

ESPINO 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.

José ESPINO was born in Gibraltar. He was married to **Natividad ?** (*not in the Falkland Islands*). He appears to have migrated down through South America, via Montevideo with his brother-in-law, sister and nephew, fellow Gibraltarians **Pascal** and **Angela RECANO** and **Andreas PITALUGA**, arriving in the Falkland Islands in 1838. (*NB: Pascual RECANO appears to have arrived earlier as he was recorded as a resident in the Falkland Islands in March 1837 [H1, pg 35]*)

On 30 March 1838 **José ESPINO**, a native of Gibraltar, and resident at Port Louis, signed a memorial that he was willing to conform to all such orders and directions as may from time to time be promulgated by the authorities. [H1; 38]

On 1 April 1939 **Jose ESPINO** was referred to as a gaucho and on 7 February he earned \$60 5 ½ Reals for 1/3 of work done catching animals in Port Pleasant and landing animals on West Falkland; on 3 March \$17 5 Reals for bringing in wild cattle; 8 to 24 March \$8 for looking after cattle and; 25-31 March \$4 for four days' work in the Settlement of Port Louis. [H1; 67]

On 18 September 1839 **José ESPINO**, gaucho, wife and daughter were recorded as living in house 3, Garden House, upper part, at Port Louis. [Papers relative to FI]

On 10 July 1839 **Jose** and **Natividad ESPINO** were given an old house bearing about South from Settlement House and ground 66 feet long by 66 feet broad. [N/CHU/CHR/1#1]

On Monday 3 December 1839 **Jose ESPRINO**, gaucho, conveyed the *Arrow's Foot* across to Port Salvador for the purpose of surveying it. He was paid for one day's work the following day. [H1; 194]

On 20 January 1840 **Jose ESPINO** signed a contract at Settlement House, Port Louis agreeing to work for Lieutenant John Tyssen as a peon during his stay in the Falkland Islands. The peons wages were to be two silver dollars for every head of cattle of two years and upwards delivered in the houses, saladeros or estancias, and for every wild horse two dollars for catching and eight dollars for taming; to be divided equally between those employed. For any other work they were to be paid one dollar a day or twenty dollars a month as well as beef. [H1; 124]

On 28 October 1840 **Joseph ESPINO** and **Basilo TULIRAC**, as settlers of Port Louis, applied to rent the Volunteer Rocks for £2 sterling more than the highest bidder and that security would be given either in Montevideo or Rio de Janeiro. [H1; 105]

On Wednesday 12 May 1841 passports were granted to **José ESPINO** and **Antonina ROXA**, passengers by *La Grange* to Montevideo. [H1; 256b]

The schooner *La Grange*, with part of the *Galston* wrecked off Patagonia, left Port Louis for Montevideo at 9.30am on Thursday 13 May 1841. As she did not have sufficient hands to navigate her some of the settlers sailed in her and were desirous of returning to the Falkland Islands. Lieutenant Tyssen requested that the HMK *Sparrow* was sent to Montevideo and to give them a passage back as they were well behaved and useful people. Two of the settlers were **Andreas PITALUGA**, a gaucho, and his uncle, **José ESPINO**. [H1; 117, 256b]

In Oct 1842 **José ESPINO** was recorded as the master and part owner of the schooner *La Sociedad* of Montevideo. A bill was drawn in his favour 10 April 1843 for £216-13-4. [D1] (NB: There is no mention of when his wife and children left but on Sunday 7 February 1841 Mrs Pascual, Pepe and family (6)* contracted a passage on HMK Sparrow, which was bound for Rio de Janeiro, on their way to Montevideo. [H1, 245b] Were these six Celestina/Angela RECANO, Pepe - nickname for Natividad?, nephew James?, niece Annista?, James ESPINO?, Angela ESPINO?)

In the Census of 31 March 1843 there is a **Mrs A ESPINO**, native of Montevideo, widow with no occupation, arrived January 1843, Roman Catholic, owns 4 goats and 6 fowls and living in Robert Hearnden's House (*Is this Angela RECANO?*). [C1, pg 220-221]

FIRST GENERATION

Children of José and Natividad ESPINO:

1. **Angela Antonina Axon ESPINO** born 30 July 1838 at Port Louis and named 20 September 1838. Her godparents were recorded as Achille Gillerac and Antonina Roxa. [N/CHU/CHR/1#1] She was christened **Angela Antonina Aden** at 12.20pm on Thursday 20 September 1838 according to the ritual of the established Church of England. [H1; 180b]
2. **James Henry ESPINO** born 22 June 1840 at Port Louis and named October 1840. His godparents were recorded as James P Enberthy, C O Henry St John and Celestina Recano. [N/CHU/CHR/1#1] He was christened Thursday 22 October 1840 at Port Louis by Lieutenant John Tyssen and his godparents were recorded as Celestina Recano, James P Enberthy and Charles St John. [N/CHU/CHR/1#2; H1; 230b]