

## READDIE 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.*

**David READDIE** was born circa 1817 in Scotland.

**David READDIE** arrived in the Falkland Islands on the “Hebe” 15 January 1842 with Governor Moody. David was a Private in the Royal Sappers and Miners and a carpenter by training.

On 6 November 1848 David was listed as a sergeant in the Militia force of the Falkland Islands and required to meet at the Flagstaff. [E2; 188]

In the census taken 31 March 1843 at Port Louis, David was recorded as being a native of Scotland, a private in the Royal Sappers & Miners, his former trade was a carpenter, a Protestant and living in the Barracks. [G1; 1-4]

Private D REDDIE’s signature was on an address dated 27 June 1846 ridiculing the Magistrate. [C2; 155, 157]

In the census taken 12 October 1846 **David REDDIE** was recorded as being age 29 and a private in the Royal Sappers and Miners. [D2, 232]

**David REDDIE**, a private in the Royal Sappers, purchased his discharge from the Corps in 1848 when Governor Moody quitted the Falkland Islands, and worked as a carpenter and joiner. [D4; 465]

On 2 July 1848 David requested that the *Sophy* went to Anson to procure beef. [B7; 214]

Circa June 1850 a gun burst in David’s hands and his left hand had to be amputated. As he was no longer able to carry on his trade, Governor Rennie wrote to Acting Commander Yoole of HMS *Rattlesnake* on 20 July 1850 requesting that he granted David a passage as a distressed British subject to England where his military service or the good offices of his friends might enable him to obtain a situation that he was capable of. [D4; 465]

On 20 July 1850 Acting Commander Jonathon B Yoole wrote to Governor Rennie advising that he was willing to grant a passage to England for David but that, as a distressed British subject not belonging to the Royal Navy, he would not be allowed anything beyond daily rations and therefore it was advisable that he was sent on board provided with the necessary bedding and clothing. [C5; 115]

On 20 July 1850 Governor Rennie wrote to Doctor Hamblin requesting that he would confer with the surgeon of the ship as to David’s treatment and reception on board, not later than Monday afternoon. [D4; 466]

On 20 July 1850 David signed a letter authorising Alfred Andrew, agent for R A Williams, to retain all the wages due to him for work executed at Hope Place and Second Corral and to distribute the wages among his creditors in the proportions they were entitled to and that he released Alfred Andrew from all further claims for said labour. [H8; 55]

HMS *Rattlesnake* cleared 23 July 1850 bound for Sydney.