

JAMES RANDALL DOUGHTY

James Randall Doughty was born in December 1849, the son of Captain Randall James Doughty and Eliza Deveson.

Not much is known about his early life but he went to sea like his father and obtained his first Certificate as Second Mate in August 1869 in Galway. He then progressed to Master Mariner in 1871 in Cork. He sailed the world including trips to South America for guano, to the Mediterranean and in the coal trade.

In 1891 he married Mary Simpson Stirling in Hackney, London. Mary came from Queenstown, County Cork where James's voyages had often ended. They had two children, Beecham Bawnmore Mona Doughty (named after one of his ships) and James Randall Doughty Junior, both born in Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire. James's father was, by then, running a Public House and was buried in the local Cemetery.

James Doughty must have retired some time after 1900 and can be found on the 1911 Census living in Cornwall but he then moved to the Isle of Wight. He was living in Swanmore Road, Ryde in March 1925 when he died. His widow then left for South Africa where her daughter had moved and married.