

## HERKES 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.*

**John** and **Jane HERKES** arrived in the Falkland Islands (as part of Governor Moody's party) with their two children, Margaret and Jane, on the "Hebe" 15 January 1842. John was a Private in the Royal Sappers and Miners and a smith by training. By 1848 he was listed as a sergeant in the Militia force of the Falkland Islands. [E2 – page 188]

The family are listed in the 1843 census as:

**John HERKES**, Private Royal Sappers & Marines, from Scotland, protestant, blacksmith, owns 4 fowls, 1 pig, 1 dog and lives in a stone house on No 88 allotment the property of Robert Hearnden.

**Jane HERKES**, wife of John, from England, protestant

**Margaret HERKES**, from England, protestant

**Jane HERKES**, from England, protestant

The family are listed in the census of 12 October 1846 as:

**John HERKES**, age 36, Private Royal Sappers & Marines.

**Jane HERKES**, age 33

**Margaret HERKES**, age 8

**Jane HERKES**, age 6

**Eliza HERKES**, age 3

**Baby HERKES**, age 1 month

The family are listed in the 1851 census as:

**John JOHNSON**, age 36, labourer and Dane

**Jane JOHNSON**, age 31, wife from Wales

**Margaret HERKES**, age 12, servant from England

**Jane HERKES**, age 9 from England

**Eliza HERKES**, age 6

**William HERKES**, age 4

John died 10 August 1849, age 39, from natural causes (debility) and was buried 13 August 1849 in Grave D296.

**Jane Davis HERKES**, widow, was married to **John JOHNSON** 30 January 1850 in the Parish of the Holy Trinity by Banns by James Leith Moody, Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were James Biggs, Dettleff and Edward McMurray. Jane signed with a X. Neither Jane or John's fathers were recorded.

**John JOHNSON** was recorded in the 1842 census as being age 23, from Copenhagen, a seaman on board the *Montgomery*, previously in the Merchant Service, arriving 4 May 1841, and a protestant. He was recorded in the 1843 census as being from Elsinoer, a labourer, previously in the merchant service and as arriving in the Falkland Islands 4 May 1841, a protestant, who owned 2 goats and 1 dog and lived with the Herkes family.

John, a Danish seaman died 30 October 1853, age 42, from effects of drink and was buried in Grave D295-D299<sup>1</sup>. Jane, a native of North Wales, died 9 September 1873, age 50, from bronchitis and was buried as Jane HERKES in Grave D295-D299<sup>1</sup>.

## FIRST GENERATION

### Children of John and Jane HERKES:

1. **Margaret HERKES** born circa November 1837 in England. Married to **Henry N GAMBLE**, a seaman, 3 September 1857 by Henry Martyn Faulkner, Colonial Chaplain in Holy Trinity Church by Banns, with consent of mother of bride. The witnesses were F H Parry, Jane Herkes, James Andrew and Hannah Andrews. Neither Margaret or Henry's fathers were recorded. Margaret died 18 April 1862, age 24 years and 5 months, from consumption and was buried as Margaret HERKES 21 April 1862 in Grave D295-D299<sup>1</sup>. Henry GAMBLE was remanded from the 2 August until the 4 August 1862 on account of being intoxicated in an unfit state to be dealt with in Court on as assault charge. He escaped from gaol on 4 August 1862 at about 7am by climbing over the prison yard wall. He was shipped as crew of the *Tynemouth* which left 4 August 1862 bound for Vancouver. [D10, pg 329, 351]
2. **Jane HERKES** born circa 1839 in England. Married, age 21, to **Alfred SHAW**, an American seaman age 24 on the ship *Florence*, currently in Stanley Harbour, 29 August 1860 at Trinity Church Stanley according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England by Governor's Licence by Charles Bull MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were George Clarke and Constance Mary Ann Norman. Alfred's father was recorded as William Henry Shaw, tanner. According to family history she left with her husband in 1860 and by 1862 they were both in the California gold fields. The shipping registers record the *Florence* as sailing 8 September 1860 for San Francisco.
3. **Eliza HERKES** born in 1842 at Port Louis and baptised 5 May 1844. Eliza died 29 January 1863, age 19, from consumption and was buried 1 February 1863 in Grave D295-D299<sup>1</sup>.
4. **William HERKES** born 17 April 1847 in Stanley and baptised 9 May 1847 by Holy Trinity Church. In 1880 William was a herdsman at St Salvador. Drowned in Port Salvador 5 June 1898 with nine others when the cutter they were in was lost [CM June 1898]

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<sup>1</sup> (It is uncertain who lies in which grave, D296 is said to be John Herkes)