

## HILBURN 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 HILBURN\*** was born circa 1840 in Bath, Somerset, England.

Thomas arrived in the Falkland Islands in 1864. He most likely would have come out with the detachment of Marines under the command of Lieutenant G H Elliott. This detachment consisted of 1 lieutenant, 1 sergeant, 1 corporal and 18 privates who received pay equal to their ordinary pay, rations, quarters plus 2 shillings a day whenever they were employed as labourers. A military detachment was considered necessary in the Colony as they were considered *“indispensable on account of the large resort of British and Foreign Merchantmen, and Whalers, and of the necessity of having some force to maintain order amongst them and to secure respect for the laws of the Colony”*. [F12] The detachment left the Thames, England, on board the freight ship *Velocidade* on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 1863 and the officers and their families were listed as 1 officer and 1 lady, with the troops and their families listed as 20 men, 6 women and 8 children.

The *Velocidade* arrived in Stanley 8 January 1864 after a voyage of 63 days. By 1868 the available accommodation for the detachment consisted of 8 wooden cottages, a barrack room capable of containing 12 single men or 2 married men and a row of 10 *“excellent” stone cottages, commenced in 1861 and recently completed in 1868*”.

**Thomas HILBERT**, age 26 from Bath, Somerset and a Private in the Royal Marines Light Infantry living in the Barracks, was married to **Anne Elizabeth WILLIAM**, age 19 and a widow from Ireland living in Stanley, 3 September 1866 at Trinity Church Stanley according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England after Banns by Charles Bull MA Colonial Chaplain. The witnesses were S Pimm and Isabella Fell. Thomas’ father was recorded as Charles Hilbert, labourer, and Anne’s father was recorded as Edward Roach, pensioner.

Anne, age 23, died 6 January 1870 on Pebble Island after being accidentally shot and was buried in Grave D 346. *[No further details found in any Govt Letter Books]*

Thomas, a labourer, purchased Crown Grant 68, 17 January 1872, being No. 10 Pensioners Cottage Allotments containing 24 poles and with a cottage and other buildings for £60.

He sold the property 15 June 1874 to Andrew Halliday for £90. On the 12 October 1874 Thomas then purchased Crown Grant 214 being No. 8 Pensioners Special Garden Allotment containing 24 poles for £80.

Thomas and his daughter appear to have left circa October/November 1874.

\* Surname also recorded as **HILBURD, HILBURN, HILBRAND** and **HILLBRAND**

## FIRST GENERATION

### Children of Thomas and Anne HILBURN:

1. **Letitia HILBURD** born 18 July 1868 in Stanley and baptised **Alberta Laetitia HILBURD** 16 August 1868 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as Private in 88<sup>th</sup> Company Royal Marines. Her godparents were recorded as her mother, Hannah Short and John Watson. Appears to have left with her father circa October/November 1874.

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