, a widower and seaman, emigrated to the UK in 1954. He was recorded as being 5' 8 ½" tall with grey eyes and dark brown hair.



**Christian, age 50**

6. **Jane Elizabeth 'Cissy' SORNSEN** born 30 September 1904 in Stanley and baptised 7 November 1904 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Jane was married to **Harold HICKS**, farm labourer, 20 December 1926 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by M Craigie-Halkett, Registrar General. The witnesses were Agnes C Sornsen and Edward Sornsen. Harold's father was recorded as William Hicks, farm manager, and Jane's father was recorded as Edward Sornsen, deceased. Jane emigrated to Newbury, Berkshire in 1938 to join her husband. She was recorded as being 5' 6" tall with blue eyes and fair hair.



**Jane, age 33**

7. **Florence Mary SORNSEN** born 15 February 1907 in Stanley and baptised 13 March 1907 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Florence, age 6 months, died 24 August 1907 from whooping cough and exhaustion and was buried 27 August 1907 in Grave H 490.
8. **Andrew Alexander SORNSEN** born 1 December 1908 in Stanley and baptised 21 December 1908 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Andrew, age 56, single and a labourer, travelled to Montevideo for medical treatment in 1965. He was recorded as being 5' 11 ½" tall with grey eyes and brown hair. Alexander, retired, emigrated to England in 1973.



**Andrew, age 56**

9. **George Albert SORNSEN** born 1 December 1911 in Stanley and baptised 11 January 1912 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. George, a labourer, was married to **Isabella Mary 'Nan' CLARKE** 3 October 1942 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by J E Hamilton, Registrar General. The witnesses were Jane Elizabeth McKay and Ellieas Ludwig Sornsen. George's father was recorded as Edward Sornsen, deceased, and Isabella's father was recorded as Andrew James Clarke, deceased. Isabell, age 24, travelled to the UK, Uruguay and Argentina on holiday in 1946. She was recorded as being 5' 2 1.2" tall with brown eyes and dark hair. Mary, age 29, died 23 August 1951 from phthisis pulmonum and was buried 26 August 1951 in Grave Q 1459. George, age 53 and a labourer, travelled to Montevideo for medical treatment in 1965. He was recorded as being 6' 1" tall with grey eyes and brown hair. George, age 76, died 24 April 1988 and was buried 29 April 1988 in Grave Q 3091.



**George, age 53 and Isabell, age 24**

10. **Kearin May SORNSEN** born 16 January 1914 in Stanley and baptised **Karina May SORNSEN** 23 February 1914 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Krne was married to **Donald BRUCE**, labourer, 16 May 1934 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by A R Hoare, Ag Registrar General. The witnesses were George Albert Sornsen and Agnes Caroline Sornsen. Donald's father was recorded as Neil Bruce, deceased fisherman, and Krne's father was recorded as Edward Sornsen, deceased carpenter. Karina, age 20 and a domestic servant living at Chartres, went to the UK on holiday in 1934. She was recorded as being 5' 7" tall with grey eyes and brown hair.



**Karina, age 20**