

## VARELA (BARELA/VARILLA/VERELLA) 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.*

**Pedro VARELA** arrived in the Falkland Islands from Montevideo on board the *Vigilante* 11 November 1847 to work for Mr Williams on Lafone's estate at Second Corral. [H8] He was listed as an alien introduced by Mr Williams since October 1850 20 November 1851 [D5, pg 352] and as employed by the Falkland Islands Company Ltd 22 May 1855. [H12, pg 430]

Pedro appears to have been married to **Antonina ROXA** at some point but there are no records of their marriage in either the civil or church registers. Antonina, a native of South America and circa 65, died 14 February 1869 and was buried 21 February 1869 in Grave B238. The informant was her husband at Middle Bay, East Falkland.

Pedro VARELLA was working for the Falkland Islands Company Limited in Camp from October 1858 until June 1861 and from July 1862 until November 1865 and earned £4-3-4 a month. [FIC Store Ledger D, pg 49-50, 54, 300-301] Pedro was accused of unlawful killing of wild cattle in September 1860. [H17, pg 190, 243]

Pedro VARELA was sworn as a British subject 29 August 1870. [D14, pg 117]

Pedro, a widower and gaucho naturalised in the Falklands living at Smyleys Creek, San Carlos, was married to **Juanita GONZALES**, minor living at Long Island, 20 March 1871 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 Peter Finley and Phoebe Summers. Both Pedro and Juanita signed with a X. Pedro's father was recorded as Orgetia Varela, gaucho of Montevideo, and Juanita's father was recorded as Jose Maria Gonzales, gaucho.

On 1 February 1873 Pedro VARELA purchased the southern half portions of Lots Numbered 32 and 33, being Crown Grants 169 and 202, "*bounded on the South by a frontage to James Street 44 yards in length on the north by the remaining half portions of Lots 32 and 33 and by a line 44 yards in length, on the East by lot 34 by a line 44 yards in length on the west by lot 31 by a line 44 yards in length. Pedro Varela binds himself to build a suitable fence or wall on the northern boundary of the said land running east and west 22 yards in length by August 1873*" for £49. [Reg Off: Vol I, pg 347]

Pedro, age circa 55 and a gaucho, died 18 January 1884 in Stanley from the rupture of a pulmonary artery and was buried 20 January 1884.

## FIRST GENERATION

### Children of Pedro and Juana VERELA:

1. **Joseph Thomas VERELA** born 4 August 1872 in Stanley and baptised 7 September 1872 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as gaucho. Joseph was baptised 16 January 1876 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Joseph, age 7, died 24 January 1879 at San Carlos from convulsion fits and was buried there.
2. **Rosa VERELA** born 11 September 1873 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as gaucho and publican.
3. **Philip James VERELA** born 1 May 1876 in Stanley and baptised 22 May 1876 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as gaucho. Philip, age 9 years and 4 months, died 22 September 1885 in Stanley from malignant typhoid and was buried 24 September 1885 by Holy Trinity Church.
4. **Mary Jane VERELA** born 5 December 1878 at San Carlos and baptised 11 May 1879 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as gaucho. Mary, age 1 year and 7 months, died 10 July 1880 in Stanley from tabes mesenterica and was buried 10 July 1880.
5. **Peter VERELA** born 23 July 1880 in Stanley and baptised 18 August 1880 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as gaucho.
6. **Alexander Thomas VERELA** born 12 February 1883 in Stanley and baptised 4 March 1883 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as gaucho. Alexander, age 6 months, died 17 August 1883 in Stanley from tabes mesenterica and was buried 22 August 1883.