

NIGHTINGALE GRAVE

GRAVE NO: 115



A dark grey slate gravestone. It was still upright (2007) facing East but leaning slightly to South. The top was rounded and cracked through the middle with a chipped-out section. The plot has a brick curb

Test: *In loving memory of Charles Nightingale, eldest son of Joseph Nightingale, late of her Majesty's Ordinance, who died suddenly at Kalk Bay on 14th Jan 1873 aged 23 years. Also of William Nightingale, second son of the above who fell a victim to Delagoa Bay Fever on his way to the Gold Fields and died at Geelhoutboom 4th Feb 1874 aged 23 years.*

There has been some research by members of the NIGHTINGALE family on Ancestry but as one child from his first marriage and all six of the children of the second marriage came to South Africa the online family tree had very little data on these children. This work is a combination of UK records and South African records for the NIGHTINGALES in Africa.

Although the Ancestry.com family tree has a birth and a census record on its tree for 1841, none of the children mentioned there occur in subsequent Census records and the one who is

mentioned in 1851 does not appear in the 1841 Census record given in the online tree, so I suspect that the census record for 1841 given is spurious.

JOSEPH NIGHTINGALE

Born: 1798

Bapt: 19 Aug 1798 West Mosely Surrey

Parents: William and Ann NIGHTINGALE

After some research I found that **Joseph NIGHTINGALE** had been married three times.

Marriage 1: ANN JESSOP

Name: Joseph Nightingale
Gender: Male
Marriage Date: 14 Mar 1819
Marriage Place: Old Church, Saint Pancras, London, England
Spouse: Ann Jessop

Child from Marriage 1:

1. **Louisa NIGHTINGALE** b about 1819 bapt 13 Feb 1820. She married George GARWOOD and had 6 children. She died 1857. See below for more information.

Death of wife 1: I found no definitive record of **ANN NIGHTINGALE born JESSOP's** death.

Married 2: EMILY KILBOURN ROSS

When she married **Joseph NIGHTINGALE** in 1836 both Emily and Joseph were listed as "widow/widower". I have not found their marriage so I'm not sure if ROSS is her Maiden name or the name of her husband and whether Kilbourn/Kilburn is second forename or maiden name.

Child from marriage 2:

1. **Emily Josephine NIGHTINGALE** b. 2 Oct 1836 d. 1934 in South Africa -see below for more information.

Death of wife 2: There is an entry for the burial of **Emily Kilburne NIGHTINGALE** at St Mary's Battersea. She died in Aug 1840 and was buried on 27 Aug 1840. She was 29 years of age (born: about 1811) and her 'Abode' is given as 'Union Work House, Battersea'. A website by Adrian Finch:

<https://adrianfinchblog.wordpress.com/2019/02/14/death-registers-wandsworth-and-clapham-union-workhouses-1836-1840/>

It includes a transcription of a list of Deaths at the Workhouse for 1836-1840 and this entry for Emily NIGHTINGALE:

d. 23 Aug 1840 Emily NIGHTINGALE 29 intoxication

A full history of the Wandsworth Union Workhouse can be found at <http://www.workhouses.org.uk/Wandsworth/>

1841 England, Wales & Scotland Census

Park Road, St Mary, Lambeth, London & Surrey, England

Joseph	Nightingale	Male	40	1801	Draftsman Surrey, England
Emily J	Nightingale	Female	4	1837	-
Augustus	Ross	Male	7	1834	-
Letitia	Winter	Female	30	1811	F. S. [Family Servant]

I presume that Augustus ROSS is the son of Emily NIGHTINGALE's first marriage.¹ He does not appear in NIGHTINGALE family records again except in 1871 Census where his son, Frederick Stewart ROSS has a L. NIGHTINGALE as his governess. This could be Laura NIGHTINGALE who does not appear with the rest of the NIGHTINGALE family in the 1871 Census list.

Married 3: JULIA NELTHORPE

Name:	Joseph Nightingale
Gender:	Male
Record Type:	Marriage
Marriage Date:	24 Dec 1846
Marriage Place:	St Michael, Stockwell, Lambeth, England
Father:	William Nightingale
Spouse:	Julia Nelthorpe

Children from marriage 3:

These will be dealt with in more detail below

1. **Laura NIGHTINGALE** (1848-1927) about 70y
2. **Charles NIGHTINGALE** (1849-1873) about 24y
3. **William NIGHTINGALE** (1851-1874) about 24y
4. **Arthur NIGHTINGALE** (1852-1884) about 32y
5. **Walter Maxwell NIGHTINGALE** (1855-1921) 66y
6. **Florence Julia NIGHTINGALE** (1856-1903) 47y
7. **Frederick Joseph NIGHTINGALE** (1858-1897) 39y

Occupation of Joseph NIGHTINGALE.

1. 1820 at Baptism of Louisa – **Victualler**
2. Census 1841 – **Draftsman**
3. Baptism of Charles – **Gentleman**
4. Census 1851 – **Military Draftsman Ordnance**
5. Baptism of Walter Maxwell – **Gentleman**
6. Baptism of Frederick Joseph – **War Department**
7. Census 1861 – **Draftsman War Department- superannuation**
8. Census 1871 – **War Department Retired List**
9. Census 1881 – **superannuated Military Draftsman War Department**

¹ Augustus Ross – full name George Robert Ernest Augustus ROSS appears to have been born in 1834, two years before his mother married Joseph Nightingale. According to his marriage Certificate his father was George ROSS and occupation given as 'Esquire'. After the 1841 Census Augustus does not appear with the Nightingale family again. No record in 1851 Census. He married at St Peter's Pimlico in 1858 to Mary Anne Susan LINDSAY. In 1861 census his wife is entered as Marion and he had a son F. S. ROSS born about 1860. In 1871 Census Augustus is a widower (Marian died in 1st Quarter 1870) his son still only called F. S. but could be Frederick Stewart ROSS. Profession: Augustus was a stockbroker and at son's marriage "Banker". Son was a "Clerk in holy orders".

Died:

Joseph NIGHTINGALE died at St James Terrace, Paddington, London on 27 August 1881. He was buried from the Willesden Parish Church on 31 Aug 1881. He was 83y old and left his wife Julia.

Julia NIGHTINGALE born **NELTHORPE** died 8 Jun 1885 in St James Terrace, Paddington. Her Estate left £112. Laura is mentioned as 'spinster, daughter, one of her next-of-kin'

CHILD OF JOSEPH NIGHTINGALE and ANN born JESSOP

1. Louisa NIGHTINGALE

Born abt1819 **Bapt.** St George's Hanover Square 13 Feb 1820.

Married: Although no marriage record could be found, Louisa appears in online family trees and in 1851 Census married to **George GARWOOD** who in 1851 was a horse dealer in Manchester. He died in 1865

Children:

- a. Louisa Nightingale GARWOOD b. 1844 m. 1867 John CARR in Manchester. d Not found
- b. Charles George Nightingale GARWOOD b 1846 m. 1865 Mary Jane CARR d. 1914
- c. Ellen Nightingale GARWOOD b 1849- died 1849
- d. Daniel Nightingale GARWOOD 1852 m. 1879 Elizabeth CARTWRIGHT died 1905

Died Louisa GARWOOD born NIGHTINGALE died 1857

CHILD OF JOSEPH NIGHTINGALE and EMILY KILBOURN ROSS

2. Emily NIGHTINGALE

born: 2 Oct 1836

Bapt: image found Parish: St Luke's Chelsea. Parents abode: Selwood Place. Father's Occupation: Gent

First name(s)	Emily Josephine
Last name	Nightingale
ender	Female
Birth year	-
Birth place	-
Baptism year	1836
Baptism date	02 Nov 1836
Residence	Chelsea, Middlesex, England
Place	Chelsea
County	Middlesex
Country	England
Father's first name(s)	Joseph
Father's last name	Nightingale
Mother's first name(s)	Emily
Mother's last name	Nightingale
Record set	England Births & Baptisms 1538-1975

Married:

Marriages Mar Quarter 1869 (>99%)

Logan	Thomas	Hendon	3a	136
Nightingale	Emily Josephine	Hendon	3a	136

Thomas LOGAN was an Engineer. I have found five possible children some appear to be born in UK, one in Georgia, on Black Sea and the others were baptised in South Africa.

- a. **Janet Nina Josephine LOGAN.** In her mother's South African Estate File there is a declaration that she was the oldest child and was born in Kutais, near the Black Sea, Caucasus on 24 Oct 1889. She had no birth or baptism record to prove this. Quite what the LOGANs were doing in Kutais in Georgia is not know but with Thomas LOGAN being an Engineer perhaps he was working there. Janet never married and at her death is described as a retired art teacher. She died 22 Sep 1953.
- b. **Fanny Emily Kathleen LOGAN** born 27 Oct 1873 in London bapt. at Stockwell 27 Nov 1874. In South Africa she married William Daniel HARE. She died 23 Feb 1948. They had two children.
- c. **John William Price LOGAN** b 11 Jun 1874 in Mowbray, Cape. Baptised 15 Dec 1893[sic] at St Peter's Mowbray. Married 1: Mary Elizabeth JENKINS div 1927 married 2: Mabel Noble CONRY 6 Nov 1928. Died 1966.

- d. **Thomas Charles Crawford LOGAN** born 18 Oct 1875 Mowbray Cape. Baptised: 15 Dec 1893 [sic] St Peter's Mowbray. Married Ida Sarah TWENTYMAN JONES in Rondebosch 1905. Two daughters. Died 10 May 1944 Steynburg. Retired Railway Official.
- e. **Florence Mabel Elsie LOGAN** born 2 Dec 1879. Baptised 11 Mar 1880 St Paul's Rondebosch. Died at 8mnths – 2 Sep 1880 buried from St Paul's Rondebosch.

3. Laura NIGHTINGALE

Born: 4th Q. 1847

Bapt: 22 Dec 1847 St Michael's, Stockwell, London

Census 1851: 3y with family at 1 Park Road, Lambeth

Census 1861: 13y Scholar. With family in Mortlake, Surrey

Census 1871: 23y Governess looking after step-brother Augustus ROSS son Frederick Stewart ROSS at queens Rd. Clapham, London.

Census 1881: 33y Boarding House Keeper with parents, Joseph and Julia NIGHTINGALE.

From her will, it can be presumed that she spent time in South Africa and Kenya with her nephew and nieces.

Census 1891: No record found. Was she in South Africa?

Census 1901: 53y Visitor in the home of James Hillhouse, a 85y old retired hatter.

Census 1911: No record found. Was she in South Africa or Kenya?

She never married.

Died: Laura NIGHTINGALE died at 3 Alexandria Terrace, Exmouth on 21 April 1927. She had an estate filed in South Africa as well as UK. In her will which is four and a half pages long she left monies and goods to numerous nieces and nephews as well as to charities. The total amount proved was over £30 000.

4. Charles NIGHTINGALE. Buried at St Paul's Rondebosch

born: about 1849 1 Park road, Stockwell

Bapt: 27 Jun St Michael's Stockwell

Census 1851: 1 y at Park Road with family

Census 1861: 11y both Charles and his brother William are not with family in 1861 but can be found at Kelvedon School, High Street, Witham. There are two families of sons from the Cape attending school there, the Steytler and the Downing boys. I wonder if they didn't influence Nightingale boys to come to South Africa?

Census 1871: 21 y at 68 Disraeli Road, Putney with family. Occupation a bank clerk.

To South Africa: must have left for south Africa post-Census in 1871 or 1872.

Died: 14 Jan 1873 at Kalk Bay. His Gravestone says he died suddenly. He was a bookkeeper at Wm. Dickson & Co. in Cape Town. His age is given as 23y and his possession Cash: £4.7.0 Personal Effects £15.0.0 Money in Savings account £12.2.2. his brother Walter Maxwell NIGHTINGALE completed the form and it was filed 17 Jan 1873.

It looks like William, Arthur, Walter Maxwell, Florence Julia and maybe Frederick Joseph NIGHTINGALE all came to South Africa – not necessarily at the same time but they all lived and died here.

5. William NIGHTINGALE

Born: 1851 pre 1851 Census date so most probably Jan 1851

Bapt: on 31 Mar 1851 at St Michael's, Stockwell.

Census 1861: At Kelvedon School, Witham, Essex

Census 1871: No record found – was he already on way to SA?

Died: 4 Feb 1874. Gravestone says: 'who fell a victim to Delagoa Bay fever on his way to the Gold Fields and died at Geelhoutboom...aged 23 years.' He died pre-Civil Registration of deaths and having no estate, no DN would have been completed. Geelhoutboom² is described in the footnote below.

² It was on the farm Geelhoutboom in the Sabie area of what was then the Eastern Transvaal that the Mac-Mac gold rush occurred. It is located near the town of Sabie, 5 km from Pilgrim's Rest. While a number of small gold deposits had been

Sir Thomas Baines writing about the discovery of gold in 1870s in Pilgrim Rest Area wrote a book *The gold regions of South Eastern Africa* and in it he describes the difficulty of getting to the goldfields in what was then Eastern Transvaal.

A small iron steamer, the "Adonis," had been brought from Europe and put together in Port Natal, and by the close of 1873 was fit for sea. Several persons took passage in her for Delagoa Bay, with the view of shortening the land journey, but the exposure to fever in the rains then prevalent, the detention and difficulty of procuring native carriers in Delagoa Bay, the entire absence of accommodation and consequent hardships, privations, and exposure, during a pedestrian journey of 178 miles, during which two large and several small rivers must be crossed, far more than counterbalanced the 240 miles saved in the distance. A letter from Pilgrim's Rest, dated Feb. 16, 1874, records the death of three persons who had arrived, via Delagoa Bay, and states that hardly one had been exempted from attacks of fever; while many narrowly escaped with their lives, and were compelled to abstain from work till the bracing air of the elevated regions should restore their health. The first who died at McMc was William Nye Nightingale [sic], aged twenty-six or twenty-seven [sic], believed to have come from Durban; next, Thompson, aged twenty-seven or twenty-eight, formerly connected with a brewery in Cape Town. The third victim was named Stewart, aged about forty-seven. He was supposed to have come from Algoa Bay, was formerly an engineer in the service of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Company, was a widower, and had left a daughter. The writer considerably gives these particulars to facilitate the identification of the unfortunate victims to a deadly climate, and adds that every attention was shown them during their illness by the ladies of Mr. MacLachlan's family, and they had such medical assistance as could be obtained on the fields.

Delagoa Bay fever is what William NIGHTINGALE's gravestone says he died from was either Enteric Fever or Malaria.

6. Arthur NIGHTINGALE

Born: either later 1852 or Jan 1853

Baptism: 19 Jan 1853 St Michael's Stockwell

Census 1861: 7y. With parents at Mortlake Surrey.

Census 1871: 17 y. With parents at 68 Disraeli Rd., Putney. Occupation: Broker

Census 1881: Not in UK Census – possibly in South Africa

Never married

Occupation: bank manager of Cape of Good Hope Bank in East London

Died: 21 March 1884 'Between Delagoa Bay and Lydenburg.' Death Notice is filled in by his sister Florence Julia NIGHTINGALE is undated but filed in Feb 1885.

7. Walter Maxwell NIGHTINGALE

Born: 30 April 1854

Baptised: 29 Jul 1854

Census 1861: 6y with parents at Mortlake, Surrey

Census 1871: 16y with parents. Occupation: Warehouseman

Census 1881: no Record found. Must have been in South Africa because he filled in Charles' DN in 1873

Married: 6 Dec 1877 at St Paul's Rondebosch to Eliza DELL. She was underage and needed her father's permission. A descendant of Walter Maxwell NIGHTINGALE (Willis Wood) wrote a book about him and the opening is on Ancestry.com however there are many date errors.

discovered in the northern parts of South Africa between 1840 and 1870, Mac-Mac was the first place where payable quantities of gold were found. In 1873 gold was discovered on the farm Geelhoutboom. President Burgers officially named the area the New Caledonian Gold Fields, but it became known as Mac-Mac because of the amount of Scottish diggers at the camp. Within one year, 1,500 diggers made 4,000 claims. The nearby Mac Mac twin falls, originally a single stream, acquired their current appearance when gold miners blasted the stream to reach the gold-bearing reef over which it drops.

On April 30, 1859[sic – I think he means 1871] Walter Maxwell Nightingale stepped onto the docks at Cape Town docks. It was his seventeenth birthday, [1871] diamonds had been discovered to the north in Kimberly,[discovered in Kimberley area 1867 moved to Kimberley 1871] and he was going to make his fortune. I don't know if Walter ever saw a diamond in the rough. He made his money playing billiards in Cape Town. The family is quick to let you know that he didn't play directly for money. That is, he wasn't what we, today, call a "hustler". Rather, other men bet on him, and, when he won, they gave him part of their winnings. He accumulated enough money to establish a trading post in the Karoo outback.[Calvinia] There he raised ostriches. There was a strong fashion demand for the tail plumes of these birds. ...

One Sunday in Cape Town, Walter lost his heart in church. Eliza Dell, daughter of the Commissioner of Railways, smiled at him as she walked down the aisle. Walter courted Eliza for several months until he got courage enough to ask her father for her hand. James Dell hadn't looked with favour on Walter, but he told the young man that, if he left his daughter alone for a year and still wanted to marry her at the end of that time, he would agree. Walter left dejectedly. The next morning, however, he was back at the Dell home. When James angrily reminded him that he had specified a year's absence, Walter replied, "Sir, one night's absence was longer for me than a year James Dell sighed in resignation and Walter and Eliza were married in a month. Walter loaded Eliza's luggage into his cape cart and the two of them started for his trading post.

Occupation: Farmer and trader on various baptisms certificates.

Children from this marriage:

- a. **Lily NIGHTINGALE** b 1879 Calvinia. Bapt. St Paul's 1880. m. Horace Benjamin HULETT – had 4 children. Died in Natal 1924.
- b. **William Maxwell NIGHTINGALE** b: 12 Sep 1882 Calvinia. Bapt. St Peter's Mowbray Jul 1883. He died 1962 in Kenya but had an estate file in South Africa. Website <http://www.europeansineastafrica.co.uk/site/custom/database/default.asp?a=viewIndividual&pid=2&person=1508> gives a very good biography. Besides being a farmer, he was also a land surveyor. Wife: Eleanor Mary FEY. They appear to have had three children in Kenya where he died in 1962.
- c. **Lionel Ross NIGHTINGALE** b: Dec 1884 bapt. 4 Mar 1885 St Peter's Mowbray. Married Martha Annie EGAN. Sugar Planter in Eshowe, KZN. They had three children all minors when he died 7 Aug 1927
- d. **Hugh Cecil NIGHTINGALE** b: 22 Aug 1881 bapt: Not found. Married: Mona Murray FRANKLIN died: 22 Aug 1956 in Kenya but included in a Cape Province Estate only in 1966-67 when brother and sister-in-law died. More about him on this website. <http://www.europeansineastafrica.co.uk/site/custom/database/default.asp?a=viewIndividual&pid=2&person=2459> He fought in both Wars and was awarded the Military Cross.
- e. **Doris Shirley NIGHTINGALE** b: 14 Apr 1897. Bapt: Sep 1898 married: Harold Ray WOOD in New York 1922. Died 1975 in the USA

WW1 Service: Walter Maxwell NIGHTINGALE was 60 when WW1 started. He was a Captain on the General List but given the rank of Temp Lt. in the East African Forces in 1916, presumably in time for the campaign in German East Africa. On his Medal Card behind his name is M.B.E. It does not appear behind name in London Gazette of 1916 where he is given temp rank of Lt as Railway Transport Officer but it does in the 1919 London Gazette. Among the long list of Birthday Honours of George V was a group of people awarded MBE 'For valuable services rendered in connection with military operations in East Africa' which included 'Temp. Lt. Walter Maxwell Nightingale'.

Died: 17 Nov 1921. His DN states he was 67y retired farmer living either at Compensation, Natal or in Kenya. He died in Durban, Natal. He was a widower, Eliza born DELL having died in 1914.

8. Florence Julia NIGHTINGALE

Born: abt 1856

Bapt: No record found

Census 1861: 5y with parents at Mortlake, Surrey

Census 1871: 15y with parents. Occupation: Scholar

Census 1881: no Record found. By 1884 she was in south Africa to fill in brother Arthur's DN

Married: John Walter DALLAMORE in Johannesburg in 1888.

Children: two boys Francis Arthur and Frederick Ernest.

Died: 17 Apr 1903 Johannesburg

9. **Frederick Joseph NIGHTINGALE**

Born: 15 Dec 1857 St John's Grove, Richmond

Bapt: 7 Feb 1858 St John's Church, Richmond

Census 1861: 3y with parents at Mortlake, Surrey

Census 1871: 13y with parents. Occupation: Scholar

Census 1881: no Record found. No further records could be found for Frederick Joseph except his probate.

Died: 24 Jan 1897 Alexis Ranch, Alexis Creek, British Columbia, Canada. His probate states he left £45 to his spinster sister, Laura Nightingale which seems to indicate that he was not married.