

MILLER 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.

Sydney MILLER was born 25 January 1867 in Shoreham in the UK. Sydney, age 19, arrived in the Falkland Islands in 1886.

Sydney, age 26 and a farm manager living at Hill Cove, was married to **Julia Marion HANSEN**, age 23 and living on Carcass Islands, 12 July 1892 on Carcass Island according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence by Lowther E Brandon MA Colonial Chaplain 12 July 1892. The witnesses were Sarah Hansen and Ella Bertrand. Sydney's father was recorded as James Miller, contractor, and Julia's father was recorded as Charles Hansen, sheep farmer. Sydney was appointed a member of the Board of Health for the West Falklands and also a Justice of the Peace in 1903. Julia and Sydney retired to Cornwall in 1929. Julia died 9 December 1936 in Cornwall. [see Obituary]



Sydney Miller, junior and senior – photo Clement family

FIRST GENERATION

Children of Sydney and Julia MILLER:

1. **Frederica Daisy MILLER** born 19 June 1894 at Hill Cove and baptised 1 July 1894. She married **Harry Walls TOWNSON**, a bachelor and veterinary surgeon. They were married at the house of Mr S Miller, Hill Cove, West Falkland by Registrar's Licence, by Edward J Seymour, Dean & Chaplain, 27 April 1915. The witnesses were Maurice Buckworth and Sydney Miller. Harry's father was listed as **William Walls TOWNSON**, a veterinary surgeon. [see Wedding Report] Harry was appointed Camp Manager for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in 1916. The family left the Falklands 9 December 1919.
2. **Ruth MILLER** born 30 November 1895 (not in the Falklands) and baptised 29 March 1896 in the Falklands. Died Easter Sunday, 31 March 1918 (*not in the Falklands - death information from family bible*).
3. **Constance "Connie" MILLER** born 30 October 1899 at Hill Cove and baptised 19 February 1900. Constance was married to **William Henry LUXTON** 30 July 1930 at St. Paul's Church, Parish of Charlestown, Charlestown, Cornwall, England. He was a widower and had two daughters, Beatrice Orissa (b. 20 May 1902) and Viola Mary Maggie (b. 9 July 1905) both born in the Falkland Islands, and a son, Keith William Edwin born 10 February 1908 in Bromley Kent, from his previous marriage. His first wife, **Maud Agnes LUXTON** née **SMITH**, died 24 September 1920 from acute pneumonia and is buried in Grave D852. William died 22 September 1952 and is buried in Grave 1493. Constance died in 1989 in England – there was no local periodical at both times in the Falkland Islands.



Wedding of Constance and William – photo Clement family

4. **Sydney MILLER** born 8 March 1905 at Hill Cove and baptised 18 June 1905. Married **Betty Lois FELTON** at Christ Church Cathedral by Banns by Harold E Lumsdale, Dean of Christ Church 20 February 1933. The witnesses were M H Creamer, G J Felton and C Luxton. [see Wedding Reports x 2] Sydney died 4 July 1992 and is buried in Grave V3009 [see Obituary]. Betty died 28 October 2004.

DESCENDANTS OF SYDNEY & JULIA STILL IN THE FALKLAND ISLANDS