

## MEIERHOFER 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 spellings of names are recorded as written in the records at the time.*

**John Martin MEIERHOFER** was born circa 1844 in Kings Lynn, Norfolk, England.

John was married to **Rose Hannah GARDINER** (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

John and his wife appear in the records as being at Port Stephens where John was working as a cook when their son John was born in 1894.

On 30 September 1898 Mr & Mrs **MEIERHOFER** and their two children arrived in Stanley from Port Stephens on board the *Fair Rosamond*. On 17 October 1898 the family left for Europe on board the *Ammon*. [CM Oct 1898]

(John) **Martin MEIERHOFER** arrived back in Stanley 3 February 1899 on board the *Ammon* from London. [FIM Feb 1899]

On 28 June 1899 John started work for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd and received an advance in Stanley of £5-10-0. He worked for them at North Arm until 28 November 1899 on a monthly wage of £5-10-0. [FIC Archives, Vol A1, pg 550]

**Mr and Mrs MEIERHOFER** and family arrived in Stanley on board the *Columbus* 12 October 1912 and **Mrs MEIERHOFER** and four children departed for Liverpool on board the *Orissa* 29 October 1912. [FIM Nov 1912]

When their eldest son, George, was married in 1918 **John MEIERHOFER** was recorded as living at Fox Bay and **Rose MEIERHOFER** as living in King's Lynn, Norfolk, England. [FIM Apr 1918]

John died 26 November 1926 and is recorded in the death register as being age 89. He was buried 29 November 1926 in Grave J956 and was recorded as being age 82 in the burial records and age 81 in the cemetery records.

## FIRST GENERATION:

### Children of John and Rose MEIERHOFER:

1. **George John MEIERHOFER** born 25 February 1894 at Port Stephens, West Falkland. His father's occupation was recorded as cook. George was baptised 7 May 1894 by Edwin Aspinall, Assistant Colonial Chaplain. George was first employed by the Falkland Islands Co Ltd as an able seaman on the *Falkland* in 1916. George, a mariner, was married to **Winifred May BIGGS** 20 February 1918 at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Alfred Stanley Biggs and Alice Emily Lanning. Winifred's father was recorded as Edward Falkland Biggs, deceased labourer. [Account of wedding FIM Apr 1918] From 1922-1928 George worked for the Falkland Islands Government. Winifred went on holiday to Uruguay in 1950. George, whose occupation was marine surveying, accompanied Winifred to the UK in 1952 where she was going for medical treatment. For the last 20 years he had served as 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> engineer on the *Lafonia* and *Fitzroy*. His discharges were excellent. [FIC/EF] George and Winifred celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at Tiffany's in Auckland, New Zealand on George's 74<sup>th</sup> birthday. [FI Monthly Review 3 Jun 1968]
2. **Rose Hannah MEIERHOFER** born 18 March 1895 at Port Stephens and baptised **Grace Ursula Elizabeth MEIERHOFER** 14 March 1896 by Edwin Aspinall, Canon of Christ Church Cathedral. Her father's occupation was recorded as cook. Grace, age 17, left with her mother and siblings on board the *Orissa* 29 October 1912. Grace was married to ? BOWYER (*not in the Falkland Islands*). On 20 March 1968 Grace, of Sunninghill, Ascot, was married in England to **George DURBRIDGE**, of North Darlington, in the Bracknell Registry Office. They had first met at Port Stephens where George was working. [FIM Nov 1912: FI Monthly Review 3 Jun 1968]
3. **Boy MEIERHOFER** born ? (*not in Falkland Islands*)
4. **Girl MEIERHOFER** born ? (*not in Falkland Islands*)