

HAVERS 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.

Thomas HAVERS was born circa 1810 (*not in the Falkland Islands*) to **Thomas** and **Dorothy HAVERS**.

Thomas was married to **Ellen RUDING** 1 February 1844 in London.

Thomas worked for the London firm of Ricketts, Boutcher & Co. By 1851 He was acting secretary of the Falkland Islands Company Ltd and in 1854 was appointed Colonial Manager. Thomas, Ellen, their four children, governess **Mary Clare COPPINGER**, and a servant arrived 9 May 1854 on board the 150 ton Brigantine *Amelia*, 14 days out from Montevideo.

On 13 June 1854 Thomas was appointed a Justice of the Peace. [E4; 94]

On 14 August 1854 Thomas was appointed deputy chairman of the Magistrates and Police Courts of the Falkland Islands. [E4; 94]

Ellen, age 34, died in Stanley 25 October 1854 from consumption and was buried 30 October 1854 in Grave E 413.



Thomas, a widower, was married to **Mary Clare COPPINGER** 16 October 1855 by Henry Martyn Faulkner, Colonial Chaplain in the Barrack at Anson, Berkeley Sound by Banns being of full age. The witnesses were R C Packe and Jane Murray.

On 14 January 1856 Thomas was provisionally admitted to the position of Consul for the Free Hanseatic city of Hamburg pending the issue of the Royal Exequatur. [E4; 118]

Thomas was sworn in as a Member of Executive Council 24 June 1856. [P1; 219; 220: E4; 129]

On 25 June 1857 Crown Grant 124 was issued to **Thomas HAVERS** for £50 being Lot 6 in Section A containing half an acre (*Ross Road - part of site now occupied by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church and the Radio Station*). [CG 124] [Crown Grant 124](#)

In the Minutes of 4 May 1858 the Directors noted that *“having very carefully considered the whole matters in regard to these Bills - the repeated cautions and instructions that have been sent to Mr Havers on the subject of drawing Bills - and the whole features connected with his Correspondence and Management, arrives at the conclusion that is it neither safe nor consistent with the Company's interest to continue to Mr Havers the powers which are vested in him as Colonial Manager at Stanley - and that as Mr James Lane's services are now free from the Law Commission upon which he was sent to Montevideo & Stanley, he being also well conversant with the state of the Company's affairs and in a convenient position to at once relieve Mr Havers - it is, Resolved - That a letter and proper powers be sent to Mr James Lane to relieve Mr Havers and to take over from him and retain the management of all the Company's affairs at the Falkland Islands, until a proper person can be appointed...Also that a Letter be addressed to Mr Havers...the Board finds it necessary to determine & conclude his Contract with the Company...”* [FIC/AM3;]

James LANE arrived August 1858 and reported back to the Directors in London *“I arrived here by the “Victoria”, on Sunday, the 29th ult, after a passage of nearly 12 days, & delivered to Mr Havers your Letter of the 8th May. On the following day I presented to him the Power of Atty in my favour, & requested that the Cash, in his hands, might be handed to me.”* [FIC/E1]

On 13 September 1858 **Janes LANE** wrote to the London Office *“With reference to the furniture & effects in the house, I was not prepared to find that they did not belong to the Company. This compels me to make an arrangement to live with Mr Havers, which is, in any respects, undesirable, tho' every desire to make it agreeable has been shewn by Mr & Mrs Havers. You will see, by the enclosed list of articles, that I could not remain in the house, if Mr Havers quits it, & there is only a public House in which I cd get small furnished rooms!... I send you a correct statement of the Inhabts of this Island, & their occupations &c drawn up by Mr Havers at my request. That Gentm has acted in a fair & friendly manner Towards me. I believe he has devoted himself with much zeal to the Camp business of the Company.”* [FIC/E1]

On 1 November 1858 **John RUDD**, warehouseman of Stanley, and **Ellen RUDD**, his wife, granted to **Thomas HAVERS**, gentleman of Stanley, No 14 Pensioners Cottage Allotments containing 24 poles *“together with all buildings fences and erections of any kind thereon and all matter and things appertaining thereto And all that lot or parcel of Land situated in the Southern Suburbs of Stanley containing Ten Acres and numbered Eleven in Pensioners Special Allotments”* for £30. [BUG-REG-1; 190] [Crown Grant 116](#)

On 1 November 1858 **John RUDD**, warehouseman of Stanley, and **Ellen RUDD**, his wife, granted to **Thomas HAVERS**, gentleman of Stanley, No 25 Pensioners Cottage Allotments containing 24 poles *“together with all buildings, fences and erections of any kind thereon and all matters or things appertaining thereto **And all** that Lot or parcel of Land situated in the Southern Suburbs of Stanley containing Ten acres and numbered fifteen in Pensioners Special Allotments”* for £36. [BUG-REG-1; 191] [Crown Grant 100](#)

On 3 November 1858 Crown Grant 126 was issued to **Thomas HAVERS** for £5 being Lot 13 in Section I containing one acre in the suburbs of Stanley (*West of Villiers Street; originally fronting to Drury Street to north*). [CG 126] [Crown Grant 126](#)

On 3 November 1858 Crown Grant 127 was issued to **Thomas HAVERS** for £5 being Lot 14 in Section I containing one acre in the suburbs of Stanley (*West of Crown Grant 126; originally fronting to Drury Street to North*). [CG 127] **Crown Grant 127**

On 13 November 1858 **Janes LANE** reported “*Mr Havers is erecting a House which he says will be completed in 6 weeks & he will then remove. I find it very inconvenient having to live in the same House so long & being unable to see any one in it makes it very disagreeable & not to the interest of the Company. As to furniture I think it possible that he will sell some things by Auction & that I may be able to purchase for the Coy a few things for immediate use but not to the extent necessary & advisable for the interest of the Company. The want of hospitality is much remarked on here.*” [FIC/E1] **This appears to have been on Crown Grant 126 sold in 1861 for £120.**

On 3 February 1859 **Janes LANE** wrote “*Mr Havers quitted Malvina Cottage on 31 Decr & havg held an auction of some of his furniture I bought sevl necessary articles & by obtg others from the Store & Mr Dean have made a part of the House just habitable, but certainly not what it shd be – it was so extraordly dirty & unwholesome as to be scarcely bearable at the sale. I have had only what was absolutely necessary done & have taken away the Veranda & a range of wooden outhouses reducing the Court Yard behind by one half thereby obtaining a large quantity of valuable Timber & Wood much wanted and increasing the ground behind for Vegetables.*” [FIC/E1]

On 12 April 1859 **Janes LANE** wrote “*I send you Copy of my Letter to Mr Havers but have received no other than a verbal reply. I shall do all I can after the “Fairy” leaves to get him to price the Inventories of Goods &c so as to obtain the valuations you desire – his intentions are a mystery to me & to all here.*” [FIC/E1]

On 15 June 1859 **Janes LANE** wrote “*About the 2nd Corral & Rincon Grande (on the opposite shore) it is very good sheep land, & I propose in the Spring seeing it, & selecting 2 or 3 Plots to purchase, with the usual 10000 acres to each. There will no doubt be competition, both from Captn Packe, & Mr Havers... I have just ascertained that Mr Havers has stated that he expects a Genl Cargo out in about 6 weeks!...As to Mr Havers there can be no doubt but that he has not chosen to complete his accts &c. I have found it imperative only to communicate with him in writing, & then it requires close attention to the correspondence not to be misled by his statements.*” [FIC/E1]

On 25 July 1859 **Janes LANE** wrote “*Mr Havers seldom attends the office & I gave him notice of its being wanted on the 1st Augt but on reflection I thought it might be an excuse & extended the time to the 1st Oct. I intend devoting it to a “Captains Room” putting a few Books, Newspapers &c in it & writing materials – it wd keep men about the Store & induce purchases...I only sent the correspondence as to the rumoured Cargo for Mr Havers for the Directors satisfaction. It is well known that the Govr told Mrs Faulkner & others of it as from Mr Havers. I shewed him the corresponde & observed that I had not made use of his name – he said “Oh my dear for Mrs Faulkner told me”. I send corresponde with Mr Havers also as to usg one of the Coy’s Cottages for an auction room. I had agreed to let it at 10s/- a week (it was only required for a fortnight) when I had reason to suppose that it was wanted for Dean’s purposes also & then withheld the key & asked Mr Havers abt it was wholly for his own sale – I can only suppose he means to sell things he has bought from wrecks &c & accumulated as from time to time – I find it very necessary to be cautious with him...Mr Havers lately offered some Scheme to the Govr whh wd give 20 per Ct for money advanced – H E replied, he told me, that he “had not a pound to his name”. Mr H has also intimated his willingness to take charge for Captn Packe in his intended absence (all Der in Jany) in England but it was declined. Mr H’s intentions in remaining here is a still a mystery.” [FIC/E1]*

On 1 September 1859 **Thomas HAVERS**, gentleman of Stanley, and **Mary Clare HAVERS**, his wife, granted to **James Henry HOCKING**, schoolmaster of Stanley, No 25 Pensioners Cottage Allotments containing 24 poles for £8. [BUG-REG-1; 205] [Crown Grant 100](#)

On 30 September 1859 **Janes LANE** wrote "*I let Gilmore's Cottage to Mr Havers for 5 weeks at 10s/- a week & when he gave it up, a Soldier, Doolan, took it, with the garden for £1-5-0 a month...Mr Havers returned to the office on the 5th Septr havg been absent abt 6 weeks, since which he has frequently attended for broken periods of days. I enclose copies of Letters to & from him. The sales at his auction were chiefly of househd things with linen & some old Plate realising I believe abt £120 – his object in remaing here is still unknown. In a Case, I saved the various Books papers &c (thro' Mr Hocquard) recd from Mr Havers & all Vouchers & documents which can in any way elucidate his accts. Also Copy of his Inventory (still unpriced) of the Stock & property of the Company.*" [FIC/E1]

On 1 November 1859 **Janes LANE** advised "*Mr Havers is now occupied in taking Portraits at 5 Guineas each & lower.*" [FIC/E1]

On 31 March 1860 **Thomas HAVERS**, gentleman of Stanley, and **Mary Clare HAVERS**, his wife, granted to **Lawrence PARRY**, carpenter of Stanley, and **Rosina PARRY**, his wife, in Trust for their son **Lawrence PARRY**, junior, during his minority, No 14 Pensioners Cottage Allotments containing 24 poles for £12, paid by Rosina from the earnings of her own hands. [BUG-REG-1; 214] [Crown Grant 116](#)

On 2 February 1861 **Thomas HAVERS**, gentleman of Stanley, and **Mary Clare HAVERS**, his wife, granted to:

1. **Jacob Napoleon GOSS**, publican of Stanley, Lot 13 in the suburbs of Stanley containing one acre "*together with the dwelling houses thereon erected, situated between the Pensioners Garden Allotments and Villiers Street*" for £120. [BUG-REG-1; 221] [Crown Grant 126](#)
2. The **Falkland Islands Company Ltd**, Lot 14 in the suburbs of Stanley containing one acre for £10-15-0. [BUG-REG-1; 223] [Crown Grant 127](#)
3. **William MOORE**, mariner of Stanley, No 15 in Pensioners Special Allotments in the suburbs of Stanley containing ten acres for £5. [BUG-REG-1; 225] [Crown Grant 101](#)
4. **Andrez PITALUGA**, grazier of Stanley, No 11 in Pensioners Special Allotments in the suburbs of Stanley containing ten acres for £4. [BUG-REG-1; 227] [Crown Grant 117](#)

Thomas and his family departed for Montevideo, Uruguay February/March 1861.

On 18 March 1861 **Thomas HAVERS**, gentleman late of Stanley but now of La Union in the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, and **Mary Clare HAVERS**, his wife, granted to **Anthony Dominic FAHY**, Pastor of the Irish Catholics in Buenos Aires, and **James CURRAN**, Catholic Priest of Buenos Aires, Lot 6A in the Town of Stanley containing half an acre for £1. [BUG-REG-1; 230] [Crown Grant 124](#)

On 23 February 1863 **Janes LANE** wrote to George Cripps in the London Office "*A friend at Monte Video writes me "Mr Goodlake has been constantly at Havers' & it is certainly not for the comfort the house affords, for they live nearly as miserably as at Stanley, altho from his manifold occupations Havers must be in receipt of double my income" (The Writer has betn £500 & £600 a year). In another Letter – They say "Havers is making money fast, tho' I don't think he is making friends. He keeps his family in the same dirty conditions.*" [FIC/E1]

Thomas died in Uruguay in 1870. He is in the Dictionary of Falklands Biography, available online at <https://www.falklandsbiographies.org/biographies>



1863 - Top left, the house that Thomas Havers built, now 3 Villiers Street

Children of Thomas and Ellen HAVERS:

1. **Dorothy Henrietta HAVERS** born circa 1847 at Thelton Hall, Norfolk. Dorothy came to the Falkland Islands with her family in 1854. She returned to England circa 1870 and published her first novel in 1874 under the pseudonym of **Theo GIFT**. Dorothy was married to **George Simonds BOULGER** 22 April 1879. Dorothy died in South Kensington 22 July 1923. [In Dictionary of Falklands Biography]
2. **Daughter HAVERS**
3. **Thomas HAVERS**
4. **Alice Mary HAVERS** was born circa May 1850 at Thelton Hall, Norfolk. Alice was married to **Frederick MORGAN** 13 April 1872. She later separated from him and petitioned for divorce in 1889. Alice, age 40, committed suicide 26 August 1890 at 11 Marlborough Road, London. [In Dictionary of Falklands Biography]

Children of Thomas and Mary Clare HAVERS:

1. **George HAVERS** born 16 October 1855 in the Barracks, Anson, Berkeley Sound. His father's occupation was recorded as gentleman.
2. **Robert Falkland HAVERS** born 12 August 1857 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as gentleman.
3. **Kenneth Joseph HAVERS** born 4 March 1859 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as gentleman.
4. **Alfred HAVERS** born 31 October 1860 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as gentleman.