

RING 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 in spellings of names are recorded as written in the records at the time.

Mark RING was born circa 1811 in Danes Fort, Kilkenny, Ireland. Mark, age 22 and a catholic, enlisted in the army 31 October/2 November 1833 in Kilkenny. At enlistment he was recorded as being a labourer, 5' 8 5/8" with grey eyes, brown hair and a fresh complexion. On 30 March 1845 Mark was one of 102 volunteers from the 40th (2nd Somersetshire) Regiment who joined the 28th (North Gloucestershire) Regiment at Pune, India. His service number changed from 672 to 2375 when he joined the 28th. Mark was discharged due to chronic rheumatism at Deesa, India 8 December 1846 on a pension of 6d per diem.

Mark, age 23, was married to **Mary HOYNE** 9 August 1847 at St Patricks, Kilkenny, Ireland. The witnesses were Stephen Lanagan and Mary Lovet.

Mark and Mary arrived in the Falkland Islands on board the Barque *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 1851 census the **RING** family are listed as:

Mark RING, age 38, (*military*) pensioner, Ireland

Mary RING, age 26, wife, Ireland

Infant RING¹

On 10 September 1852 Mark was refused permission to leave the Falkland Islands and requested land. [H11] On 14 May 1853 Mark signed with a X a memorial dated 14 May 1853 to the Secretary of War in London requesting a change to a genial climate. He was recorded as being employed by the Falkland Islands Company's agent. [H8] On 26 October 1853 Mark held a licence dated 2 September 1853 to keep a dog. [E4]

On 4 February 1857 Mark purchased crown grants 8, 88 & 89 from Darby & Ann Drennan, pensioner & wife, for £60-0-0. The properties are described as:

All that parcel of Land situate in the Western Suburbs of Stanley containing 10 Acres and numbered 4 in Pensioners Special Allotments and more particularly described as to metes and bounds in the Official Plan or Survey made by William Hepburn Rennie Esquire Surveyor in the month of September 1852.

All that lot or parcel of Land situated in the Suburbs of Stanley containing 24 Poles and numbered 9 in Pensioners Cottage Allotments and more particularly described as to metes and bounds in the Official Plan or Survey made by Arthur Bailey Esquire Surveyor in the month of October 1849.²

And all houses walls fences and erections crops and produce of any kind whatsoever now existing upon the said Lands and premises and all allowances in materials or money or otherwise that may hereafter be made or Granted by Her Majesty's Government in respect to the lining of Said houses. [Reg Vol I, pg 161]

¹ John RING

² Crown Grant 88 on Drury Street

On 29 June 1857 Mark sold crown grants 8, 89 & 83 to Thomas Havers for £20-0-0.
[Reg Vol I, pg 173]

On 24 July 1857 Mark sold crown grant 88 to John Rogers Rudd for £40-0-0. The property is described as:

All that parcel of Land in the Falkland Islands situate in the Suburbs of Stanley containing 24 poles and numbered 9 in Pensioners Cottage Allotments and more particularly described as to metes and bounds in the Official Plan or Survey made by Arthur Bailey Esquire Surveyor in the month of October 1849 which Plan or Survey is now of Record in the Office of the Surveyor General of the Falkland Islands and all houses walls fences and erections crops and produce of any kind whatsoever now existing upon the said lands and premises and all allowances in material or money or otherwise that may hereafter be made or granted by Her Majesty's Government in respect to lining said houses. [Reg Vol I, pg 179]

On 13 January 1858 Mark lived on the Lower Row³ in cottage No 10⁴ of 18 cottages and his crops were valued at £7-0-0. His cottage had a privy. [H14, pg 318, 340, 351] Mark and his family left the Falkland Islands 12 February 1858 on the 351 ton British Barque *Ealing Grove* which had arrived 12 January 1858 with the Falkland Islands Company Garrison.

Mark bought a Perth town lot in July 1867.

Mark, age 45, died 13 April 1869 in Western Australia and was buried in the south-east area of the Roman Catholic section of the East Perth Cemetery with his daughter Mary.

Mary was married to (2) **William McDERMOTT**, Enrolled Pensioner Force, 16 November 1870 in Fremantle, Australia. The witness was Patrick Hoyne from Kilkenny, Ireland.

³ Now called Drury Street

⁴ These cottages were originally numbered from east to west but now are numbered the other way around

FIRST GENERATION

Children of Mark and Mary RING:

1. **John RING** born circa 1850⁵ and baptised 16 June 1850 by James Leith Moody, Colonial Chaplain. His father's occupation was recorded as pensioner from the 28th Foot and the family were living in the Barracks, Stanley. John was recorded as age 5 and able to read but not write in the return of the Government School dated 1 April 1855.
2. **William RING** born 7 April 1852 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer and pensioner and he signed with his X mark. William was baptised 9 May 1852 by James Leith Moody, Colonial Chaplain. His father's occupation was recorded as Pensioner, 28th Foot.
3. **Michael RING** born 13 July 1853 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as pensioner and labourer and he signed with his X mark. Michael was baptised 11 October 1853 by James Leith Moody, Colonial Chaplain. His father's occupation was recorded as Pensioner, 28th Foot.
4. **Mary RING** born 21 September 1854 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as labourer and pensioner and he signed with his X mark. Mary was baptised 20 April 1855 by H M Faulkner, Acting Colonial Chaplain. Her father's occupation was recorded as Pensioner, 28th Foot. Mary, age 8 months, died 31 May 1855 from water on the brain and was buried 1 June 1855.
5. **Mark RING** born 7 February 1856 in Stanley. His father's occupation was recorded as labourer and pensioner and he signed with his X mark.
6. **Mary RING** born in 1861 in Western Australia. Mary, age 2, drowned in a well and was buried in the East Perth Cemetery.
7. **Margaret RING** born in 1869 in Western Australia.

⁵ No record of his birth in Falkland Islands registers