

BRIDGES 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 BRIDGES was born circa 1842 in England. Thomas was adopted by Reverend and Mrs G Pakenham DESPARD.

Thomas and the Despards were passengers on the 88 ton British Schooner *Allen Gardiner* under Captain WP Snow, which arrived in Stanley 13 July 1856. The *Allen Gardiner* departed 22 July 1856 for Keppel Island.

Thomas was baptised at Keppel Island 4 October 1866 by Holy Trinity Church. His parents were recorded as Unknown. His occupation was recorded as Catechist, South American Missionary Society. [N/CHU/CHR/6; 376]

Thomas departed 10 October 1868 on the *Allen Gardiner* bound for England via Tierra del Fuego. Thomas was married to **Mary Ann VARDER** in August 1869.

Thomas and Mary returned to the Falkland Islands at the end of 1869 and went to Keppel Island to take charge of the Mission there.

In October 1871 Thomas, Mary and their daughter moved to the Beagle Channel.

Thomas' biography is available in the Dictionary of Falklands Biography:
https://www.falklandsbiographies.org/biographies/bridges_thomas

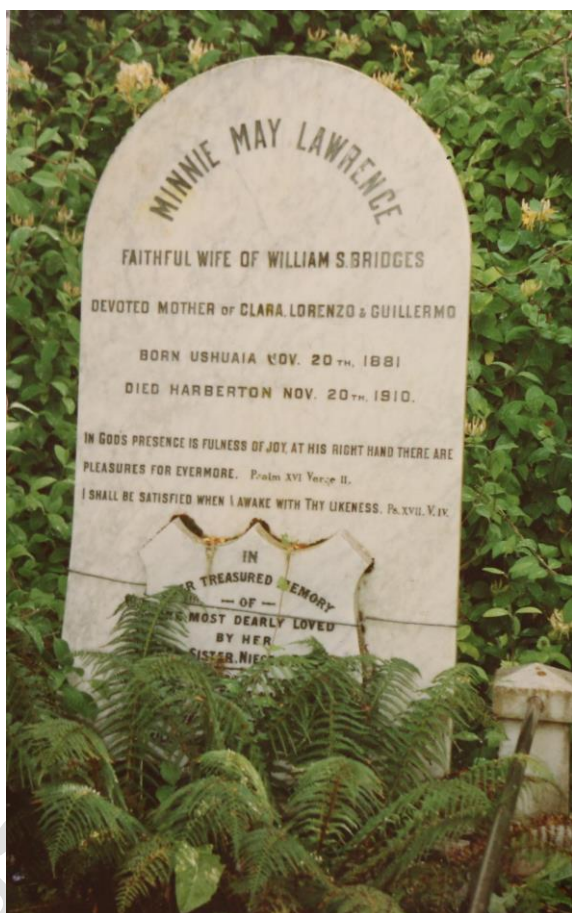


Estancia Harberton – photo JCNA

FIRST GENERATION

Children of Thomas and Mary BRIDGES:

1. **Mary Ann Varder BRIDGES** born 5 December 1870 on Keppel Island and baptised 1 January 1871 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as Clerk in Holy Orders. Mary was married to **Wilfred Barbrooke GRUBB** of the Chaco Mission 15 May 1901 (*not in the Falkland Islands*). [FIM Nov 1901]
2. **Despard BRIDGES** born 1872 (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Despard was married to **Christina REYNOLDS** (*not in the Falkland Islands*).
3. **Lucas BRIDGES** born 1874 (*not in the Falkland Islands*).
4. **William S BRIDGES** born 18 October 1876 in Ushuaia. William was married to **Minnie May LAWRENCE** 22 July 1901 in Punta Remolina. [FIM Nov 1901] William and Minnie arrived in Stanley 29 June 1902 on board the *Orellana*. They departed for South America 3 October 1902 on board the *Panama*. Minnie died on her 29th birthday, 20 November 1910, at Harberton, Tierra del Fuego. William died 25 September 1951 on Estancia Viamonte.



Minnie and William's graves in Harberton – photo JCNA

5. **Bertha BRIDGES** born 1879 (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Bertha was married to **Percy REYNOLDS** (*not in the Falkland Islands*).
6. **Alice BRIDGES** born 1882 (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

SECOND GENERATION

Children of William (4) and Minnie BRIDGES:

1. **Clara Mary 'Clarita' BRIDGES** born 23 August 1902 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as farmer. Clara departed with her family departed for South America 3 October 1902 on board the *Panama*. Clara was married to **John GOODALL** 19 May 1930 (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Clara died in 1996 (*not in the Falkland Islands*). [Obituary Penguin News 18 Sep 1996; pg 9]



Clara – photo JCNA

2. **Thomas Lawrence BRIDGES** born 28 October 1903 in Ushuaia. Thomas died 26 January 1997 Viamonte and is buried next to his parents in Harberton.