

AMOS 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.

William AMORS or **AMOUS** was born circa 1825 in Clogher, Augher, Tyrone, Ireland.

William enrolled as Private 58442 and served 9 years and 8 months in the 69th Foot. He then served 5 years and 4 months in the 19th Foot, followed by 6 years and 11 months in the Falkland Islands, giving a total service of 21 years and 11 months. His foreign service was recorded as 3 years and 4 months in the Mediterranean, 2 years and 2 months in Crimea and 6 years and 6 months in the Falkland Islands. His character was recorded as being very good and he received 4 merits. On his examination on 31 May 1864 he was recorded as being 5' 7" tall with fair hair, grey eyes and a fair complexion.

William was married to **Jane QUIN** (*not in Falklands*).

William and Jane, and their daughter **Ann AMOS**, arrived in the Falkland Islands on board the British Barque *Ealing Grove* 12 January 1858 as part of the Falkland Islands Company detachment of Pensioners. William was a private. [H14; 316] The wooden Barracks on Drury Street which had been built for their arrival had been divided into 16 rooms, 10 feet square, with two fireplaces common to all and a single room was allotted to each family on their arrival. [B10; 293]

On 20 April 1859 Jane was charged with drunkenness and assault of her husband in the Barracks. She was sentenced to two weeks imprisonment with hard labour. [H16; 160]

On 21 April 1859 Jane was in Stanley Gaol with her infant for molesting her husband when J R Longden, the Colonial Secretary, wrote to Captain Abbott advising that acting on his recommendation he had issued an order to the gaoler for the remission of her sentence. The order, dated 22 April 1859, authorised the release of Jane on receipt. [D8; 276, 277]

On 5 February 1862 **William SHAILER** of Stanley granted to **William AMOS** of Stanley, No 19 Pensioners Cottage Allotments containing 24 poles for £12. [BUG-REG-1; 235]

On 29 December 1862 **Matthew HUMPHRIES**, through his attorney and son-in-law Louis DESPREAUX, granted to **William AMOS**, private in the Falkland Islands Garrison Company, No 20 Pensioners Cottage Allotments containing 24 perches "*together with the messuage and buildings thereon*" for £40. [BUG-REG-1; 244]

On 19 January 1864 **William AMOS**, a private in the Falkland Islands Garrison Company currently residing in Stanley and about to proceed to England, and **Jane AMOS**, his wife, granted to **Richard ATKINS**, residing in Stanley and presently a private in the Falkland Islands Garrison Company and about to be discharged, No 20 Pensioners Cottage Allotments containing 24 poles "*together with the messuages and Buildings thereon*" also No 19 Pensioners Cottage Allotments containing 24 poles, for £52. [BUG-REG-1; 261]

The family left 23 January 1864 on board the *Velocidade*.

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of John and Ann NIXON:

1. **Ann Jane AMOS** born circa ? (*not in Falklands*).
2. **Mary Elizabeth AMOS** born circa ? (*no record in the Falklands*) and baptised 2 January 1859 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as soldier, Falkland Islands Company.
3. **Walter William AMOS** born 28 May 1860 in Stanley and baptised 17 July 1860 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as Private in Falkland Islands Garrison Company.

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