

LYNCH 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.

Michel and **Mary LYNCH** and their children **George, John** and **Mary LYNCH** 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. Apart from the Commanding Officer, Captain Moloney, the Company consisted of three sergeants, two corporals, a drummer and thirty privates. [H14, pg 316]

Michel was a private in the 34th Foot Regiment for 5 years, 4 months and the 49 Foot Regiment for 11 years, 4 months. He served in the Falkland Islands Garrison Company for 6 years, 6 months and was 41 at the end of his tour and of indifferent character. Prior to the Falkland Islands his other overseas service included 8 months in China and 1 year in Malta. He was discharged due to disbandment of the regiment. Michel Lynch was born at Tralee, Kerry and was a labourer by trade. He was 5 foot 7 inches tall with light hair, blue eyes and a fresh complexion. [PRO: WO 117/12]

The family left with Captain Maloney and his men on board the transport ship *Velocidade* 23 January 1864.