

## WILMER 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.*

**Bradford WILMER** was married to **Caroline CORNISH** (*not in the Falkland Islands*)

Bradford was appointed a constable 30 November 1882 on an annual salary of £60 and a rent free house.

On 2 December 1887 Bradford, a police constable, purchased Crown Grant 245 containing a dwelling and land of 24 poles on Drury Street known as 6 Pensioners Cottage Allotment for £150. [Ref Off: Vol III; pg 24]

Bradford was appointed acting government pilot and master of the *Hadassah* 12 July 1892. By 1893 he was assistant pilot on an annual salary of £90 and by 1894 pilot on an annual salary of £100.

Bradford, age 60, British and government pilot, died 27 August 1904 from cerebral apoplexy and was buried in Grave A1 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His gravestone reads: "*In ever loving memory of my dear husband Bradford Wilmer the son of the late Lt Col Wilmer HM<sup>s</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars who passed away 27<sup>th</sup> August 1904 aged 60 years*".



On 27 March 1905 Caroline sold Crown Grant 245 for £130. [Ref Off: Vol V; pg 132]

Caroline, a widow from England, was married to **Samuel HAMILTON**, Colonial Surgeon from Ireland, 25 April 1905 at Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley by Special Licence by C K Blount MA Assistant Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were W A Harding and Ida Florence Wilmer. Samuel's father was recorded as Joseph Hamilton, Major 4<sup>th</sup> VO (foot), and Caroline's father was recorded as Benjamin Cornish, Captain Mercantile Marine. Caroline, her husband and daughters, departed 25 April 1905 for Liverpool on board the *Oruba*.

## FIRST GENERATION

### Children of Bradford and Caroline WILMER:

1. **Ida Florence WILMER** born 18 May 1883 in Stanley and baptised 1 August 1883 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as policeman. Ida departed with her mother, sister and stepfather 25 April 1905 for Liverpool on board the *Oruba*. On 20 November 1909 Ida wrote from 9 Hainthorpe Road, West Norwood, London SE, to the manager of the FIC requesting on behalf of her mother that the fence was repainted around her father's grave and the lettering on the stone redone.
2. **Alice Lillian WILMER** born 26 July 1885 in Stanley and baptised 1 November 1885 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as police constable. Alice departed with her mother, sister and stepfather 25 April 1905 for Liverpool on board the *Oruba*.