

## CUSACK 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.*

**Dennis CUSACK** was born circa 1820 in Nenagh, County Tipperary, Ireland.

Dennis was married to **Margaret BUCKLEY** (*not in the Falkland Islands; in Ireland?*).

Dennis, Margaret and their children, Daniel and David, arrived in the Falkland Islands on board the British Barque *Ealing Grove* 12 January 1858 as part of the Falkland Islands Company detachment of Pensioners. Dennis was a private in the Falkland Islands Garrison Company. [H14, pg 316]

According to the Examination of Invalid Soldiers Wednesday 25 May 1864 Denis was 44 years old and a private in the 48<sup>th</sup> foot. He had a total service of 25 years & 11 months with overseas service of 2 years & 1 month in Indian(?) Isles, 1 year & 2 months in Crimea, 1 month in Malta and 6 years 6 months in the Falkland Islands. Denis was born in Nenagh, County Tipperary, Ireland, was a labourer by trade, 5' 7" tall with brown hair, gray eyes and a fair complexion. [PRO WO.117/12]

Margaret died in Stanley 28 August 1862, age 30, from inflammation brought on by cold and was buried 29 August 1862 (*no Grave number recorded – the church records record her as being circa 35*).

When the Company was broken up Dennis took his pension and returned home to Ireland. Dennis & his two youngest sons left 23 Jan 1864 on board the *Velocidade*. Dennis died circa 1892/3 (*not in Falkland Islands*).

## FIRST GENERATION:

### Children of Dennis and ? CUSACK:

**(NB: assumed that Daniel was not Margaret's son as, if either the civil or church records were correct about her age at death, she would have been only 10 or 15 when he was born)**

1. **Daniel "Dan" CUSACK** born circa 1842 (*not in Falkland Islands*). Daniel remained in the Falkland Islands when his family left. Daniel worked for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in the Lafonia area from circa October 1858 to 15 April 1868. [FIC/IW1; 37, 224, 485] On 12 December 1883 he sent his brother Denis a letter from Teal Inlet. Dan also wrote letters from Weddell Island and Pebble Island. Daniel was married to **Sarah GLEADELL** formerly **JOHNSTONE**, age 46 & a widow, 14 September 1890 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. On 3 November 1896 Daniel, a shepherd on Douglas Station, purchased Crown Grant 106 for £75. [Reg IV: pg 193] On 7 August 1899 Daniel was working at the Klondike (*Camber, Stanley Harbour*). [H47] Daniel, age 76 & British, died in Stanley 4 December 1918 and was buried in Grave I 832. Sarah, age 78 & British, died 8 March 1922 and was buried in Grave J 867

### Children of Dennis and Margaret CUSACK:

1. **David CUSACK** born on board the *Ealing Grove* 28 October 1857 and baptised 4 April 1858 by Holy Trinity Church. Returned to Ireland with his father.
2. **Mary CUSACK** born 2 May 1859 in Stanley and baptised **Mary Ann CUSACK** 26 June 1859 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as private in Falkland Islands Company. Mary, age 3, died in Stanley 22 June 1862 from inflammation in the throat and was buried 24 June 1862 (*no grave number recorded*). Captain MOLONY reported that she had "*fallen a victim to the cold in the East Wing*". Governor MOORE replied "*The drunken and depraved habits of the Father & mother of that child are notorious & I am afraid that the little girl had not in any proper sense of the word parental care that child having been taken by its Father from its bed in that state to the Doctor instead of the Doctor being sent to attend it - on a cold day and only a short time before its death.*" [H18; 495: D10; 311]
3. **Dennis CUSACK** born 5 February 1861 in Stanley and baptised by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as private in Falkland Islands Garrison Company. Returned to Ireland with his father. In 1887 when Denis wrote to the Government looking for his brother Daniel he was living on Chapel Street, Rathdowney, Queen's County, Ireland. Daniel was thought to be on Pebble Island at the time. [H41, pg 415] On 18 June 1899 he was living on Pound Street, Rathdowney, Queens Country, Ireland.