

REDDIE 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.

James REDDIE was born circa 1800 in Ireland.

James was married to **Ellen ? (not in the Falkland Islands)**.

James, a Chelsea Pensioner, Ellen, and their daughter, **Susanna REDDIE**, arrived in the Falkland Islands on the *Victory* 13 October 1849. James was part of a group of military pensioners commanded by Captain James Reid, a total of 122 people including women and children.

In the census taken 22 February 1851 the family were listed as:

James, age 48, pensioner of Ireland

Ellen, age 28, wife of Ireland

Susanna, age 2, child of Ireland

James, age 50, died 21 November 1850 in Stanley and was buried 22 November 1850 (*no Grave record*). [B27; 66]

Ellen READY, a widow, was married to **Joseph HAIGH**, widower, 24 March 1851 in the Parish of the Holy Trinity by Banns by James Leith Moody, Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were Edward McMurray and William Rutter.

Ellen, age 30 and living in Stanley, died 1 October 1852 from dropsy and was buried 3 October 1852.

Children of James and Ellen REDDIE:

1. **Susan REDDIE** born circa 1849 in Ireland. Susan, a minor and a British subject, was married to **John BONNER**, farmer of Lancashire, England and living at Port Sussex East, 19 December 1866 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 Samuel Bonner, C Pitaluga and Ellen King. John's father was recorded as Samuel Bonner, joiner, and Susan's father was recorded as James Reddie, Soldier



Mr Bonner's house Port Sussex. John and Susan Bonner with their children Harry, Helen, Susan, George and Catherine circa 1890s

Children of Ellen and Joseph HAIGH:

1. **Sarah Ellen HAIGH** born circa January 1852 and baptised 23 April 1852. Ellen, age 9 months and 24 days, died in Stanley 14 October 1852 from atrophy and was buried 14 November 1852 (*there is obviously an error in either the death or burial date here but not sure whether in the civil records or the Church records*).

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of Susan (1) and John BONNER:

1. **Helen BONNER** born 5 December 1867 in Stanley. Helen moved with her family to Birkdale, Southport, Lancs, England in 1884. Helen married ? **FARROW** and died early in 1948.
2. **Harry BONNER** born 31 July 1869 at Port Sussex. Harry moved with his family to Birkdale, Southport, Lancs, England in 1884. Returned to the Falkland Islands with his father 16 January 1890 on the *Memphis*. Harry, age 21, died 28 April 1891 at Sussex from pneumonia and was buried at Darwin.
3. **Susan BONNER** born 23 May 1871 at Port Sussex. Susan moved with her family to Birkdale, Southport, Lancs, England in 1884. Married ? **MILLER**. Died 20 March 1906 in Glasgow, Scotland. [FIM Jun 1906]
4. **George BONNER** born 23 October 1873 at Port Sussex. George moved with his family to Birkdale, Southport, Lancs, England in 1884. George and his mother returned to the Falkland Islands via Punta Arenas 16 November 1892 on board the *Pentaur*. He returned to England 17 March 1894 on board the *Abydos*. George was married to **Frances Ann RIGG** in 1894 in England and sailed with her for the Falkland Islands 23 September 1894. They arrived in Stanley 26 October 1894 on board the *Pentaur* and sailed for San Carlos on the *Fortuna* 23 November 1894. George and his family left for Liverpool 16 April 1914 on board the *Oriana*. They returned 25 December 1920 on board the *Orita*. George, age 56 and a sheep farmer living at San Carlos, and Frances, age 57, went to England on holiday in 1930. George was recorded as being 6' tall with blue eyes and brown hair. Frances was recorded as being 5' 4" tall with hazel eyes and grey/brown hair. On 9 February 1935 they departed for the last time for the UK on board the *Reino del Pacifico*. George died at Droitwich, Worcestershire, England 13 February 1940. Frances died at the home of her daughter, Mrs Slaughter in Herefordshire 14 March 1943. [Obituary FI News Weekly 1 Apr 1943]



George and Frances in 1930

5. **Catherine Jane “Kitty” BONNER** born 26 August 1875 at Port Sussex. Catherine moved with her family to Birkdale, Southport, Lancs, England in 1884. Kitty married ? **RICHARDS** and was still alive in 1948.
6. **Gertrude Alice BONNER** born 1 September 1877 at Port Sussex. Gertrude moved with her family to Birkdale, Southport, Lancs, England in 1884. Gertrude married ? **BARR** and was still alive in 1948.
7. **Singleton BONNER** born 7 July 1879 at Port Sussex. Singleton moved with his family to Birkdale, Southport, Lancs, England in 1884. In the July 1901 edition of the Falkland Islands Magazine he is recorded as being in South Africa, a sub-lieutenant in the South Staffordshire Foot and ill with camp fever. On the 14 February 1903 was a Lieutenant in His Majesty’s South Staffordshire Regiment. He was a Lieutenant Colonel and DSO when he died 1 May 1917 at Etaples, France from the effects of being wounded 23 April 1917 and having his right arm amputated the following day [FIM July 1917].
8. **Elizabeth Ann BONNER** born 2 September 1883 at Port Sussex. Elizabeth moved with her family to Birkdale, Southport, Lancs, England in 1884. Elizabeth married ? **ROBINSON** and was still alive in 1948.

SECOND GENERATION:

Children of George (1) (4) and Frances BONNER:

1. **Iva Kathleen Gwendolen BONNER** born 17 May 1895 at San Carlos. Iva was married to **Herbert Montague SYDENHAM**, Indian Imperial Police (retired) at St Jude's Church, South Kensington, London, England, Tuesday 30 October 1945. Iva was living at Harrogate at the time. [FI News Weekly 14 Feb 1946]
2. **Edith Muriel BONNER** born 12 February 1898 at San Carlos. Edith was married to **Thomas George SLAUGHTER**, manager, 8 June 1921 at San Carlos S, East Falkland by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were H J Slaughter and Frances D Bonner. Thomas' father was recorded as John Edward Slaughter, doctor, and Edith's father was recorded as George Bonner, sheep farmer.



L-R: P Goddard and Muriel Bonner on the deck of RMS *Orcoma* Nov/Dec 1919

3. **Mildred BONNER** born 2 April 1901 at San Carlos. Mildred was married to **Birt ELLIOT**, occupation farming, 24 October 1927 at Christ Church Cathedral by Special Licence by Fredk S Vaughan, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Arnold Hodson and J K Nethercoate. Birt's father was recorded as Edwin Athelstan Elliot, pipe re-manufacture, and Mildred's father was recorded as George Bonner, farmer. Birt, age 29 and an overseer, and Mildred, age 28, went on holiday to England in 1930 with their two children. Birt was recorded as being 5' 10" tall with hazel eyes and black hair. Mildred was recorded as being 5' 3" tall with grey eyes and brown hair. In 1946 Birt was living at Woodlands, Kinson, Bournemouth. [FIC/EF/]



Birt and Mildred in 1930

4. **John Francis "Jack" BONNER** born 27 May 1905 at San Carlos. John was married to **Edith Victoria Catherine 'Vickey' BASELEY** (*not in Falklands*) in 1928. In 1947 Jack, age 41 and a sheep farmer living at San Carlos, travelled to the UK for business and personal reasons. He was recorded as being 5' 11" tall with grey eyes and light brown hair. In 1949 Vickey, age 43 and living at San Carlos, travelled to the UK to visit family and for personal reasons. She was recorded as being 5' 4" tall with grey eyes and dark brown hair. Jack died 28 April 1958 in Stanley and is buried in Grave Q1612.



Jack in 1947 and Vickey in 1949