

PORTER 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. Any variations which may occur in the spellings of names are recorded as written in the records at the time.

Joseph Thomas PORTER was born 27 May 1840 and was married to **Elizabeth WILLIAMS** 20 July 1876 (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

Joseph and Mary left England August 1876 on board the *Vicar of Bray*. Joseph was coming down to work for Captain Packe. [FIC/C1; 505]

On 26 January 1900 a separation order and alimony order was made and granted to Elizabeth. [FIM Mar 1900]

Joseph, age 63, died 9 June 1903 and was buried in Grave A29.

Elizabeth, a widow, was married to (2) **Ulrick Henry CLASEN**, barber and widower, 22 October 1910 at House of Ulrick Henry Clasen, Stanley by Robert Johnson, Nonconformist Minister. Elizabeth signed with a X. The witnesses were James William Ratcliffe and Emily Crossman Ratcliffe. Ulrick's father was recorded as Hanse Clasen, foreman, and Elizabeth's father was recorded as George Williams, shoemaker.

Ulrick, age 77, died 27 August 1930, and is buried in Grave GJ1008. [Obituary Penguin Friday 29 Aug 1930] Elizabeth, age 87, died 13 February 1942 and is buried in Grave J1207. [Obituary FI News Weekly Feb 19 1972]

FIRST GENERATION

Children of Joseph and Elizabeth PORTER:

1. **Alfred PORTER** born 11 May 1877 in Stanley and baptised 3 June 1877 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter.
2. **Mary Ann PORTER** born 3 September 1878 at Douglas Station and baptised 16 October 1878 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Mary, age 18 and living in Stanley, was married to **Eugen Reinoldt NETZEL**, age 26 and a labourer at Douglas Station, 2 March 1897 in the Cathedral according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by Edwin Coupland Aspinall. The witnesses were Joseph Thomas Porter and Rosey Coates. Eugen's father was recorded as Julius Netzel, military officer, and Mary's father was recorded as Joseph Thomas Porter, carpenter. Mary and Eugen departed 4 February 1899 on ss "Ammon" for Sandy Point, Chile.
3. **Rosa "Rosey" PORTER** born 14 November 1879 at Douglas Station. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Rose was married to **William Alexander PEARSON**, blacksmith and widower from Scotland, 17 March 1903 at Stanley in the house of Mrs Porter by Special Licence by C K Blount MA Assistant Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were George Porter and Lizzie Porter. William's father was recorded as Robert Pearson, labourer, and Rose's father was recorded as Joseph Thomas Porter, carpenter. William died 5 September 1928 and is buried in Grave K984. Rose emigrated to the UK in 1958.
4. **Florence PORTER** born 4 November 1881 at Douglas Station and baptised 16 June 1882 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Florence, age 12 ½, died 29 May 1893 from typhoid pneumonia and was buried in Grave A 28.
5. **George PORTER** born 10 March 1883 at Douglas Station and baptised 30 March 1883 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Drowned 11 January 1909 off Dawson Island (in the channel out from Punta Arenas, Chile) – his body was never found. [Obituary CM March 1909 attached]
6. **Arthur PORTER** born 26 October 1884 at Douglas Station and baptised 26 November 1884 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Arthur, a labourer, was married to **Mary COUTTS** 5 March 1917 at the house of William Redmond, Goose Green by Governor's Licence by Alex Moir, Deputy Registrar. The witnesses were John Coutts and Elspeth Redmond. Arthur's father was recorded as Joseph Porter, deceased sailor, and Mary's father was recorded as William Coutts, assistant overseer. Arthur worked on board HMCS "Afterglow". Arthur, age 86 and a cook, died 15 November 1970 in Stanley and was buried 18 November 1970 in Grave P1797. Mary, age 92, died 6 May 1983 and was buried 11 May 1983 in Grave P1998.
7. **Alice PORTER** born 21 March 1886 at Moora, Douglas Station and baptised 4 June 1886 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Alice, age 16, was married to (1) **Benjamin DAVIS**, age 22 and a labourer, 10 September 1902 in the House of Mr Porter according to the Rites & Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial

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Chaplain. The witnesses were Arthur Porter and Rose Porter. Benjamin's father was recorded as John Davis, sailmaker, and Alice's father was recorded as Joseph Thomas Porter, carpenter. Benjamin died 21 May 1937 at Dunnose Head and is buried there. Alice, a widow, was married to (2) **Peter CRAIG**, shepherd, 22 November 1947 at the Registrar's Office, Stanley by J E Hamilton, Registrar General. The witnesses were E F Bundes and W Summers. Peter's father was recorded as Peter Craig, deceased shoemaker, and Alice's father was recorded as Joseph Thomas Porter, deceased carpenter Alice died 9 March 1960 at Hill Cove and is buried there. Peter died 10 February 1974 at Stanley and is buried in Grave U1820.

8. **Howard PORTER** born 14 July 1887 at the Moro, Douglas Station and baptised 27 January 1888 by the United Free Church, Darwin. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd. Howard to Punta Arenas on ss *Antarctico* in 1919. Howard, age 75 & a cook, died 6 December 1962 in Stanley and was buried 11 December 1962 in Grave Q1728.
9. **Elizabeth Helen PORTER** born 19 February 1889 in Stanley and baptised 11 March 1889 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer. Elizabeth was married to **Thomas Henry SCOTT**, shepherd, 20 June 1910 in the House of Mr H Clasen by Edward J Seymour, Chaplain & Hon Canon. The witnesses were Joseph Scott, Cissie Clasen and Charles Porter. Thomas' father was recorded as Charles Ripplingale Scott, shepherd, and Elizabeth's father was recorded as Joseph Porter, deceased carpenter.
10. **Thomas (Alack?) PORTER** born October 1890. His father's occupation was recorded as mariner.
11. **Charles PORTER** born 21 April 1892 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Charles, age 62 and a cook, accidentally drowned 2 October 1954 at Fox Bay and was buried at Fox Bay East.
12. **Boy PORTER** born 3 July 1894. Stillborn.
13. **Florence PORTER** born 11 October 1895. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter.
14. **Albert PORTER** born 18 January 1897. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Albert went to Punta Arenas in 1920. Albert was married to **Annie MONAGHAN** (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH & ELIZABETH STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS