

KILLALIA 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 KILLALIA was married to **Elizabeth O'HARA** (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Thomas was born circa 1807 in Ireland and Elizabeth was born circa 1816 in Ireland.

Thomas, a military pensioner, his wife Elizabeth and their children Thomas and Margaret arrived in the Falkland Islands on the *Victory* 13 October 1849. Thomas was part of a group of military pensioners commanded by Captain James Reid, a total of 122 people including women and children.

In the 1851 census they are recorded as Thomas KILLALIA, age 43, pensioner from Ireland; Elizabeth KILLALIA, age 34, wife from Ireland; Thomas KILLALIA, age 15, child from Ireland; and Margaret KILLALIA, age 13, child from Ireland.

In May 1852 Thomas was shooting wild fowl when his gun burst and shattered his left hand so seriously that it was ultimately amputated above the wrist. [B27; 99]

On 25 August 1852 the acting Colonial Secretary received £20-9-9 being the balance of the £29-9-9 subscribed by the inhabitants of Stanley towards the support of Pensioner KILLALIA on the occasion of his losing his arm. [E3; pg 28]

In 1852 Thomas KILLIA was refused permission to leave the Falkland Islands and requested land on 27 September 1852. [H11]

About three or four months after the accident when his arm was healed he was offered the duty of ringing the workmen's bell with the promise that if he conducted himself steadily he would then be able to also have the post of messenger at the Surveyor General's office. Thomas, described as an incorrigible drunkard refused work until the weekly payments of his subscription were exhausted. After this he was offered the chance again but was discharged for drunkenness in a few days. [B27; 99]

In July 1853 his wife, Elizabeth, was described as a very industrious woman who earned, by washing and other jobs, quite sufficient in addition to his pension, house &c to keep them comfortably were it not for his intemperance. [B27; 99]

On 13 January 1858 Thomas KILLALIA was recorded as a pensioner living at No 18 Upper Row (*Now Pioneer Row*). [H14; 318, 340, 351]

Thomas and his family left on the *Ealing Grove* 12 February 1858.

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of Thomas and Mary Ann ALDRIDGE:

1. **Thomas KILLALIA** born circa 1836 in Ireland. He arrived with his family on the *Victory* 13 October 1849. Thomas was baptised by Holy Trinity Church 12 January 1851.
2. **Margaret KILLALIA** born circa 1838 in Ireland. She arrived with her family on the *Victory* 13 October 1849.
3. **Oliver KILLALIA** born 30 August 1852 in Stanley and baptised 3 October 1852 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer & pensioner and he signed with a X.
4. **John KILLALIA** born 11 March 1855 in Stanley and baptised 6 June 1855 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer and he signed with a X.
5. **Elizabeth KILLALIA** born 11 May 1857 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer and he signed with a X.