

MYLES 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.

James F MYLES was born in Arbirlot, Angus, Scotland on 18 Jun 1851 to **James MYLES** and **Clementina MYLES** formerly **SMITH**.

James was married to **Mary B BERTIE** (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

James, Mary, and three children departed the UK 11 November 1878 on the *Vicar of Bray* and arrived in Stanley 3 February 1879. They had been brought out by the Falkland Islands Company Ltd under the system of Land Orders. [D18; 247: H35; 84k: FIC/C1; 50]

James was employed as a blacksmith by the FIC on a monthly wage of £6-10 for the first year, £6-15 for the second and £7 for the remaining three years and a free passage as well as a house. He had a wife and three daughters, 4, 3 and 1. [FIC/C1; 528]

In November 1886 James gave notice that he wished to leave his employ as soon as a successor could be found, say in six months. At that time James was receiving carpenter's pay of £10-16-8 per month of 26 days with an extra 2/6d per day when working for ships or outsiders and a house rent free. He was described as a good all round man, with an uncertain temper, which had made him difficult to work with and being of an enquiring and intelligent turn of mind. [FIC/D7; 425-15]

Despatch 425 dated 27 November 1886 to LO: *"I should be glad if you could send us the original agreement signed in Scotland by Myles the Blacksmith about the end of 1878, as he asserts that the one exchanged for in London differed from the first in several essential points. I do not believe him, and have no doubt it is the same as Anderson's case...Myles the blacksmith has given me notice that he wishes to leave the employ as soon as I can find a successor, say in six months time...Myles has lately had carpenters' pay 8/4d per day or £10-16-8 per month with an extra 2/6d per day when working for ships or outsiders and a house rent free. He is a good all round man, with an uncertain temper, which has made him difficult to work with, the foreman carpenter and his shikers having had a good deal to put up with at times. He came out with a free passage and £7 per month, his wages having been raised to the present amount as soon as his five years agreement expired."*

Despatch 426 dated 15 December 1886, par 13 dated *"Myles has asked to be allowed to withdraw his notice, and if you have not engaged a successor I have no objection for this once, as he appears to have seen the error of his ways."* Unfortunately this proved to be optimism on the part of Frederick Cobb as in despatch 439 dated 5 June 1887 he reported to London Office: *"The peace with Myles the Blacksmith was only a temporary one, and he has chosen the present time, just as we have a ship, to make himself very disagreeable, impudent and obstructive, so that I cannot put up with him any longer..."* He asked for another man to be sent by the September mail. [FIC/D7; 423]

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of James and Mary MYLES:

1. **Beda C MYLES** born *(not in the Falkland Islands)*.
2. **Clementina MYLES** born *(not in the Falkland Islands)*.
3. **Mary MYLES** born *(not in the Falkland Islands)*.
4. **William MYLES** born 17 April 1879 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as blacksmith.
5. **James MYLES** born 26 May 1882 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as blacksmith.
6. **Frederick George MYLES** born 2 July 1886 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as blacksmith.