

DRAYTON 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.

John DRAYTON was born circa ?.

John was married to **Mary BENNISON** (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

John, Mary and their daughter Mary arrived in the Falkland Islands on board the British Barque *Ealing Grove* 12 January 1858 as part of the Falkland Islands Company detachment of Pensioners. John was a private. [H14, pg 316]

Mary worked as cook to Governor Moore up until her death. [H17; 55]

Mary, age 26, died in Stanley 28 June 1860 from haemorrhage caused by internal rupture and was buried 28 June 1860 (*no Grave number recorded*). The informant was her husband.

John was permitted to continue to occupy his quarters in the Government Offices and to attend to the offices when not required for military duty. [H17; 55]

On 5 December 1860 John was sentenced to 6 weeks hard labour and 48 hours solitary confinement for a violent assault on the wife of a soldier in charge of his children. His uniform was returned to the Military Store and a request was made for the issue of clothing for him to wear while in gaol. [H17; 357, 372]

On 11 February 1861 Captain Molony, Commanding Troops, Falkland Islands Garrison Company, wrote to Governor Moore proposing that the children of Private Drayton be sent home, if possible, on the *Dirigo* and that Mr Longden had applied to Captain Browne. [D10; 12]

On 2 April 1863 Captain Molony wrote to Governor Mackenzie requesting that a passage to Montevideo was obtained for Private John DRAYTON with a view to his being sent home either by a ship of war or by Royal Mail Steamer. He considered the man incorrigible. [H19; 100]

On 6 April 1863 Governor Mackenzie wrote to Captain A R Henry of HMS *Stromboli* requesting that he would order the necessary accommodation for the prisoner until he was handed over to the proper authorities for conveyance to England. [D11; 59]

On 20 April 1863 the Captain A R Henry advised Governor Mackenzie that the prisoner would be received on board for passage to Montevideo to await the first opportunity of a vessel leaving for England. [H19; 125]

On 27 April 1863 Governor Mackenzie advised Captain Molony that HMS *Stromboli* would leave Stanley at 2pm Thursday 30 April 1863 and that the prisoner was to be on board by 11 am. [D11; 87]

Children of John and Mary DRAYTON:

1. **Mary Jane DRAYTON** born circa ? (*not in the Falkland Islands*). Mary arrived with her parents 12 January 1858 on board the *Ealing Grove*. [H14; 316] Mary and her brother were sent to their maternal grandparents on the ship *Dirigo* which left 21 February 1861 bound for Cork. [B11; 386]
2. **William Henry DRAYTON** born 6 April 1859 in Stanley and baptised 2 June 1859 by Holy Trinity Church. His father's occupation was recorded as private in Falkland Islands Company. William and his sister were sent to their maternal grandparents on the ship *Dirigo* which left 21 February 1861 bound for Cork. [B11; 386]