

REARDON 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.

William RIORDAN was born circa 1820 in Cork, Ireland.

William was married to **Mary NOONAN** (*not in the Falkland Islands*).

William was employed for a term of three years by the Falkland Islands Company Ltd as a salter in the Falkland Islands. His wages were to be 30/- a week, commencing on his arrival in the Falkland Islands, with free passages. William, his wife and three children left by steamer on Saturday 12 June 1852 for Liverpool. On 17 June 1852 he received an advance on his wages of £4.

William and his family departed from Liverpool on Saturday 19 June 1852 on board the 450-ton British Barque *Record*.

William, a salter, wife and three children, arrived in the Falkland Islands 28 September 1852 on board the *Record*. The *Record* under Captain PITELLO was 101 days out from Liverpool and carried 33 passengers and a full cargo for the Falkland Islands Company Limited. [SHI/REG/1; D6, pg 152; H11; 65]

On 23 December 1852 £2-5-0 was paid to McMURRY¹ for William RIORDAN's lodgings. [FIC/ZO2; 19]

On 15 January 1853 £1 was paid for William RIORDAN's lodgings. [FIC/ZO2; 23]

On 7 February 1853 £1 was paid to CRAIG² for William RIORDAN's lodgings. [FIC/ZO2; 26]

In July 1853 William RIORDAN, salter, was paid wages of £15-4-3. [FIC/ZO2; 60]

On 3 August 1853 William RIORDAN was charged rent to 7 August 1853 of £1-4-0. [FIC/ZO2; 63]

On 10 December 1853 William RIORDAN, salter, was paid wages of £10-8-6. [FIC/ZO2; 94]

William, age 34 and a salter, died 2 January 1854 in Stanley from apoplexy caused by drinking spiritous liquors. There was a coroner's inquest and he was buried 4 January 1854 (*no grave record*).

On 20 March 1854 The Falkland Islands Company paid James HOCKING 7-6 for digging a grave for W RIORDAN and clerks fees/funeral fees. [FIC/ZO2; 25, 2]

On 8 May 1854 £7-6-11 was charged against Mrs RIORDAN's late husband being the amount of her store bill. [FIC/ZO2; 27]

¹ Probably William McMurray, a military pensioner who arrived on the *Vicory* 13 October 1849.

² Probably William GREIG/CREIG

On 25 May 1854 Thomas Havers wrote to the directors of the Falkland Islands Company in London advising them that *'Reardon the beef salter is dead – habitual intemperance carried him off. He has left a widow and four children. She is an utterly helpless creature and can do nothing for her own support. His reserve money is in Dale's hands and is more than enough to pay her passage to England and I have thought it best to send her home as she must soon become a beggar here, being already supported by contributions. Perhaps Your Honourable Board, taking her case into consideration, would give her a free passage.'*

The 150-ton British Brigantine *Amelia* cleared from Stanley 22 June 1854.

Mary, a widow, and four children, arrived in London 16 September 1854 on board the *Amelia*, a voyage of 86 days. The directors of the Falkland Islands Co Ltd allowed Mary free passages and ordered that whatever wages were due to her late husband be paid to her. [FIC/AM/2]

FIRST GENERATION:

Children of William and Mary REARDON:

1. **Child REARDON** born circa ? (*not in the Falkland Islands*).
2. **Child REARDON** born circa ? (*not in the Falkland Islands*).
3. **Child REARDON** born circa ? (*not in the Falkland Islands*).
4. **Margaret REARDON** born 12 April 1854 in Stanley and baptised **Joanna Margaret REARDON** 4 June 1854 by Holy Trinity Church. Her father's occupation was recorded as deceased salter.