

PARRY FAMILY (2)

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.

Francis Henry PARRY was born in Bermuda circa 1811 to **Benjamin** and **? PARRY**.

Gregoria MADRID was recorded as being resident at Port Louis 26 August 1833.

Francis may have been one of a group of four sailors who landed with Lieutenant Henry SMITH 9 January 1834. Lt Henry Smith first visited the Islands in 1832 and volunteered to become a British resident at Port Louis. The other three men who landed with Lt Smith were Joseph Eastlake Lee, Charles Melville and Richard Penny, all of whom were recorded in the census of 1842 as being left at the Islands with Lieutenant Smith in 1832.

Frances H PARRY was recorded as being resident in the Falkland Islands March 1837. [H1; 35]

Frances H PARRY was recorded as being a native of Bermuda and resident at Port Louis 31 January 1838. [H1; 37]

Henry PARRY of the ship *Montgomery* was recorded as living with **Gregoria PARRY** in House 7, Port Louis 18 September 1838. [Papers relative to FI]

Francis PERRY was listed in the census taken at Port Louis January 1842 as being age 30 from Bermuda, a part owner of the sealing schooner *Montgomery*, previously in the Merchant Service, a protestant, owning 2 dogs and 2 fowls, living in a small hut built of stone and as having arrived 4 May 1841. **Gregoria PERRY** was recorded as being age 28, from South America, his wife and Roman Catholic and as having arrived in 1830.

In the census taken 31 March 1843 **Francis PERRY** is shown as being from Bermuda, master of the schooner *Montgomery*, previously in the merchant service arriving 4 May 1841, a protestant with no livestock, living in a turf hut on German's Point. Gregoria was shown as being from Africa, arriving in 1830, a protestant owning 12 fowls and 2 dogs, living in a turf hut on German's Point.

The Stipendiary Magistrate wrote to the Governor 16 February 1846 stating that he "*most highly approves of Mr Francis Parry being appointed Chief Constable vice Corporal Watts.*" Francis was appointed chief constable 19 February 1846 and head constable on 2 December 1846. [C2; 17: E2; 42: E2; 109]

On 9 April 1846 it was reported to the Governor that two Americans and a Scotsman had absconded from the Falkland Islands in a boat belonging to Parry, Philomel Street to escape debt. On 11 April 1846 **Francis PARRY** was one 11 men sworn in as constables to capture the men who had absconded from the Falkland Islands. The constables later requested remuneration for their clothing destroyed by coal dust due to the poor conditions on board the *Despatch*. Francis was issued with clothing from the Government Store in May 1846. [C2; 33, 36-38, 50-51, 69: D2; 67: H3]

On 18 June 1846 **Francis PARRY** was one of 12 men sworn in to a court of enquiry on the ship *Galen* stranded at Fox Bay. [C2; 107: H4; 137]

In a letter dated 15 July 1846 the Stipendiary Magistrate advised the Governor that his recent application to the S of S for a body of constables approved and requests that from this day Head

Constable Parry, Constable Supple and Constable Thomas Hearnden be placed on permanent duty. He also wrote that Constable Parry was busy piloting and building his house & Constable Hearnden is frequently absent from the town as butcher to bring in the beef. [C2; 182-183]

On 14 August 1846 Francis was granted Crown Grant 14 being lot 88c 20 perches, front to John Street and rear to Fitzroy Road in exchange for his land at Anson. [CG14]

In September 1846 Charles M Supple acted as constable while Francis left town as Pilot for Fox Bay. [C2; 275]

Francis PARRY was listed in the census taken at Stanley 12 October 1846 as being age 34, head constable and householder. Gregoria was recorded as being age 28 and a native of the Argentine Republic.

In November 1846 Charles Melville and Francis dispatched a whale boat to the Volunteer Rocks under the charge of Francis and found a quantity of guano and requested permission to work the same. [C2; 325]

On 16 January 1847 Francis purchased part of Lot 89 Section O with a frontage to John Street for £5.

Francis is recorded as being a sergeant in the Company of Infantry of the Military Force of the Falkland Islands 30 December 1847. [E2; 150]

By 1854 Francis was recorded in the Blue Book as being the head constable, office keeper and keeper of the survey office living in the courthouse buildings on a combined salary of £78. *"Mrs Parry who with her husband lives at the Courthouse buildings undertakes the care of the offices as stated before."*

Gregoria, age 55, wife of Francis Henry Parry and a native of Cordova South America, died 11 April 1871 in the Court House, Stanley of apoplexy and was buried 16 April 1871 in Grave A169. The informant was F H Parry husband of deceased Stanley.

By the 1874 Blue Book Francis was recorded as being the chief constable, keeper of magistrate's office & courthouse, marshal of the Vice Admiralty Court and parish clerk & sexton living in a house rent free on a combined salary of £82.

Francis, a widower and chief constable living in Stanley, was married to **Marcilla BARTLEY**, servant living in Stanley 12 July 1877 in Holy Trinity Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Banns by Lowther E Brandon Col Chaplain. The witnesses were George Turner and Hannah Clarke. Francis' father was recorded as Benjamin Parry, ship joiner, and Marcilla's father was recorded as Horatio Nelson Bartley, printer. Marcella was in service to the Blake family for some years before her marriage.

In October 1884 Francis, the gaoler, applied for permission to resign on the grounds of his advanced age and applied for a pension in consideration of his long service. [P2; 248]

Francis, age 75, a Government pensioner and native of Bermuda, died 21 April 1885 in Stanley from senile decay and was buried 23 April 1885 in Grave A89. The informant was Mrs Marcilla Parry (the widow). In his will dated 13 April 1885 Francis left his house and land in Stanley to his wife Marcella during her lifetime and on her death to be sold and the proceeds equally divided between his godson, George Isaac Turner of Stanley and the remainder how his wife should direct in her will. [BUG/REG/3; 261]

Marcella, age 65 and British, died 23 July 1902 in Stanley from acute bronchitis and was buried 27 July 1902 in Grave I 656. The informant was Alice Felton. The gross value of her estate was valued at £10. In her will dated 28 June 1898 Marcella left all her property to Miss Florence Blake residing in Bridge, Petherton, Somerset, England as she had been advancing her money from year to year for her support. Marcella requested that if there was any balance left over after repayment of her support that she would like her clothes and personal effects to go to Mrs Mary Holt and to her godchild Victoria Holt.

In a letter dated 27 September 1902 Florence informed Mr Harding that as Marcella had come to the end of her ready money 13 years ago she had agreed to advance her £25 a year in return for Marcella leaving her everything. She asked that Marcella's clothes and furniture be given to the Holts.

In a letter dated 9 February 1903 Florence stated that in order to keep Mrs Parry from becoming a burden on the Colony she began making her an allowance in November 1889 and that after settling up everything £320 would be the actual amount advanced. She also stated that Marcella's father had died a pauper in a Bristol workhouse.

The house and land (Crown Grants 8, 14 & 313) was sold by public auction on 30 April 1903 and the net proceeds were £255-3-0.

Florence Blake eventually received the sum of £123-14-6. The Holt family received 1 double bedstead, 1 bed, 4 blankets, 2 counterpanes, 5 sheets, 2 chests of drawers, 3 chairs, 1 armchair, sundry crockery and wearing apparel, 1 table, 2 old dressers, sundry cooking utensils and 4 old pictures.