

## LEWIS 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, burials and marriages occurred in the Falklands.*

**James LEWIS** was born circa 1845 (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

James was married to **Eleanor BRITTON** (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

James, his wife and their infant son, Willie, sailed from Bristol in 1869 to take up work with the South American Missionary Society in the Falkland Islands. They travelled from Montevideo to Stanley, Falkland Islands on board the Government schooner *Foam*. They then went to Keppel Island where James worked as a catechist. The following year James, a carpenter by trade, departed on the *Allen Gardiner* for Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego, taking material to erect Stirling House for Thomas BRIDGES and his family. He also built other houses on the Station. In 1870 James and his family were living in Stirling House at Ushuaia. [FIM Oct 1918]

James severed his connection with the Society about 1875 and came to live in Stanley. [FIM Oct 1918]

In June 1877 George NATT appointed James, a carpenter of Stanley, his attorney. [BUG-REG-3; 63]

Crown Grant 239, being Lot 37 in Section O containing 32 perches north to Ross Road and south to James Street, was issued 24 November 1877 to James Lewis for £31. [CG 239] James built Veronica Cottage on what is now 9 Ross Road East.

James worked for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in their Camp Establishment until 15 June 1881 on a monthly wage of £5. [FIC/IW3; 183]

James was acting schoolmaster from June 1881 to the end of July 1882 on an annual salary of £100.

James started working for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in their Camp Establishment again 20 October 1882 and worked for them until 25 April 1886. [FIC/IW3; 362, 363-365; FIC/IW4; 211]

Crown Grant 301, being Lot 37a in Section O containing 32 perches north to Ross Road and south to James Street, was issued 16 December 1886 to James Lewis for £20. [CG 301]

On 8 June 1891 James was sentenced to 10 days hard labour for defacing the Gazette Board. [H47; 95]

James was living in Veronica Cottage, Stanley in 1900 and was advertising Robertson's Sheep Dip in the Falkland Islands Magazine.

James, age 73, died in 1918 on his son's farm in Santa Cruz, Argentina. [FIM Oct 1918]

On 24 September 1928 Eleanor LEWIS, widow of James, granted Crown Grant 239 and 301 to James Willison MILLER of Punta Loyola, Rio Gallegos for £1,000. [BUG-REG-10; 81]

## FIRST GENERATION

### Children of James and Eleanor LEWIS:

1. **William James LEWIS** was born 28 April 1869 in Bristol, England and came to the Falkland Islands from England with his parents in 1869. William, age 23 and a carpenter, was married to **Beatrice Mary LUXTON**, age 20, 30 August 1892 in Christ Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Dean & Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Eleanor Jane Jones and John J Luxton. William's father was recorded as James Lewis, carpenter and builder, and Beatrice's father was recorded as William Luxton, marine.



**Willie and Beattie Lewis - Luxton Collection, JCNA**

William and Beatrice departed for Keppel Island 17 September 1892 on board the *Hornet*. They arrived in Stanley from Keppel Island 21 April 1895 on board the *Fair Rosamond*. Beatrice, age 23, died 19 September 1895 from puerperal fever and was buried 4 October 1895 in Grave I 569. William died 19 May 1943 in Santa Cruz, Argentina [Weekly News 26 Aug 1943].



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**Beattie and Rissie Lewis**



**Beattie's headstone**

2. **Frank Ooshooia LEWIS** born 15 March 1871 in Stanley and baptised 28 May 1871 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as catechist. Frank was married to **Margaret Maxwell STEWART** (*not in the Falkland Islands*).
3. **Eliza Eleanor LEWIS** born 5 June 1876 on Keppel Island and baptised 27 December 1880 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as catechist. Eliza was married to **James SLATER**, schoolmaster, 26 February 1909 in St James' Church, Punta Arenas by Edwin Aspinall, British Chaplain. James' father was recorded as Thomas Slater.

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## SECOND GENERATION

### Children of William and Beatrice LEWIS:

1. **Orissa Mary Eleanor "Rissie" LEWIS** born 24 September 1893 on Keppel Island and baptised 3 June 1894 by Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Orissa was adopted by **Mrs Orissa DEAN** after the death of her mother. The remainder of Rissie's birthday cake was stolen from the Assembly Room on the night of her birthday party in 1899. [FIM Dec 1899] In a Deed Poll dated 20 October 1914 Orissa changed her name to **Orissa Mary Eleanor LEWIS-DEAN**. [BUG-REG-7; 146] Orissa was married to **Reginald Carew POLE-EVANS**, farmer, 29 April 1916 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Orissa Catherine A Dean and H C Harding. Reginald's father was recorded as Daniel Evans, deceased clerk in holy orders. [Account of wedding FIM Jun 1916] Reginald died 19 June 1952 and is buried in Grave 1486. Orissa died in the UK in 1986.
2. **William James "Mark" LEWIS** born 5 September 1895 and baptised **William Markham Beattie LEWIS** 20 October 1895 by Christ Church Cathedral. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter.



*Mark and Rissie Lewis*

### Children of Frank and Margaret LEWIS:

1. **Francis "Frank" Ronald Maurice "Maurice" LEWIS** born 10 June 1911 in Punta Arenas and baptised 13 July 1911. His father's occupation was recorded as farmer. Baptised 13 July 1911 by St James' Church, Punta Arenas. Frank, a sheep farmer, was married to **Helena Joan "Jenny" TREISE**, nurse, 3 December 1946 at Christ Church Cathedral by R G R Calvert, Senior Chaplain. The witnesses were Burton Edward Cyril Hopward and Martin George Creece. Frank's father was recorded as Frank Ushuia Lewis, sheep farmer, and Jenny's father was recorded as Stanley Peak Treise, farmer. Maurice was the manager of Douglas Station in the 1950's. Jenny died in her sleep on or about 21 November 1983 at Estancia La Margarita, Santa Cruz, Argentina. [Penguin News 21 Jan 1984]