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MAIL FROM THE FALKLAND ISLANDS TO  
PATAGONIA



ON HIS MAJESTY'S SERVICE.

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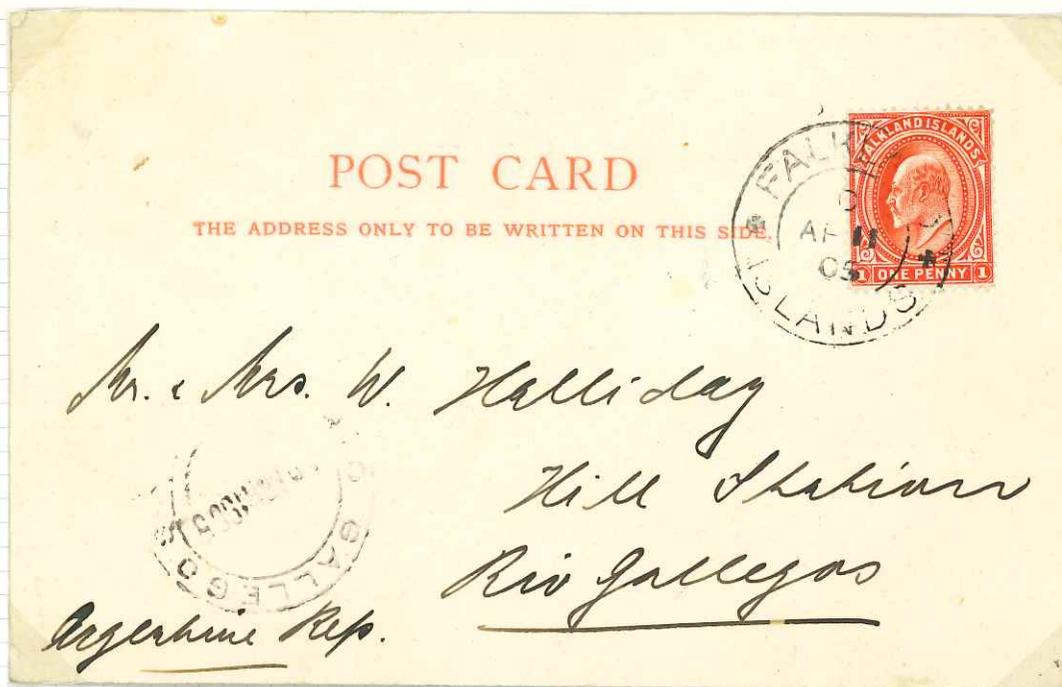
Mail between the  
Falkland Islands and  
Patagonia, Santa  
Cruz.



ON H.M. SERVICE envelope addressed from Port Stanley to a Post box at Rio Gallegos (Santa Cruz Territory, Argentina) affixed with SG. 151, dd. 01/07/38, sent to J. W. Miller Esquire probably the owner of a Santa Cruz sheep farm; with arrival pmk. 01/08/35. It took one month to arrive probably by ship to Montevideo/ Buenos Aires/ Rio Gallegos.

Direct mail from Port Stanley by quick schooner to San Julian port (Santa Cruz Territory) addressed to Mr. C. Jones, c/o of Erasmo Jones, working at (Estancia) "La Vidalita", readdressed to "Bahia Luna". It was affixed with three F.I. stamps not postmarked at P. Stanley, but delivered by hand to the San Julian Post Office, pmk. 5/08/35.

The family name Jones is Welch. There was a numerous Welch community at Chubut North to Santa Cruz, and, since Erasmo is a Spanish name, it may be possible that this cover was addressed to an Argentine Welch sheep-farmer working at the Vidalita



### The Early Settlers of the Country William Halliday



He came to the country in 1884, proceeding from the Falkland Islands where he had been settled for a lapse of twenty years. A short time after his arrival, he had an interview with the Governor of Santa Cruz, Mr. Moyano, with the object of becoming acquainted with the conditions imposed on settlers on land in that territory.

Having carried out his mission, he returned to the Falkland Islands to fetch the family, and go back with them to Patagonia where he had resolved to settle. He did so together with Messrs. John Rudd and Mac Call, but, as when we are speaking of the former, we mentioned all the incidents of the journey and of the settling down in the territory, it would be superfluous to refer to it again now. At that time, Mr. William Halliday stocked the lands of "Hill Station" with 500 sheep which he bought from Mr. José Menéndez of "San Gregorio" station, and he drove them personally as far as the land on which he had settled. In 1909, he stocked the lands occupied today by the estancia "Cañadón del Rancho", near Santa Cruz, and in 1913, he purchased the establishment "Moy Aike Chico", on the left bank of the river Coy-Inlet. In 1908, he made a trip to Scotland, his native land, with the idea of settling down there finally, but "homesickness" for the land in which he had made his fortune prevailed over his intention and affection for the Highlands where his childhood had been spent, and in a year's time, he was back in Patagonia. Sometime before leaving for Scotland, he founded a limited company named "Hill Station", the capital consisting of the founder's estates, and the membership including all the family. This association is presided over at present by Mr. Archibald Halliday. Mr. William Halliday died in Buenos Aires on the 27th of June 1917, at the age of seventy-three. In the Falklands, he had married Miss Mary Mac Call by whom he had eight children, six born in the islands, and the two youngest in the territory. Mrs. Halliday died in Buenos Aires also, on June 17th 1917.