

MURRAY 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.

Patrick and **Mary MURRAY** and their children **Edward**, **Ellen** and **Patrick MURRAY** 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. Apart from the Commanding Officer, Captain Moloney, the Company consisted of three sergeants (Patrick being one of them), two corporals, a drummer and thirty privates. [H14, pg 316]

Patrick was a private in the 39th Foot Regiment for 6 years, 2 months and then a corporal for 6 months. Patrick was a private in the 96th Foot Regiment for 7 years and 8 months, a corporal for 2 years, 4 months and a sergeant for 8 months. He was a sergeant in the 44th for 6 years and 4 months, a total service of 24 years and 3 months. He served in the Falkland Islands Garrison Company for 6 years, 6 months and was 44 at the end of his tour and was of exemplary character and received 4 marks when promoted. Prior to the Falkland Islands his other overseas service included 10 years & 4 months in India then 2 years and 4 months again in India. He was discharged due to disbandment of the regiment. Patrick Murray was born at Main, Cool Whitmeath and was a shoemaker by trade. He was 5 foot 7 inches tall with blue eyes and a sallow complexion. [PRO: WO 117/12]

The family left with Captain Maloney and his men on board the transport ship *Velocidade* 23 January 1864.

NB: There was an **Edward MURRAY**, British, who died 16 October 1897, age 53 from syncope and is buried in Grave I631. He had returned from Punta Arenas suffering from loss of power on the right side but was able to go about [FIM Oct 1897] – to date no further information.