

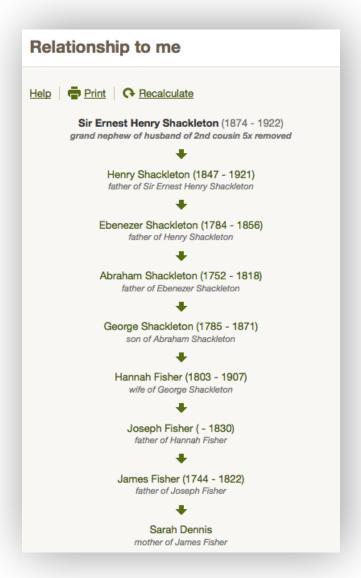
Sír Ernest Shackleton, perhaps in his thirties 1874-1922

Sir Ernest Shackleton

- This is the story of Ernest Shackleton's third polar expedition, the "Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition of 1914-1917.
- Its objective is to walk across Antarctica with a crew of 27 men. The venture fails when their ship, the Endurance, is crushed in the ice.
- · Then unfolds an epic story of leadership and heroism...

The Family Connection

My mother's family is related, sort of - all Quakers







Lt Shackleton, Captain Scott and Dr Wilson

Polar Explorer

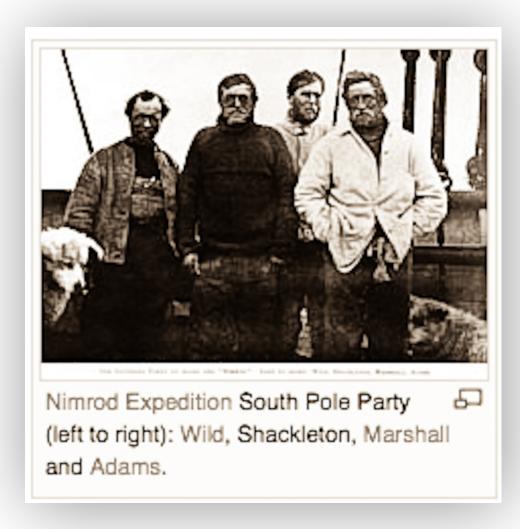
- Sír Ernest Henry Shackleton, CVO, OBE, FRGS (February 1874 – 5 January 1922) was an Anglo-Irísh polar explorer and one of the principal figures of the períod known as the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration.
- His first experience of the polar regions was as third officer on Captain Robert Falcon Scott's Discovery Expedition, 1901-04, from which he was sent home early on health grounds.



Ernest Shackleton, perhaps in his late twenties

The Nimrod Expedition

- Determined to make amends for this perceived personal failure, he returned to Antarctica in 1907 as leader of the Nimrod Expedition.
- In January 1909 he and three companions made a southern march which established a record farthest south latitude, 180 km from the South Pole.
- For this achievement, Shackleton was knighted by King Edward VII on his return home.



Nímrod Expedition (L to R): Wild, Shackleton, Marshall and Adams

Crossing of the South Pole

• After the race to the South Pole ended in December 1911 with Norwegian Roald Amundsen's conquest, Shackleton turned his attention to what he said was the one remaining great object of Antarctic journeying—the crossing of the continent from sea to sea, via the pole.

• To this end he made preparations for what became the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition, 1914–17.



Endurance under full sail



Shackleton's south pole car



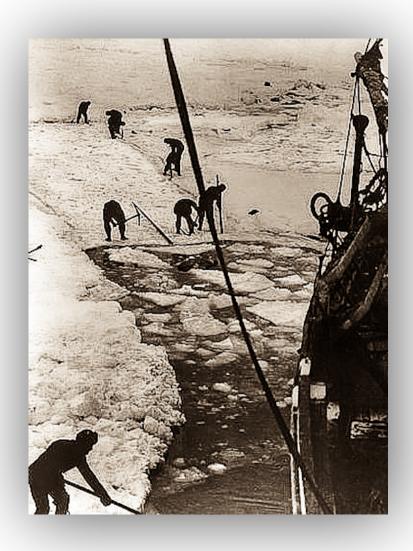
Crew checks on their crocus garden



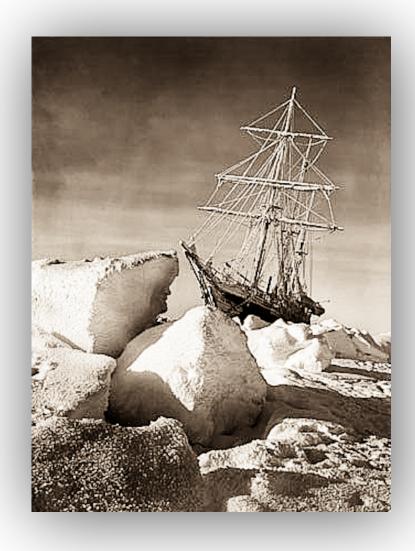
Hauling the James Caird over the ice on a training run

Disaster Strikes

- Disaster strikes this expedition when its ship, Endurance, becomes trapped in pack ice and is slowly crushed.
- The crew can do nothing but wait and hope that the pack ice will recede.
- Dragging three lifeboats and all the supplies they can carry, the crew make a terrifying and arduous escape to a pinnacle of rock called Elephant Island.
- Faced with certain death, Shackleton takes a small crew in the lifeboat James Caird and strikes out for South Georgia Island where there is a whaling station.



The crew attampt to break the Endurance free of the ice



The Endurance caught in pack ice, February, 1915

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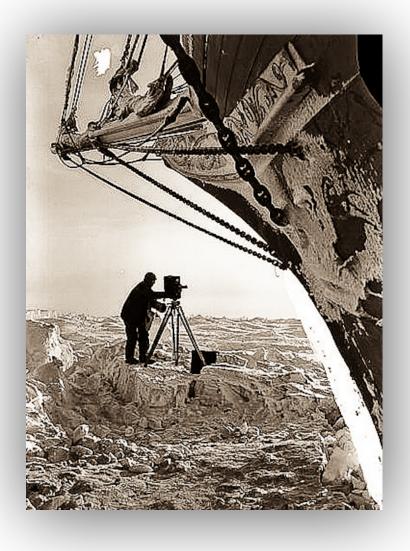
Ernest Shackleton, perhaps in his forties



The crew crowds around the ship's stove



Getting essential exercise and having some fun



Frank Hurley, expedition photographer, at work near the trapped Endurance



Major Ernest Shackleton

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Shackleton looks overboard while the Endurance is being crushed by the ice



The final sinking of the Endurance, November 1915



The Endurance listing to port



Captain Frank Wild and the scattered timbers of the Endurance



Frank Hurley and Ernest Shackleton at Ocean Camp

The Heroic Journey

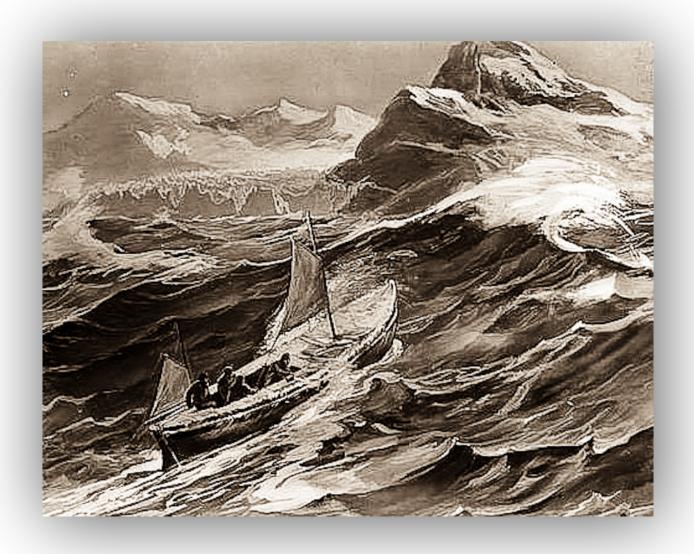
- After crossing 1300 km of treacherous open ocean, the crew of the James Caird lands on the precipitous south shore of South Georgia Island.
- Pathetically clad, three of them scale a mountain range and arrive at the Norwegian whaling station near death.
- A rescue mission to Elephant Island is mounted. The Chilean Navy's tug Yelcho is dispatched and the remaining crew rescued.
- Remarkably, not a single life is lost, assuring Shackleton a heroic place in history.
- Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ernest_Shackleton



Launch of the James Caird from Elephant Island, Easter Sunday 1915



Shackleton leaves Elephant Island on the James Caird



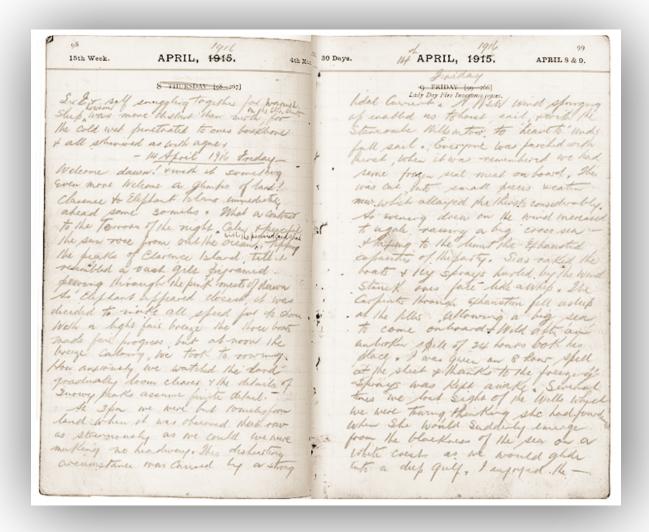
In sight of the goal, nearing South Georgia



Landing on South Georgia



Panarama of South Georgia, looking down on the whaling station



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Chilean ship Yelcho that saved the expedition members on Elephant Island



The Elephant Island party

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Epilogue

- Remarkably, not a single life is lost, assuring
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- Within several years of the mission's end, many members
 of the crew published breathtaking memoirs of their
 struggle, camaraderie, deprivation and ultimate rescue.
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Frank Hurley, Photographer

- The remarkable story of the Shackleton Expedition survives today largely due to the herculean efforts of the expedition photographer, Frank Hurley, to document the event in images.
- Hurley went to incredible lengths in brutal conditions to obtain, develop and preserve the images that would later capture the hearts and imaginations of generations.
- · He went on to have a long, successful photographic career.



Frank Hurley, expedition photographer 1885-1962

An Adventurer's End

- In 1921 Shackleton returned to the Antarctic with the Shackleton-Rowett Expedition, intending to carry out a programme of scientific and survey activities.
- Before the expedition could begin this work, Shackleton died of a heart attack while his ship, Quest, was moored in South Georgia.
- · At his wife's request he was buried there.

Home Life

- Away from his expeditions, Shackleton's life was generally restless and unfulfilled.
- In his search for rapid pathways to wealth and security, he launched many business ventures and other moneymaking schemes, none of which prospered.
- His financial affairs were generally muddled; he died heavily in debt. upon his death, he was lauded in the press, but thereafter was largely forgotten...

Home Life

- Yet the heroic reputation of Shackleton's rival Scott was sustained for many decades.
- Later in the 20th century, Shackleton was "rediscovered", and rapidly became a cult figure.
- Today, organization development consultants use
 Shackleton as a role model for excellence in leadership.
- Polar historian Stephanie Barczewski describes the Shackleton story as nothing short of "incredible".



Elephant Island, Where Ernest Shackleton and His Men Were Stranded



Replica of Boat Shackleton used to Cross from Elephant Island to South Georgia



Church at Grytvíken Where Shackleton's Funeral Was Held, South Georgía, South Atlantíc



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Cumberland East Bay, Hope Point, Memorial Cross for Sir Ernest Shackleton, South Georgia



The Shackleton Expedition got within 100 miles of the south pole

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