

MILLER FAMILY (1)

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.

James Willison MILLER was born in Stirling, Scotland. He met his wife, **Jane AMPO**, in South America where she had travelled to, to work as a nurse or governess (*Archive note: Jane signed the birth of her child with an X so unlikely she was a governess*). Jane was thought have been born in the Basque region of southern France. [Family History]



James was working as an engineer at Colonia on the River Plate when circa 1880 he was employed by Mr Dean to be overseer of the new tallow works at Port Stephens. In 1883 he went to work for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd as the supervisor of their tallow works as Goose Green.

James died 13 April 1885, age 45, at Goose Green when the digester he was working on in the tallow works exploded. He was buried in Darwin Cemetery.



Jane accepted compensation of £100 a year for 5 years. [FIC/D6; pg 742]

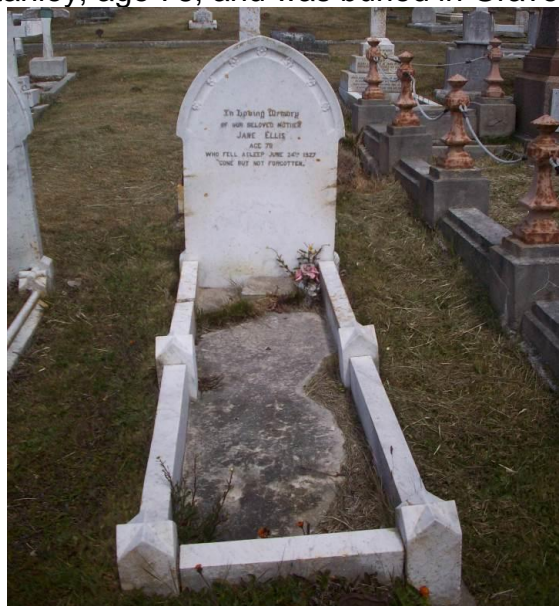
Jane bought 7 Pioneer Row 14 August 1886 for £120-0-0.

Jane Ampo MILLER, age 40 and living in Stanley, was married to **Charles ELLIS**, age 31 and living in Stanley, 4 September 1890 by Patrick J Diamond, Roman Catholic Priest. The witnesses were C Pinazo and Lauritz Larsen.

In October 1892 Jane was convicted of being drunk and disorderly and damaging property to the value of £7-15-10. The sentence was 40/- and cost and damages or 21 days imprisonment. [H47; 102]

On 8 December 1894 Fred COBB, managing director of the Falkland Islands Company Ltd, wrote to A E Baillon, Stanley manager, to inform him that according to Mr HEUSTON of Dublin, the MILLER family were entitled, as they came of age, to their shares of certain monies that were left in the hands of the late Dr HEUSTON and asking how many were living so that the amounts due to those of age good be remitted. [FIC/C2; 82]

Jane died 24 June 1927 in Stanley, age 78, and was buried in Grave N963.



FIRST GENERATION:

Children of James and Jane MILLER:

1. **Mary MILLER** born circa 1871 (*not in Falkland Islands*). Mary was born out of wedlock so appears to have been left out of the distribution of funds to her siblings. [FIC/D9; 179, 281, FIC/C2; 82] Mary, age 20 and living in Stanley, was married to **William Edwin TURNER**, age 28 and a store assistant living in Stanley, 11 November 1891 in Stanley in the house of Mr J Kelway according to the rites and ceremonies of the Baptist Church by Governor's licence by C E Lawson Good, Baptist Minister. The witnesses were Otto K Fugellie and Edward F Biggs. Mary's father was recorded as James Miller, engineer, and William's father was recorded as William Turner, army officer.
2. **Margaret 'Margarita' MILLER** born 22 September (*or December [FIC/D9; 179, 281]*) 1872 in Montevideo, Uruguay. Margaret, age 20 and living in Stanley, was married to **Arthur John GILCHRIST**, age 28 and a seaman living in Stanley, 14 April 1893 at the Baptist tabernacle according to the rites and ceremonies of the Baptists by Governor's licence by Ernest C Murphy, Baptist Minister. The witnesses were Helen Etheridge, Lucy Turner and B Browning. Margaret's father was recorded as James Miller, engineer, and Arthur's father was recorded as James Gilchrist, master mariner. By 24 July 1895 Margarita had been paid her share of the monies due to her. [FIC/D9; 281] Arthur, a hotel keeper, and Marguerita went on holiday to the UK in 1930. Margaret died 11 January 1933 in England from pneumonia. [Obituary Penguin 20 Jan 1933]



Marguerita, age 57



Arthur, age 61

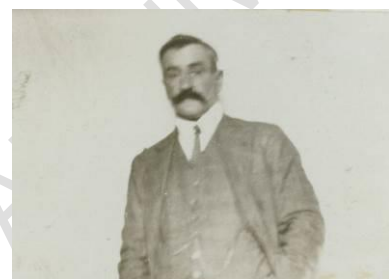
3. **Grace 'Gracia' MILLER** born 1 October 1873 (*not in Falkland Islands*). Grace, age 20 and living in Stanley, was married to **Frederic William PETERSEN**, age 33 and a mariner living in Stanley, 17 April 1894 in Stanley in the house of Mr Fugellie according to the rites and ceremonies of the Baptist Church by Governor's licence by Ernest C Murphy, Baptist Minister. The witnesses were Otto K Fugellie, R Roer and Jane Miller. Grace's father was recorded as James Miller, engineer, and Frederic's father was recorded as Lorenz Petersen, master mariner. By 24 July 1895 Gracia had been paid her share of the monies due to her. [FIC/D9; 281]

4. **Jane 'Juanita' MILLER** born 20 February 1876 (or 16 December 1875 [FIC/D9;281]) in Montevideo, Uruguay. Jane, age 19 and living in Stanley, was married to **George Adolphus ALAZIA**, age 22 and a labourer living in Stanley, 6 December 1894 in Stanley in the Baptist Tabernacle according to the rites and ceremonies of the Baptists by banns by Ernest C Murphy, Baptist Minister. The witnesses were William Alazia, Maggie Gilchrist and E Ratcliffe. George died 27 May 1936 in Stanley, age 63, and is buried in Grave K1095. [Obituary Penguin 1 Jun 1936] Jane died 2 August 1955, age 79, and is buried in Grave K1556.



George, age 61 & Jane, age 59

5. **William "Bill" MILLER** born 16 May 1878 (or March [FIC/D9; 179, 281]) in Rosario, Uruguay. William sailed with Captain Poole and was called *The Boy Skipper* because he was only 20 when he became captain of 120ft schooners. William, a mariner, travelled to Magallanes, Chile in 1931 on business. In 1945 William, age 66, fell overboard and Cecil Bertrand hauled him back on board (Peter Anderson was holding on to Cecil). William, age 78 and a retired seaman, died 3 December 1956 in Stanley and was buried 5 December 1956 in Grave R1579.



William, age 53

6. **Alexander MILLER** born 18 August 1879 in San Jose, Uruguay. Alexander, a sub-manager, returned to Punta Arenas, Chile in 1923 after a holiday in the Falkland Islands. In August 1944 Alexander was living at 5 James Street, Stanley. Alexander was receiving a pension of £40 a year, paid six monthly through the Falkland Islands Co Ltd, from Hamilton & Saunders Ltd. This pension was suspended in December 1951 due to Hamilton & Saunders going into liquidation. [FIC/EF/] Alexander went on holiday from the Falkland Islands to South America in 1946.



Alexander, 1923

7. **James Willison "Jimmy" MILLER** born 9 June 1881 at Port Stephens and baptised 28 May 1882 by Holy Trinity Church and baptised 8 July 1888 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as engineer. Jimmy later went to the Coast but used to return in charge of shipping sheep to Punta Arenas. On 24 September 1928 James was living in Punta Loyola, Rio Gallegos when he purchased property in Stanley. He retired to Stanley. James, age 72 and a sheep farmer, disappeared from the *Fitzroy* at sea on 5 August 1953 between 5.45am & 8.30am. Death was presumed by drowning or he may have died from shock in the water. His body was not recovered.



Jimmy, 1922



Jimmy was a horse tamer at Port San Carlos and dressed in a woman's skirt and using a side saddle was trying out a horse to see if it was suitable for Mrs Jack Cameron. Circa 1900

8. **John Ampo MILLER** born 30 January 1883 at Port Stephens and baptised 8 July 1888 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as engineer. John, a seaman, was married to **Ethel Mary PAICE**, 9 June 1908 in Christ Church Cathedral by C Rome Hall, Assistant Cathedral Chaplain. The witnesses were Herbert Paice and Emily Jane Paice. John's father was recorded as James Miller, engineer, and Ethel's father was recorded as Nathaniel Paice, shepherd. John, age 61 and a cobbler, died 28 April 1944 and was buried in Grave L1271. Ethel died 20 July 1969 in Stanley, age 80, and was buried 24 July 1969 in Grave L1786.



Wedding of John and Ethel

9. **Archibald "Archie" MILLAR** born 6 November 1884 and baptised 8 July 1888 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as engineer. Archie crewed on the *Progreso*.

SECOND GENERATION:

Children of Mary (1) and William TURNER:

1. **William James TURNER** born 6 November 1892 in Stanley and baptised 6 November 1892 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as photographer. William died 7 November 1892, age 29 hours, from pneumitine (*no grave record*).
2. **William Norman TURNER** born 28 August 1893 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as photographer. William died 28 September 1893, age 1 month, from convulsions (*no grave record*).
3. **William Frederick Norman TURNER** born 6 January 1895 (*no record of birth in Falkland Islands*) and baptised 27 January 1895 by Christ Church Cathedral and baptised May 1898 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Children of Jane (4) and George ALAZIA:

1. **Joseph William ALAZIA** born 18 April 1895. Shepherd. Died 6 February 1982 in Stanley and is buried in Grave V1972.
2. **Violet Maud ALAZIA** born 7 August 1896. Married **Thomas Henry Harrison HENNAH**, engineman (*not in the Falkland Islands*) who was born 17 October 1889 on Dyke Island, Falkland Islands.
3. **George James ALAZIA** born 10 January 1898. Shepherd. Married **Elsie Ann REIVE** 26 February 1926 at San Carlos South by Special Licence by George Bonner JP (Deputy Registrar. The witnesses were Robert Reive and Arthur Alazia. Elsie died 27 December 1947 and is buried in Grave P1366.
4. **Mabel Grace ALAZIA** born 24 September 1899 at Hill Cove.
5. **Arthur John ALAZIA** born 12 December 1900 at Hill Cove. Wireless operator.
6. **Jane Elizabeth ALAZIA** born 8 September 1902 at Hill Cove. Governess. Went to Punta Arenas in 1923.
7. **Edith Margaret ALAZIA** born 7 April 1905 at Hill Cove.
8. **Dorothy Mary ALAZIA** born 7 October 1911. Married **William McLean MUNRO**, mason, 11 February 1933 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Banns by Mario Louis Migone, Priest in Charge. The witnesses were Lillian Gladys Alazia and Arthur John Alazia.
9. **Lillian Gladys ALAZIA** born 8 March 1914. Married **George Albert BENNETT**, warehouseman, 6 March 1935 at St Mary's Catholic Church, Stanley by Banns by Hugh Drum, RC Priest. The witnesses were Harold Bennett and Violet Maud Hennah. Lillian and George emigrated to the UK in 1944 with their children.

Children of John (9) and Ethel MILLER:

1. **Mary Sarah June MILLER** born 5 October 1910 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Mary, age 28 and a nurse, went on vacation leave to the UK in 1940. Mary married **DAKIN**. Mary died in 1966.



Mary, age 28

2. **Grace Elizabeth MILLER** born 17 October 1912 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as carter. Grace was married to **William Henry GOSS**, mariner, 18 July 1936 at St Mary's. Grace died 24 May 2001 and is buried in Grave V 3332. William died 30 October 2002.
3. **Heather Margaret MILLER** born 6 October 1919 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as carter. Heather, a clerk, was married to **Richard William HILLS**, haulage contractor, 20 September 1941 at Christ Church Cathedral. Heather died 11 September 2004.

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES & JANE STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS