

MARTIN 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. Various spellings of names are recorded as written at the time.

Alexander MARTIN was born 14 December 1867 in Scotland. [PP 3, pg 21]

Alexander MARTIN, age 28, was married to **Ann Elizabeth DAVIS**, age 23, 1 January 1896 in the house of Mr Cameron by the United Non-Conformist Church.

Alexander died 26 April 1944, age 76, and was buried in Grave O 1270. Ann died 2 September 1945, age 73, and was buried in Grave O 1302.

March 25th 1924

This is the last **Will and Testament** of me Ann Elizabeth Martin of Stanley, Falkland Islands.

I appoint one Executrix, namely Ethel May Martin of Stanley, Falkland Islands, her Executors, Administrators and Assigns, only Trustee and Executor thereof.

I give and bequeath to my husband, Alexander Martin, the conservatory, the warehouse and any other additions or improvements that have been made to his house property at my expense. I give and bequeath to my daughter Ethel May, the piano. I give and bequeath to my daughter Edith Elizabeth the American oak suite of furniture. I direct that my business consisting of a retail store, shall be continued, if it can be done so with profit. The profits accruing from this are to be divided equally between my daughters Ethel May, Catherine Mary and Edith Elizabeth and my son George Alexander. If the business fails to yield profits, or if for any other reason it is found impracticable to keep it going I direct that the said business shall be sold out and the proceeds therefrom divided equally amongst those children named above as participants in the profits of the said business. I also give and bequeath the rest and residue of my property of whatever description to be equally divided amongst those of my children named as legatees in respect of the business referred to above. I further direct that all monies (whether accruing as profits from the business or as the result of the sale of the said business) apportioned to my children Catherine Mary, Edith Elizabeth and George Alexander shall be placed to the credit of their respective accounts in the Government Savings Bank until each shall have attained the age of 21 years (twenty one years).

(Sgd) Ann Elizabeth Martin

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FIRST GENERATION

Children of Alexander and Ann MARTIN:

1. **Thomas Greenshields MARTIN** born 16 March 1897. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
2. **Alice Marion MARTIN** born 18 November 1899. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Alice was married to **Samuel BONNER**, labourer, 20 June 1921 at the Office of the Registrar General, Stanley by M Craigie-Halkett, Registrar General. The witnesses were D J Sullivan and V Atkins. Samuel's father was recorded as William Bonner, carter, and Alice's father was recorded as Alex Martin, retired. Samuel served in World War I and also had worked in South Georgia. Samuel, age 57, died Saturday 2 March 1946 in Montevideo where he had gone with his wife on account of his health. [FI Weekly News 7 March 1946]
3. **Ethel May MARTIN** born 16 November 1902. Her father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Ethel, age 17, travelled to Punta Arenas, Chile 12 December 1920 on board the *Junin*. In 1930, age 28, she travelled to Chile and the Argentine on vacation. Ethel appears to have gone there to work. [Penguin 30 Apr 1930]
4. **Catherine Mary MARTIN** born 22 August 1905 in Stanley and baptised 27 March 1938 by the United Non-Conformist Church (Tabernacle), Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Catherine, age 18, went on holiday to the UK with Mrs A Martin 1 April 1924 on board the *Oriana*. She travelled Chile 3 November 1931 on the *Lagarto*. Catherine was married to **William Henry WARDLE**, a gunlayer on HMS *Baltavia* and from England, 10 October 1940 at the Nonconformist Church (Tabernacle), Stanley by Special Licence by Walter Forrest McWhan, Nonconformist Minister. The witnesses were W H Brockman and George A Martin. Catherine's father was recorded as Alexander Martin, general merchant and Williams' father was recorded as William Herbert Wardle, deceased coal merchant. Catherine travelled to the UK in 1947 to rejoin her husband. Catherine, age 66 and the widow of William, a postman, died 19 December 1971 in Stanley and was buried 22 December 1971 in Grave U2180
5. **Edith Elizabeth MARTIN** born 5 December 1907 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Edith, age 19, went on holiday to Chile 21 October 1927 on board the *Orita*. She returned to Stanley 8 January 1929 on board the *Magellan*. Edith was married to **Nordahl NILSEN**, a marine foreman from Norway, 1 July 1933 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by Special Licence by G R L Brown, Registrar General. The witnesses were Catherine Mary Martin and M Anderson. Edith's father was recorded as Alexander Martin, retired and Nordahl's father was recorded as Lorentz August Nilsen, labourer.
6. **George Alexander MARTIN** born 22 July 1910 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. George, a labourer age 25, went on holiday to the UK in 1935. George, a caretaker, died 24 August 1979, age 69, in Stanley and was buried 27 August 1979 in Grave U1948.