

POWNEY 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 which may occur in the spellings of names are recorded as written in the records at the time.

Henry Felix POWNEY was born 10 March 1839 in Bromhill, England to **William POWNEY** and **Sarah POWNEY** formally **BIGGS**.

Henry was married to (1) ? **PONTING**. Henry is listed in the 1851 English census.

The first mention found to date in the Falkland Islands for **Henry POWNEY** is 1 October 1858 when he had a balance due to him of £9-13-8 in the Falkland Islands Company Ltd's ledger for farm workers. He was charged £6-0-0 the same day for a colt. Henry finished working for the FIC 11 July 1859. [Wage & Store Ledger D (Camp) 1858-1871, pg 27]

Henry signed as a witness to the wedding of George Clethero, resident of Lafonia and Emma Gledall, resident of Stanley, in the Registrar's Office, Stanley, 3 May 1859.

Henry POWNEY, minor (*under 21*) and a bachelor living in Stanley, was married to **Eliza SHEVLAND**, minor and spinster living in Stanley, 17 November 1859 by Arthur Bailey, Registrar at the Registrar's Office. The witnesses were William Shailor and Mary Dettleff. Henry's father was recorded as William Powney (*no occupation recorded*) and Eliza's father was recorded as James Shevlанд (*no occupation recorded*). Both Henry and Eliza signed their names.

Henry started work again for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd in Camp 24 August 1863 on a monthly wage of £5-0-0 and left the Company's employ 13 May 1867. [Wage & Store Ledger D (Camp) 1858-1871, pg 28, 336-337, 340] By September 1868 Henry was working for the Bonners at San Carlos.

Pony's Pass near Stanley, where the quarry is presently sited, is a corruption of Powney's Pass and was most likely named after **Henry POWNEY**.

Henry was a 2nd class passenger on board the *Foam* arriving in Stanley 17 September 1872 from Montevideo. [H30; 243] Henry's children returned to England sometime before 1881 as they are listed as living with their great aunt and uncle in Bromhill, Wiltshire in the English census of 1881 so it is likely that he was returning from taking them to the UK. Henry does not reappear in the English census until 1901.

Henry died June 1914 in Bristol, England.

Eliza SHEVLAND was born circa 1840 (*not in Falkland Islands*). She does not appear in the 1851 Falkland Islands census and the first mention found to date of her is her marriage to **Henry POWNEY**. Eliza died at San Carlos 2 September 1868, age 28, in childbed from giving birth to her twins. The informant was her husband. According to the Shipping Registers her corpse was brought in to Stanley from San Carlos by the schooner *Felis*. Elizabeth Powney, of San Carlos, was buried by Holy Trinity Church 27 September 1868 in Stanley Cemetery (*no grave number recorded*).

Eliza's father was recorded as **James SHEVLAND**. The first mention found to date in the Falkland Islands for a **James SHEVELAND** is 26 October 1858 when he started work for the Falkland Islands Company Limited in Camp on a monthly wage of £5-0-0. This dropped to £4-3-4 a month from March 1865. James finished working for the FIC 7 October 1867. [Wage & Store Ledger D (Camp) 1858-1871, pg 111-115] James SHEVLAND was a witness to the unlawful killing of wild cattle in September 1860. [H17; 190] The next and final mention found to date for **J SHEVLAND** is as the master of the 15 ton cutter *Fanny* owned by J M Dean which arrived in ballast from Fitzroy 17 February 1869. [Shipping Registers]

FIRST GENERATION

Children of Henry and Eliza POWNEY:

1. **Alice POWNEY** born 5 September 1860 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as gaucho. Baptised **Alice Elizabeth POWNEY** 1 November 1860 by Charles Bull, Colonial Chaplain, Holy Trinity Church. The family were living in Stanley and her father's occupation was recorded as farm labourer.
2. **Sarah POWNEY** born 31 May 1862 in Stanley. Her father's occupation was recorded as butcher. *(no baptism record found)*.
3. **John Henry POWNEY** born 24 August 1864 at Mount Pleasant House and baptised 19 December 1864 at Mount Pleasant House by Charles Bull, Colonial Chaplain, Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as herdsman for the Falkland Islands Company Limited. His godparents were recorded as his mother, John Quinn and Fermina Escalante.
4. **Mary Ann POWNEY** born 30 August 1866 at Darwin Harbour. Her father's occupation was recorded as gaucho. Mary Ann was baptised 16 November 1866 by Charles Bull, Colonial Chaplain, Holy Trinity Church and her father's occupation was recorded as herdsman, Falkland Islands Company Ltd. Her godparents were Francis Armstrong and her mother. Mary was married to **Henry SALTER** 2 July 1889 at Calne, Wiltshire, England. Mary died 12 January 1965 in Bristol, UK.
5. **Eliza POWNEY** (*twin*) born 2 September 1868 at San Carlos and baptised 25 September 1868 by Charles Bull, Colonial Chaplain, Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as gaucho. The sponsors were Charles Hansen, W McDaid, Sarah Wilkinson and Mary Ann McDaid.
6. **James Shevland POWNEY** (*twin*) born 2 September 1868 at San Carlos and baptised 25 September 1868 by Charles Bull, Colonial Chaplain, Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as gaucho. The sponsors were Charles Hansen, W McDaid, Sarah Wilkinson and Mary Ann McDaid. James was married to **Caroline JONES** (*not in the Falkland Islands*). James died in 1958 (*not in the Falkland Islands*).