

## ALDRIDGE 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.*

**Thomas ALDRIDGE** was born 28 August 1831 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada to **Thomas ALDRIDGE** and **Sarah ALDRIDGE** formerly **WHARE**. Thomas senior, a soldier, died 16 June 1835 in Spanish Town, Jamaica. His widow, Sarah, married (2) **John SHORT**, soldier, 30 July 1837 in Spanish Town, Jamaica.

Thomas arrived in the Falkland Islands with his step-father, **John Short**, a Chelsea Pensioner, mother, **Sarah**, and siblings, **George SHORT**, **Thomas SHORT**, **Richard SHORT** and **Caroline SHORT** on the *Victory* 13 October 1849. His stepfather was part of a group of military pensioners commanded by Captain James Reid, a total of 122 people including women and children.

Thomas was married to **Mary Ann PRICE** 2 April 1856 by Henry Martyn Faulkner, Colonial Chaplain in Holy Trinity Church by Banns. The witnesses were John Short and Anne Dowers. Neither Thomas nor Mary Ann's fathers were recorded.

Thomas, licensed victualler, purchased the site of the now Rose Hotel on 8 October 1864 for £112. The premises were briefly known as the Star Hotel but soon changed to the Rose Hotel which was the name of the public house that Thomas had had on another site.

Thomas, age 42 and a hotel keeper, died 16 July 1873 in Stanley from paralysis of the insane and was buried 20 July 1873 in Grave D318. In Thomas' will dated 8 October 1871 he stated that his business was to be continued on until his youngest child reached 21 or married then his estate was to be divided with his wife having two shares and his children to have the remaining shares divided equally between them. His gravestone reads: *Sacred to the memory of Thomas Aldridge. For many years a resident of this Colony. Who died 16 July 1873. Aged 41 years. Much respected by all who knew him.*



Marian went to England sometime after his death and was married to **Mr WILLANS**, shipwright, in England before 21 October 1874. The WILLANS left Liverpool 21 October 1874; going on to Stanley on board the *Black Hawk*. [FIC: C1 – 478]

In January 1885 the Rose Hotel was recorded as being owned by Mrs Willans with an annual value of £65 and tax assessment of £1-1-8.

Marian was a passenger on board the *Kambyses*, departing England 1 September 1888. [C2 – 707]

Marian, age 77, died 29 February 1912 in Stanley and was buried 3 March 1912 in Grave D742. The Falkland Islands Magazine of April 1912 reported: *On March 3<sup>rd</sup> one of the oldest and most respected of the inhabitants of Stanley, was laid in her last resting place in the Stanley Cemetery. Mrs Willans had been in delicate health for some time, and bore her severe attacks of pain with exemplary patience and resignation. Lovingly tended to the end by her family and relatives, she passed peacefully away; her presence will be sadly missed by all her friends and acquaintances. Her gravestone reads: In loving memory of my dear mother Marian Willans who died 28 Feb 1912 age 78 years*



## FIRST GENERATION:

### Children of Thomas and Mary Ann ALDRIDGE:

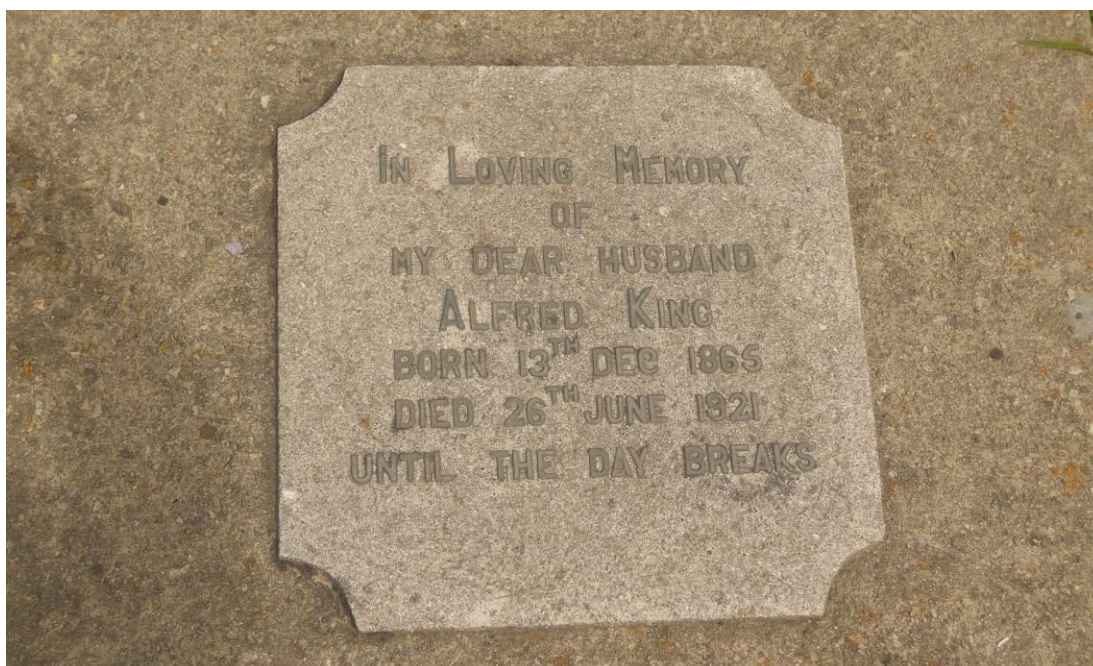
1. **Joseph Thomas ALDRIDGE** born 20 November 1856 in Stanley and baptised 21 November 1856 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Joseph, age 25 and a butcher, was married to **Catherine ELMER**, age 18, 20 July 1882 in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were F I King and R Elmer. Joseph's father was recorded as Thomas Aldridge, publican, and Catherine's father was recorded as William Elmer, (*military*) pensioner. Joseph, age 82, died 17 August 1938 and was buried in Grave J1124. [Obituary FI News Weekly Aug 1938] Catherine, age 87 and a widow, died 26 June 1951 and was buried 29 June 1951 in Grave J1457.



2. **John George ALDRIDGE** born 14 March 1858 in Stanley and baptised 5 September 1858 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. John, age 25 and a shipwright, was married to **Agnes Elizabeth TURNER**, age 21, 5 June 1884 in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were W Turner Senior and Ethel Turner. John's father was recorded as Thomas Aldridge, publican, and Agnes' father was recorded as James Turner, storekeeper. Agnes, age 46, died 8 November 1909 in Stanley from pneumonia and was buried 11 November 1909 in Grave C714. The family were living in the Rose Hotel at the time where Jack was the publican. Jack, age 60 and a publican, died 26 January 1920 in Stanley and was buried 28 January 1920 in Grave D845.
3. **Richard Henry ALDRIDGE** born 27 April 1861 in Stanley and baptised 25 August 1861 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Richard, age 23 and a joiner, was married to **Mary Margaret HARDY**, age 19, 14 January 1886 in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The

witnesses were Frederick Hardy and Albertina Hardy. Richard's father was recorded as Thomas Aldridge, publican, and Mary's father was recorded as Frederick Hardy, bricklayer. In January 1891 Richard held a retail licence and a billiard & bagatelle license for the Rose Hotel. Richard, age 41, died 16 January 1902 in Stanley from natural causes and was buried 19 January 1902 in Grave C248. Mary, a widow living in Punta Arenas, was married to (2) **John Nisbet SKIRVING**, widow & engineer living in Punta Arenas, 19 October 1907 in the house of the bridegroom according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England after civil marriage by Edwin Coupland Aspinall, British Chaplain.

4. **Charles Enery ALDRIDGE** born 20 March 1864 in Stanley and baptised 15 September 1864 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as publican, Rose Hotel. Charles, age 27 and an assistant storekeeper, was married to **Adele Edith FLEURET**, age 20, 6 August 1891 in the Service room according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were A N Fleuret, A M Aldridge and E Aldridge. Both Adele and Charles were living in Stanley at the time. Charles' father was recorded as Thomas Aldridge, publican, and Adele's father was recorded as Augustus Nicholas Fleuret, manager. Charles, age 40, committed suicide by shooting himself 6 October 1904 and was buried 9 October 1904 in Grave C 249. The inquest verdict was temporarily insane. Adele, age 44, died 24 November 1915 from pleurisy, pneumonia and heart failure and was buried 26 November 1915 in Grave C801.
5. **Alice Marian ALDRIDGE** born 27 October 1866 in Stanley and baptised 25 November 1866 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as publican. Alice was married to **Alfred KING**, overseer living on Douglas Station, 22 February 1906 in Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Victor Lellman and Annie L Benney. Alfred's father was recorded as Frederick King, carpenter, and Alice's father was recorded as Thomas Aldridge, publican. Alfred died 26 June 1921 from irregular gouty diathesis and pyogenic meningitis and was buried 29 June 1921 in Grave I863. Alice, age 93, died 23 July 1960 in Stanley and was buried 28 July 1960 in Grave L1674.



## SECOND GENERATION:

### Children of Joseph (1) and Catherine ALDRIDGE:

1. **Marian Elizabeth ALDRIDGE** born 18 May 1883 in Stanley and baptised 15 July 1883 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Marian was married to **Edward John GLEADELL**, carter, 14 June 1906 at Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were J Clethero, Rebecca Aldridge & John Summers. Edward's father was recorded as Edwin Gleadell, carter, and Marian's father was recorded as Joseph Thomas Aldridge, gardener. Edward, a labourer, travelled to Montevideo, Uruguay for medical treatment in 1945.
2. **Alice Catherine ALDRIDGE** born 21 May 1885 in Stanley and baptised 12 July 1885 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Alice was married to **John Richard CLETHERO**, butcher, 6 September 1904 at Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley by C K Blount MA Acting Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Marian Aldridge, A F Lellman and John F Summers. John's father was recorded as William Clethero, butcher, and Alice's father was recorded as Joseph Aldridge, butcher. John, age 80 and a labourer, died 29 May 1960 in Stanley and was buried 1 June 1960 in Grave S1667. Alice, age 77, died 4 June 1962 in Stanley and was buried 8 June 1962 in Grave S1719.
3. **William Thomas "Bill" ALDRIDGE** born 8 November 1887 and baptised 29 April 1888 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. William, a shepherd, was married to **Edith NORTON** 7 June 1917 at Christ Church Cathedral by Registrar's Licence by C McDonald Hobley, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Muriel H Felton, Evelyn Aldridge, John W Grierson and Harold Joseph Aldridge. William's father was recorded as Joseph Aldridge, carter, and Edith's father was recorded as George Norton, deceased farmer. Edith, age 32, died 22 May 1924 in Stanley from diabetes and was buried 25 May 1924 in Grave J900. William, age 53 and a labourer, died 22 November 1940 from heart failure and was buried 2 November 1940 in Grave J1171. [Obituary FI News Weekly 28 Nov 1940]
4. **Rebecca Ann ALDRIDGE** born 17 January 1890 in Stanley and baptised 23 February 1890 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Rebecca was married to **John William GRIERSON**, joiner, 25 April 1908 in the house of Joseph Aldridge, Stanley by C Rome Hall, Assistant Cathedral Chaplain. The witnesses were Catherine Aldridge, Henry Edward Bennett and John F Summers. John's father was recorded as William Grierson, blacksmith, and Rebecca's father was recorded as Joseph Thomas Aldridge, gardener.
5. **Harold Joseph ALDRIDGE** born 16 January 1892 and baptised 2 March 1892 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Harold, a navvy, was married to **Edith Mabel SHORT** (*cousin*) 7 March 1930 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by F S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were William Aldridge and Caroline Short. Harold's father was recorded as Joseph Aldridge, butcher, and Edith's father was recorded as Richard Francis Short, foreman shepherd. Harold, age 56 and a plumber, died 23 August 1948 from a gastric ulcer & colitis (*no burial or grave record*). Edith, a widow, was married to (2) **Joseph CURRAN**, widower & assistant lighthouse keeper, 14 May 1954.

6. **Agnes Lilian ALDRIDGE** born 2 February 1894 and baptised 18 March 1894 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Lilian was married to **James Reginald GLEADELL**, shepherd, 3 December 1917 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by C McDonald Hobley. The witnesses were Joseph T Aldridge, Evelyn Aldridge, Emma Aldridge and F Gleadell. James' father was recorded as Edwin Gleadell, shepherd, and Lilian's father was recorded as Joseph Aldridge, shepherd. James travelled to the UK in 1930 to attend a Bisley shooting meeting. James received a long service award in the Colonial Auxiliary Forces in June 1930.
7. **Ernest John ALDRIDGE** born 28 August 1895 and baptised 10 November 1895 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Ernest, a carter, was married to **Gwendoline Elizabeth HARDY** 12 February 1928 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Special Licence by Mario Louis Migone, Priest in Charge. The witnesses were M Gleadell, Dorothy E Hardy, A P Hardy and H Aldridge. Ernest's father was recorded as Joseph Aldridge, caretaker, and Gwendoline's father was recorded as Albert Hardy, dealer. Gwendoline, age 49, died 26 December 1952 from apoplectic coma & pulmonary oedema and was buried in Grave N1500. Ernest, age 57 and a labourer, died 17 January 1953 in Stanley from coronary thrombosis and was buried 20 January 1953 in Grave 1501.
8. **Stephen Charles Victor "Bus" ALDRIDGE** (twin) born 14 May 1899 and baptised 9 July 1899 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Stephen, a labourer, was married to **Adeline Ladora GLEADELL** 29 March 1928 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by Fredk S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were L W Aldridge and Caroline Mary Short. Stephen's father was recorded as Joseph Thomas Aldridge, labourer, and Adeline's father was recorded as George Gleadell, shepherd. Adeline, age 61, died 28 May 1971 in Stanley and was buried 2 June 1971 in Grave U2163. Stephen, age 83 and a retired yard foreman & water bailiff, died 25 July 1982 in Stanley and was buried 31 July 1982 in Grave T2164.
9. **Eveline Margaret Emma ALDRIDGE** (twin) born 14 May 1899 and baptised 9 July 1899 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Evelyn was married to **Joseph McATASNEY**, clerk, 18 March 1922 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Special Licence by Mario Luis Migone, Roman Catholic Priest. The witnesses were Emma Florence Aldridge and E J McAtasney. Joseph's father was recorded as John McAtasney, blacksmith, and Evelyn's father was recorded as Joseph Aldridge, gardener. Joseph and Evelyn departed 10 April 1922 on board the ss *Solstrief* for Montevideo. In 1939 and in 1945 he appears to be still living in Montevideo.
10. **Emma Flora ALDRIDGE** born 27 December 1900 in Stanley and baptised 17 March 1901 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Emma was married to **Robert REIVE**, coxswain, 16 July 1924 at Christ Church Cathedral by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Ernest V Dixon and Joseph Aldridge. Robert's father was recorded as Robert Reive, shepherd, and Emma's father was recorded as Joseph Aldridge, caretaker. Robert, age 59 and a handyman, died 23 March 1955 in Stanley from cancer and was buried 25 March 1955 in Grave Q1544. Emma, age 59 and a housewife travelled to the UK in 1960.

11. **Alexander Raisbeck ALDRIDGE** born 13 April 1902 in Stanley and baptised 23 April 1902 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as butcher. Alexander, age 11 days, died 23 April 1902 in Stanley from bronchitis and was buried 25 April 1902 in Grave Ai203.
12. **Lawrence Walter ALDRIDGE** born 3 May 1906 in Stanley and baptised 17 June 1906 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as foreman. Lawrence, a civil servant, was married to **Winifred Irene BONNER** 12 April 1933 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by Harold E Lumsdale, Dean of Christ Church. The witnesses were P H O'Sullivan and S Aldridge. Lawrence's father was recorded as Joseph Thomas Aldridge, retired, and Winifred's father was recorded as Alexander McIntosh Bonner, farm manager. [Account of wedding Penguin 18 Apr 1933]

### Children of John (2) and Agnes ALDRIDGE:

1. **Bertram Charles "Bertie" ALDRIDGE** born 13 August 1885 in Stanley and baptised 14 August 1885 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shipwright. Departed 12 November 1902 on board the "Liguria" for Liverpool. Arrived 5 August 1903 on board the "Orissa" from Liverpool. Departed 24 September 1908 for Punta Arenas on board the "Orcoma".
2. **John James "Jim" ALDRIDGE** born 2 July 1888 in Stanley and baptised 7 October 1888 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as shipwright. Departed 21 September 1911 for Callao on board the "Orcoma". Arrived 31 October 1911 from Punta Arenas on board the "Orcoma". Departed 27 June 1912 for Punta Arenas on board the "Oropesa". Arrived 21 September 1917 from Montevideo.
3. **Maud Marian Ethel ALDRIDGE** born 12 September 1890 and baptised 5 October 1890 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Maud was married to **Vincent May SUMMERS**, mariner, 10 October 1916 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were S Summers, D Aldridge and L Aldridge. Vincent's father was recorded as John Falkland Summers, baker, and Maud's father was recorded as John George Aldridge, publican. In 1934, age 40, Vincent was a cattle buyer and went to Uruguay and the Argentine looking for employment.
4. **Elena Adela "Lena" ALDRIDGE** born 6 October 1892 and baptised 13 November 1892 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shipwright. Elena was married to **Charles Frederick Bertram MAYHEW**, widower & clerk at Valparaiso, 8 December 1911 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by Edward J Seymour, Dean & Chaplain. The witnesses were A C Birch, John Aldridge and James Aldridge. Charles' father was recorded as Frederick Alston Mayhew, clerk, and Elena's father was recorded as John George Aldridge, shipwright. Elena and Charles departed for Punta Arenas 17 December 1911 on board the *Oravia*.
5. **Henry "Harry" ALDRIDGE** born 20 September 1894 and baptised 25 November 1894 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shipwright. Henry enlisted in 1915 and was a Lance Corporal in the 3rd Battalion Loyal North Lancs Regiment. [FIM Dec 1915] Married **Laura May HANKINS** from India (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

6. **Louis ALDRIDGE** born 27 July 1896 and baptised 5 August 1896 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shipwright. Departed for Punta Arenas 26 December 1920 on board the "Orita".
7. **Dorothy ALDRIDGE** born 7 June 1898 and baptised 24 July 1898 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as publican. Dorothy was married to **Albert NEWING**, clerk, 29 September 1920 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were George Newing and L Aldridge. Dorothy's father was recorded as John George Aldridge, deceased hotel proprietor. Dorothy died 1 October 1854 in Stanley, age 56, and was buried 4 October 1954 in Grave Q1541. Albert, age 65 and a retired accountant, died 19 February 1957 in Stanley and was buried 21 February 1957 in Grave Q1582.
8. **Sydney George ALDRIDGE** born 23 October 1900 and baptised 16 December 1900 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shipwright. Sydney, a shepherd, was married to **Emma Jane "Nats" WATSON** 7 June 1928 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by S E E Aylward, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were William Henry Watson and Alice Dale Watson. Sydney's father was recorded as John G Aldridge, hotel keeper, and Emma's father was recorded as William Henry Watson, carter. Sydney and Emma emigrated to New Zealand in 1965. Sydney died in England in 1972. Emma, age 70 and a widow, died 23 February 1979 in Stanley and was buried 27 February 1979 in Grave U1940.
9. **Kenneth "Kenny" ALDRIDGE** born 31 March 1903 and baptised 28 June 1903 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shipwright. Was buried 25 July 1983 in South America.
10. **Malvina Agnes "Mally" ALDRIDGE** born 3 December 1904 in Stanley and baptised 8 January 1905 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as shipwright. Malvina was married to **Donald SUTHERLAND** in St James' Church, Punta Arenas 8 July 1924 by J Williams, British Chaplain. Malvina was buried in the Municipal Cemetery, Punta Arenas 15 March 1983.
11. **Reginald Falkland ALDRIDGE** born 13 November 1906 in Stanley and baptised 30 December 1906 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as shipwright. Went to Punta Arenas in 1929 looking for employment. Was buried 6 October 1994 in South America.

#### **Children of Richard (3) and Mary ALDRIDGE:**

1. **Thomas Henry "Tom" ALDRIDGE** born 23 November 1886 in Stanley and baptised 30 January 1887 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as publican. Thomas, age 20, died in Punta Arenas 19 October 1906 and is buried in the Municipal Cemetery, Punta Arenas. Thomas was found in the water near a landing stage and two men were arrested on suspicion of foul play. [FIM Dec 1906]
2. **Frederick James ALDRIDGE** born 6 September 1888 in Stanley and baptised 30 September 1888 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as publican



3. **Arthur Charles ALDRIDGE** born 16 June 1890 at Stanley and baptised 13 July 1890 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as publican. Arthur was married to **Evelyn Ada WOODHAMS**, age 22, 24 April 1915 in the house of Mr G Hardy, Punta Arenas, according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England. The witnesses were Alexander Wilt and George Hardy. Arthur died 2 February 1958 and is buried in the Rural Cemetery, Estancia Laguna Colorada, Santa Cruz. Evelyn died 13 November 1972 and is buried in the Rural Cemetery, Estancia Laguna Colorada, Santa Cruz.
4. **Richard Herbert ALDRIDGE** born 9 August 1894. His father's occupation was recorded as joiner.

#### **Children of Charles (4) and Adele ALDRIDGE:**

1. **Eleanor Edith ALDRIDGE** born 26 June 1892 in Stanley and baptised 7 August 1892 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as assistant storekeeper. Eleanor was married to **John Ridler KINGSFORD**, Admiralty wireless operator, 18 June 1917 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by C McDonald Hobley, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Adele G Aldridge, Frederick William Adams and Joseph T Aldridge. John's father was recorded as John Edward Kingsford, commercial traveller, and Eleanor's father was recorded as Charles Aldridge, deceased. [Report of wedding FIM Jul 1917] Eleanor, John and their infant son departed for the UK via Montevideo on board the ss *Falkland* 22 September 1919.
2. **Adele Gertrude ALDRIDGE** born 22 January 1894 and baptised 17 February 1894 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as storekeeper. Departed for England on board the ss *Thor* 1 April 1919.
3. **Horace Augustus ALDRIDGE** born 16 February 1897 and baptised 17 March 1897 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as storekeeper. Departed for Liverpool on board the *Orcoma* 2 October 1912. Horace enlisted in 1915 and was granted a commission in the army. [FIM Jun 1916]

#### **DESCENDANTS OF THOMAS & MARY STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS**