

PRATT 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.

Michael PRATT was born circa 1817 in Fanreth, Wexford, Ireland.

Michael was married to **Catherine ?** (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

Michael, a servant, enrolled in the 50 foot, rank 58455. He served 6 years and 6 months in India, 2 years and 4 months in Crimea and Malta, and 6 years and 6 months in the Falkland Islands. In the examination dated 25 May 1864 he was described as 47 years old, 5' 6 ½" tall with brown hair, blue eyes and a fair complexion. His character was good.

Michael, Catherine and their son Michael 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. Michael was a private. [H14, pg 316]

Catharina, age 46* and a dressmaker, died in Stanley 15 January 1858 from consumption and dysentery and was buried 17 January 1858 (*no Grave number recorded*). The informant was her husband, private in the FI 30th Foot, Stanley. He signed with a X.

Michael jnr reported 19 November 1860 that his father and himself were turned out of the Barracks due to his father's "failings" and requested a free passage home for himself. In a note dated 23 November 1860 he was informed that the Governor had no authority to order a passage to England in merchant ships except for distressed British seamen. [H17, 315: D9; 404]

* (*NB: the death records record her age as 46 and the church records record her age as 36 which seems more likely*)

Children of Michael and Catherine PRATT:

1. **Michael PRATT** born circa 1840 (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Michael arrived with his parents 12 January 1858 on board the *Ealing Grove*. On 16 September 1859 Michael wrote to the governor that his father had volunteered to serve in the Garrison Company for six years with free rations &c but that an order had arrived striking adults whose age exceeded 14 years off rations. Since his arrival he had lost an affectionate mother and he requested employment with the Government so that he was not destitute. A reply to the effect that he would have to apply to the Falkland Islands Company or other employers of labour was sent to him 20 September 1859. [H16; 280:D9; 25] On 19 November 1860 he reported that his father and himself were turned out of the Barracks due to his father's "failings" & requested a free passage home for himself. In a note dated 23 November 1860 he was informed that the Governor had no authority to order a passage to England in merchant ships except for distressed British seamen. [H17, 315: D9; 404]