

LEECH 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 name or the spellings of names are recorded as written in the records at the time.

Brice Richmond LEECH was born 8 May 1835 in Dunaghey Clough, County Antrim to ? and **Mary LEECH**.

Brice, a tailor, enlisted in the Royal Artillery in October 1857.

Brice was married to **Hannah Bridget QUIRM** 2 June 1864 in Clonmel, Ireland.

On 30 October 1878 **Brace LEECH** of 17 Prospect Row, Woolwich, Kent, South England, a pensioner from the Royal Artillery, signed an agreement to proceed to the Falkland Islands as a constable in the Police Force for the term of six years. He was to receive an annual salary of £60, paid at £5 per month, and free quarters and a garden. He would also be allowed to supply himself with free peat from Crown Lands. Passages for himself and for his family would be provided. [T1]

On 14 November 1878 pensioner **Gunner Brice LEECH**, Royal Artillery Depot Brigade, was transferred from the Woolwich District to the Falkland Islands District. His rate of pension was 1 shilling and character and habits were described as very good.

In the descriptive return for Chelsea and EIC Pensioners, dated November 1878, Gunner **Brice LEECH** 5105 was described as 5 foot 8 inches tall with brown hair, grey eyes and a fresh complexion. He was married with 1 child above 14 years and 4 under 14 years. His mother was still alive but his father was dead. He had been awarded a good conduct medal and four good conduct badges, his character was very good and he was discharged as he had completed his service. Brice served 21 years and 1 month in the Royal Artillery, including 9 years and 3 months in India. [T1]

Brice, Hannah and their four sons and daughter arrived in the Falkland Islands 20 December 1878 on board the *Black Hawk*. Brice was sworn in as a constable in the Police force 3 January 1879 on an annual salary of £60 and a house rent free.

Brice was discharged for misconduct on 3 November 1883. According to family history Brice and his family were shipwrecked rounding Cape Horn on their way to California and subsequently put back into the Falkland Islands and then went on to Montevideo, Uruguay.

Children of Brice and Hannah LEECH:

1. **Son LEECH** born ? *(not in the Falkland Islands).*
2. **Son LEECH** born ? *(not in the Falkland Islands).*
3. **Son LEECH** born ? *(not in the Falkland Islands).*
4. **Son LEECH** born ? *(not in the Falkland Islands).*
5. **Daughter LEECH** born ? *(not in the Falkland Islands).*

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