

## SULLIVAN/O'SULLIVAN 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.*

**Daniel John SULLIVAN** was born 1 February 1876 in Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland to **Thomas** and **Sarah SULLIVAN**.

As a boy he was on the *Defiance* at Devonport. Later he worked on the gunboat *Scourge* on experimental trials between the breakwater and Mount Wise in Admiral Freemantle's time. In 1898 he commissioned on the *Flora* at Devonport for the south-east coast of America and in 1900 left the *Flora* for the Admiralty Coaling Station in the Falkland Islands. While there Daniel saved an Italian who was returning to the Camber from Stanley when he fell from the pinnacle into the water. Despite wearing long boots, Daniel jumped in and recovered the man who was lying on his back on the harbour bottom. [Stanley Comet; 21 Dec 1901]

Daniel, son of Thomas and Sarah Sullivan, was married to **Mabel Regina ROBERTS**, daughter of William and Ellen Roberts, 5 December 1901 by Father Patrick O'Grady. The witnesses were William Roberts, H Roberts and Lavinia Percich.

He was appointed a constable, on an annual salary of £72 plus a house, 1 March 1902. He was appointed gaoler, on an annual salary of £72 plus a house, on 16 June 1903 and Mabel was appointed matron of the gaol in August 1903. On 1 June 1906 he was appointed a constable on an annual salary of £72 plus a house, and in conjunction with his role as gaoler which received an annual salary of £12. He was appointed a warder 1 January 1910, in conjunction with being the gaoler. By 1912 he also held the position of telephone repairer on an annual salary of £12. In 1916 his salary as gaoler and warder increased to £96 a year and he received fuel as well as quarters. On 1 July 1919 Daniel was appointed chief constable and gaoler on an annual salary of £108 plus house and fuel. On the same date he was also appointed inspector of nuisances on an annual salary of £24. He was still telephone linesman on £12 a year. By 1920 he was receiving £160 plus uniform, house and fuel allowance as chief constable & gaoler, £50 as telephone linesman and £33 as inspector of nuisances.

**Daniel O'SULLIVAN**, age 49 and chief constable, went to the UK in 1926 on special duty. He was recorded as being 5' 9" tall with grey eyes and dark hair.

Daniel retired through ill-health in 1929. Daniel and Mabel, age 50, emigrated to the UK and departed with their daughters Laura and Mary 16 October 1929 on board the *Orita* bound for the UK. Mabel was recorded as being 5' 5" tall with grey eyes and brown hair. Daniel, chief constable and gaoler, and Mabel, gaol matron, were formally retired from the Public Service 13 March 1930.



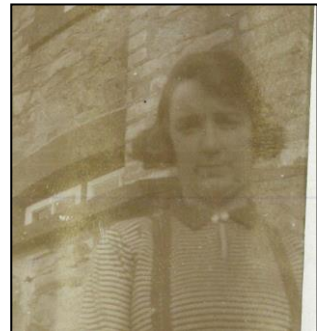
In 1930 Daniel was awarded the Imperial Service Medal for over 25 years meritorious service. [Account of career and medal Penguin 19 Apr 1930; 2-3: 22 Apr 1930; 3]

Daniel died in 1955 (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

## FIRST GENERATION

### Children of Daniel and Mabel SULLIVAN:

1. **Alma Maria Ellen SULLIVAN** born 15 September 1902 in Stanley and baptised 16 September 1902 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter. Alma was appointed a telephone operator in 1920. **Alma O'SULLIVAN**, age 26 and a maternity nurse, went to the UK in April 1929 for midwifery training. She was recorded as 5' 5" tall with grey eyes and black hair.



2. **Domnick William SULLIVAN** born 24 November 1903 in Stanley and baptised 27 December 1903 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as gaoler. **Dominic William O'SULLIVAN**, clerk, was married to **Isabella LANG** 1 August 1929 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Special Licence by Mario Louis Migone, Priest in Charge. The witnesses were Fred Henricksen and Laura O'Sullivan. Dominic's father was recorded as Daniel John O'Sullivan, chief constable, and Isabella's father was recorded as Frank Lang, deceased. Dominic, drum major, departed on board the *Lafonia* 4 April 1937 to represent the FIDF at the Coronation. He returned 9 September 1937 on board the *Lafonia*. Dominic, sergeant in the FIDF, was released 15 April 1940 to take up the post of police constable. In 1951 he was a captain in the FIDF. Dominic, age 46 and a police officer, and



Isabella, age 47, went to the UK in 1951 on vacation leave. Dominic was recorded as being 6' 1" tall with grey eyes and black hair. Isabella was recorded as being 5' 8" tall with grey eyes and black hair. While Dominic was in the UK he attended a military course arranged by the FIDF. In April 1953 Dominic was awarded the Efficiency Medal for 20 years in the FIDF. On 1 March 1956 he transferred to the Agricultural Department as a clerk and on 24 June 1957 he was transferred by the Colonial Secretary to the Civil Engineer's Office, PWD as a clerk as they could not fill a vacancy. On 16 June 1958 Dominic applied to retire on 24 November 1958 and having accumulated 311 days leave that he be placed on full pay leave from 11 June 1958 pending retirement. Dominic had been in continuous service with Government since 30 November 1930. Passage to the UK for Dominic and Isabella was approved provided that the passages were taken within the period of his leave. They were booked to depart on board RMS *Darwin* 20 March 1959, connecting with RMS *Andes* in Montevideo on 27 March 1959. In April 1959 Dominic's UK address was 156 Carr Road, Greenford, Middlesex.

3. **Laura Sarah SULLIVAN** born 8 December 1905 in Stanley and baptised 14 January 1905 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as gaoler. **Laura O'SULLIVAN** was appointed a telephone operator in 1929. Laura, age 23, emigrated to the UK and departed 16 October 1929 with her parents and sister Mary on board the *Orita*. She was recorded as being 5' 6" tall with grey eyes and black hair. In 1936 Laura was unmarried and a buyer for the firm of John Saunders of Ealing where she had worked since 1929. [Penguin 2 Sep 1936; 1]



4. **Thomas Joseph Fairport SULLIVAN** born 23 May 1909 in Stanley and baptised **Thomas Joseph David SULLIVAN** 26 July 1909 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's

occupation was recorded as gaoler. Fairport was appointed a messenger in the Colonial Secretary's Office 19 January 1925. On 1 January 1928 he was appointed a clerk in the medical department. Fairport was appointed a musician on HMS *Delhi* in March 1930 and departed on board 24 March 1930. [FIM May 1930] **Fairport Thomas Joseph O'SULLIVAN**, musician, was married to **Phyllis Helen BONNER** 25 February 1931 at St Mary's Roman Catholic Chapel, Stanley by Special Licence by Mario Louis Migone, Priest in Charge. The witnesses were Alexander Bonner, Winnifred Bonner and Deo O'Sullivan. Fairport's father was recorded as Daniel John O'Sullivan, retired, and Phyllis' father was recorded as Alexander McIntosh Bonner, farmer. Fairport was appointed a clerk in the Post Office 1 March 1936 and on 16 August 1937 was appointed assistant customs officer in South Georgia. Fairport advertised his bungalow for sale in the Penguin of 11 August 1937. A farewell dance was held for Fairport and Phyllis Saturday 23 October 1937. Fairport and his wife and son departed for South Georgia in the early hours of 30 October 1937 on board the *Lafonia*. The family emigrated to the UK in February 1946.

5. **Mary Jane SULLIVAN** born 16 September 1910 in Stanley and baptised 19 June 1911 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as gaoler. Mary, age 19, emigrated to the UK and departed with her parents and sister Laura 16 October 1929 on board the *Orita*. She was recorded as being 5' 3" tall with blue eyes and brown hair. In 1936 Mary was unmarried and had spent the last 8 months teaching in a London school. [Penguin 2 Sep 1936; 1] Mary was engaged to **George Edward WELDON** in 1938 (*not in the Falkland Islands*). [Penguin 23 Apr 1938; 1]



## SECOND GENERATION

### Children of Dominic (2) and Isabella O'SULLIVAN:

1. **Terence William O'SULLIVAN** born 21 August 1929 and baptised 8 September 1929 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church. His father's occupation was recorded as schoolmaster. Terence, age 7, drowned in the old reservoir in Spring Paddock, Stanley 10 October 1936. He was sailing his boat there and apparently in trying to reach it must have fallen in. Terence was buried Tuesday 13 October 1936 in Grave N 1099.
2. **Sheila Rose O'SULLIVAN** born 26 August 1930. Her father's occupation was recorded as travelling teacher. Sheila, age 6 weeks, died 13 October 1930 from natural causes and was buried as **Mabel Rose O'SULLIVAN** in Grave A 1010.

### Children of Fairport (4) and Phyllis O'SULLIVAN:

1. **Thomas Theodore SULLIVAN** born [REDACTED]. His father's occupation was recorded as mail officer.
2. **Pamelia Anne O'SULLIVAN** born [REDACTED] at South Georgia. Her father's occupation was recorded as civil servant. Pamela was baptised 25 August 1942 by St Mary's Roman Catholic Church.