

WRIGHT 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.

Thomas Henry WRIGHT was born circa 1835 in Bury St Edmunds, England.

On 19 September 1861 Thomas tendered for the construction of Fitzroy Road at the rate of 8s/6d per yard and to the same assistance as at the time. [H18; 23]

On 9 June 1862 Thomas was the master of the 3 ton schooner *Sea Lion*, belonging to Isaac Smith, which arrived with 4 crew and a cargo of 80 seal skins, 150 gallons of oil, 500 lbs of whalebone and 3 Cwt of copper.

Thomas worked for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in their Camp Establishment from the end of January 1863 to 11 June 1867. He was the Storekeeper from 27 February 1867. [FIC/IW1; 262, 264]

On 10 October 1868 Thomas was the master of the 70 ton schooner *Fairy*, belonging to Messrs Bertrand and Switzer, which arrived with 1,200 gallons of penguin oil. He returned from New Island with penguin oil on 28 November 1868, and on 5 April 1869 in ballast from West Falkland.

On 10 February 1870 Thomas was the master of the 61 ton schooner *Fairy*, which arrived from Patagonia on a sealing cruise, with 12 crew and a cargo of seal skins and oil.

On 24 May 1871 Thomas was the master of the 61 ton schooner *Irene*, which arrived from Montevideo, with 8 crew and a general cargo. He also brought down the new lighthouse keeper, Mr Brown, and his wife and child, as well as the April mail.

On 1 July 1872 Thomas was the master of the 60 ton schooner *Irene*, which arrived from Patagonia, with 13 crew and a cargo of seal oil and skins.

Thomas, age 37 and a shipmaster living in Stanley, was married to **Helen PARRY**, age 19 and living in Stanley, 4 August 1872 at Trinity Church Stanley according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England by Licence by Waite H Falkland Islands. The witnesses were Frederick J King junior and Ellen Rudd. Thomas' father was recorded as Thomas Wright, artist, and Helen's father was recorded as Laurence Parry, carpenter.

On 24 January 1874 Thomas was the master of the 60 ton schooner *Irene*, which arrived from the River Chupat in ballast, with 6 crew. The vessel left for Chupat.

On 9 October 1878, Helena, age 24 and the widow of the late Captain J M Wright living at Buenos Aires, was married to **Hugh ROBSON**, age 34 and a farmer living at Las Flores, at Estancia Buena Esperanza, Chascomús. The witnesses were Hugh Robson senior and Alexander McGaw.