

## PIERCE 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.*

**Frederick PIERCE** was born ? in London, England.

Frederick was recorded as resident at Port Louis 2 March 1837. [H1; 38]

Frederick was one of the gauchos brought down from Montevideo in HMK *Sparrow*. His contract allowed for a free passage back if he desired it. [H1; 80]

On 4 May 1838 **PEARCE** and **BASILIO** went to Long Island to repair the house there, make garden walls and build a hide house. [H1; 172b]

**Frederick PEARCE**, a gaucho, was married to **Petrona GONZALES**, of Montevideo, at 1.30pm on Tuesday 18 September 1838 in the Town of Anson, Port Louis by Robert J Lowcay. The witnesses were Joseph Addyman and Jane Addyman. At the time of their marriage Frederick and Petrona were living in House 1, Oven, Port Louis.

On 28 September 1838 two wild cattle were killed, one for the settlement and one for **PEARCE**. [H1; 176]

Frederick was a witness to a letter dated 9 November 1838. [H1; 62]

Frederick was working as a gaucho at Port Louis from 1 January to 31 March 1839. [H1; 67]

On Sunday 3 November 1839 the settlers **Frederick PEARCE** and **Richard PENNY**, having been intoxicated the greater part of the week, were discharged. [H1; 191]

At 10am Tuesday 10 December 1839 the American Schooner *Benjamin de Wolf*, master **SMILYE**, sailed taking with two of the settlers, namely **Sidney GOFF** and **Frederick PEARCE**, Pearce leaving a wife and child unprovided for. **Petrona PEARCE**, being in a helpless condition and unable to obtain subsistence, Lieutenant Robinson caused her to be victualled on half allowance of beef, bread and tea. Frederick had been discharged from his work as a gaucho prior to his leaving. [H1; 38, 80, 195]

At her request Petrona was sent by Lieutenant Tyssen to Rio de Janeiro on board HMK *Sparrow* in February 1840. [H1; 80]

## FIRST GENERATION:

### Children of Frederick and Petrona PIERCE:

1. **Matilda Amelia PIERCE** born at 7.30am on Sunday 23 September 1838 at Port Louis. Her godparents were recorded as Pascaal Recano, Celestine Recano and Ana Roba. Matilda was christened at 1pm on Sunday 30 September 1838. Matilda, age 3 weeks and 2 days, died Monday 15 October 1838 at Port Louis and was buried there at 1.30pm on Tuesday 16 October 1838. [H1; 177, 180b]
2. **Frederick Navarro PIERCE** born at 7.30pm on 8 November 1839 at Port Louis. His godparents were recorded as Sidney R Gough and Gregoria Parry.

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