

## GOMEZ 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.*

**Cipriano GOMEZ** was born circa 1815 in either South America or Spain.

On 18 January 1843 in Montevideo, **Cipriano GOMEZ** signed a one year contract to proceed to the Falkland Islands on any vessel provided for him and on arrival to place himself under the direction and control of the Lieutenant Governor, to be employed in the work of catching wild cattle. His wages were to be twenty five Spanish dollars a month with the usual allowance of beef, biscuit, flour, yerba and tobacco. If he was employed as a Domador in the taming of wild horses he was to receive an additional five Spanish dollars a month. At the termination of his agreement a free passage would be provided for him and his family to the River Plate. [H3; 47]

In the Census taken at Port Louis 31 March 1843, **C GOMEZ**, a native of Montevideo, peon and Roman Catholic who arrived 15 March 1843, was living in the Peons House on German's Point. **Josepha GOMEZ**, a native of Montevideo, single woman and Roman Catholic who arrived 15 March 1843, lived in the Peons House. Also living there was **Susannah CABRAL**, a native of Montevideo, single woman and Roman Catholic who arrived 15 March 1843. [G1]

Cipriano, Josepha, and Susannah were not listed in the Census taken 12 October 1846. [D2]

**Cipriano GOMEZ**, age 32, Argentine and married, arrived 6 June 1847 from Montevideo on board the *Napoleon* to work for Lafone who had brought him down. Also on board was **Celestino GOMEZ**, age 21, Argentine and single. [H8]

**In July 1847 Cipriano GOMEZ**, an employee of Lafone, was a witness to an assault with a knife on Manuel Morales. [H5]

In the Census taken 22 February 1851, **Cupriano GOMEZ** was recorded as being age 37, a labourer and Spaniard. **Susanna GOMEZ** was recorded as being age 41, a wife and a Spaniard.

On 19 November 1851 **Supriano GOMEZ**, was recorded as an Alien imported by Mr Williams and once convicted of felony who did not wish to leave the Falkland Islands. [H13; 114]

**Supriano GOMEZ**, a labourer from South America, was recorded on the List of Aliens who had registered themselves to 26 March 1852. **Susanna KABRAL**, a sempstress from South America was also registered. [H8]

**Cipriano GOMEZ** and **Susannah CABRAL**, both Aliens from South America, were on the list of Aliens dated 27 March 1852 who had received permission to reside in the Falkland Islands. [E4; 46]

In May 1855 **Cipriano GOMEZ** stated '*I came here in 1843 with Mr O'Neill. Governor Moody was here, I was a Guacho, working for the Government. I had my English Paper and also my Contract with me. I have been working for Govt. but not this month, I've been sick. I maintain myself by selling fowls sometimes and then I buy some beef.*' [H8]

**Ciprano GOMEZ**, a native of Spain living in Stanley, single, and **Susanna KABRAL**, a native of Montevideo living in Stanley, single, were recorded on a List of Aliens registered in the Police Office 14 September 1855. [H8]

On 28 February 1859 **Cipriano Gomez** was given permission to go to Montevideo and to return bringing both himself and family - it being distinctly understood that Gomez has to be answerable that neither he, his wife or 3 children shall be a burden on the Government and that he will be responsible for them. [E3; 149]

#### **Children of Cipriano and Susanna GOMEZ:**

1. **Child GOMEZ** born circa ? (*not in the Falkland Islands*).
2. **Child GOMEZ** born circa ? (*not in the Falkland Islands*).
3. **Child GOMEZ** born circa ? (*not in the Falkland Islands*).