

O'NEILL 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.

Timothy O'NEIL was born circa 1808 in Kilfenora, Clare, Ireland to **John O'NEIL** and **Catherine O'NEIL** née **MANNING**.

Timothy enlisted 18 April 1826 in Cork in the 18th Irish Regiment of Foot; enlistment number 539. When timothy was discharged in Hong Kong 31 December 1846 he had served 3 years & 95 days in the Mediterranean, 3 years & 76 days in Ceylon and 6 years, 180 days in China. In 1842 Timothy was serving in the Opium Wars with the 18th Royal Irish Regiments of Infantry and received a silver medal.

Timothy was married to **Johanna "Jude" CONSIDINE**, age 24, 3 June 1848 in Cratloe Clare, Ireland. Johanna was born in 1824 in Cratloe, Clare, Ireland to James Considine and Bridget Considine née Carroll.

Timothy and Jude arrived in Stanley, Falkland Islands on board the *Victory* 13 October 1849 as part of a group of military pensioners commanded by Captain James Reid, a total of 122 people including women and children.

In the census taken 22 February 1851 the family are listed as:

Timothy O'NEILL, age 45 & a pensioner from Ireland

Judy O'NEILL, age 28, wife of Ireland

Bridget O'NEILL, age 1 child of Ireland

Timothy was appointed Keeper of the Government Offices and messenger 1 November 1851 on an annual salary of £60-0-0 and lived in the Offices. As an enrolled out-pensioner of Chelsea Hospital he also possessed a cottage, garden, field and pension. He was still holding this post in 1857.

On January 1858 Timothy was listed as a pensioner living in No 8 Lower Row (*now Drury Street*). [H14; 318, 340, 351]

The family left on the *Ealing Grove* 12 February 1858 as Timothy had accepted an offer made by the War Department to the old military pensioners in the Falkland Islands. [D8; 141]

Timothy died 3 July 1889 in Blackwater, Clare, Ireland. Jude died 13 March 1895 in Blackwater, Cooley Casey, Ireland

Children of Timothy and Jude O'NEIL:

1. **Mary O'NEIL** born circa 1849 in ? and baptised 30 December 1849 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as pensioner 18th Royal Horse. Mary, age 6, was recorded on the return of Government School dated 1 April 1855. [H8] **Bridget O'NEIL**, age 18, emigrated to Australia 8 July 1875 with her brother James and sister Johanna. Mary later emigrated to the USA with her sister Catherine.
2. **John O'NEIL** born circa 1851 and baptised 7 January 1855 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as military pensioner & Government messenger. John emigrated to Australia in 1877 and later to the USA.
3. **Catherine O'NEIL** born 16 January 1853 in Stanley and baptised 7 January 1855 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as military pensioner & Government messenger. **Johanna O'NEIL**, age 20, emigrated to Australia 8 July 1875 with her brother James and sister Bridget. Johanna later emigrated to the USA with her sister Bridget. Catherine was married to ? **HOWE** and had one child. Catherine died 24 February 1941 in San Francisco.
4. **James O'NEIL** (twin) born 31 July 1854 in Stanley and baptised 7 January 1855 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as pensioner and office keeper and he signed with a X. James, age 20, emigrated to Australia 8 July 1875 with his sisters Johanna and Bridget. James married **Mary DOLAN** and they had three children. Mary died 20 August 1933 in Brisbane. James died 29 June 1941 in Brisbane.
5. **Thomas O'NEIL** born 20 April 1856 in Government Garden House, Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as pensioner and office keeper and he signed with a X. Thomas, under 1 year old, was baptised 19 January 1857. [H14] Thomas, age 30 & a police constable living in Brisbane, was married to **Mary Ann TOOHEY**, age 22 & born in Brisbane and living in Coorparoo, 9 July 1888 at St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane according to the rites of the Roman Catholic Church by Denis Fouhy. The witnesses were Michael Burke and Fanny Toohey. Thomas' parents were recorded as Timothy O'Neill, secretary to the Governor of the Falkland Isles, and Johanna Considine. Mary's parents were recorded as James Toohey, landed proprietor, and Ann O'Doherty. Mary died in 1920. Thomas died 15 August 1938 in the Toohey family home, Mt Galway, Logan Road, Greenslopes, Brisbane.
6. **Anne O'NEIL** born 3 October 1857 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as pensioner and office keeper and he signed with a X. Anne was baptised 22 June 1858 in St Munchins', Limerick, Ireland. Anne emigrated to Queensland, Australia in the late 1870s. Ann was married to (1) **William James COWAN** and had two children. William died in 1889. Ann was married to (2) **Frederick John NELSON** and had two children. Ann died 28 April 1917 in Cairns.
7. **Eliza O'NEIL** born circa February 1860 in Parteen, Clare, Ireland. Eliza emigrated to Queensland, Australia in the late 1870s. Elizabeth was married to **Patrick HARTY** and had two children. Elizabeth died 27 November 1896 in Clifton.