

**8 PIONEER ROW OR 11 UPPER ROW
OR 20 PENSIONERS COTTAGE ALLOTMENTS
NOW 7 PIONEER ROW; CARTMELL COTTAGE**

This house was one of the original *“two roomed kit houses worth £50 each”* that were shipped down on board the *Victory* which arrived in Stanley 13 October 1849. Eighteen cottages were built on Pioneer Row (or Upper Row as it was originally called and Upper Pensioners Row in the latter part of the 19th century) for the military pensioners who also arrived on the same ship. This house was originally 11 Upper Row and was allotted to **Matthew HUMPHRIES**, a private and military pensioner from Ireland, who had arrived with his family 13 October 1849 on board the *Victory*. *NB: In May 1855 Private HUMPHRIES was listed as being in 10 Upper Row and Private McDONNELL was listed as being in 11 Upper Row; this may have been an error in the records as it seems unlikely that they would have swapped cottages between then and July 1856.* [E1; 91]

On 24 July 1856 Crown Grant 110 was issued to **Matthew HUMPHRIES** for services performed being Pensioners Cottage Allotments 20 containing 24 poles and measuring 60 links x 250 links. [CG 110]

On 29 December 1862 **Matthew HUMPHRIES**, through his attorney and son-in-law Louis DESPREAUX, granted to **William AMOS**, private in the Falkland Islands Garrison Company, No 20 Pensioners Cottage Allotments containing 24 perches *“together with the messuage and buildings thereon”* for £40. [BUG-REG-1; 244]



1863 – Second house from the left, top row

On 19 January 1864 **William AMOS**, a private in the Falkland Islands Garrison Company and residing in Stanley, and **Jane AMOS**, his wife, granted to **Richard ATKINS**, residing in Stanley and presently a private in the Falkland Islands Garrison Company and about to be discharged, No 20 Pensioners Cottage Allotments containing 24 poles *“together with the messuages and*

Buildings thereon” also No 19 Pensioners Cottage Allotments containing 24 poles, for £52. [BUG-REG-1; 261]

Richard ATKINS, age 41, a Private with the F I Garrison Company and a native of Dorchester, Oxfordshire, England, died 23 March 1864 from serious apoplexy brought on by intemperance. His widow, **Fanny ATKINS**, age 34 and from Stockport, Lancashire, England, was married to **David John FRANCIS**, age 22 and a seaman from Herefordshire, England, 29 December 1864. **Fanny FRANCIS**, age 35, died 8 July 1865 from nervous apoplexy and left six children ranging in age from 3 years old to the eldest, **Richard ATKINS**, who was about 15 years old.

On 14 August 1886 **Richard ATKINS**, labourer of Stanley, granted to **Jane Ampo MILLER**, widow of Stanley, No 20 Pensioners Cottage Allotments containing 24 poles “*together with the Messuages and Buildings thereon*” for £120. [BUG-REG-3; 372]

Jane Ampo MILLER, age 40 and living in Stanley, was married to **Charles ELLIS**, age 31 and living in Stanley, 4 September 1890. In 1891, for tax purposes, 11 West Upper Pensioners Row belonging to **Mrs ELLIS** was valued at £18. [FI Gazette]

Jane started to go blind so her youngest son, **John Ampo MILLER**, and his wife moved in with her. **Jane ELLIS**, age 78, died in Stanley 24 June 1927.

John Ampo MILLER, age 61 and a cobbler, died 28 April 1944. His widow, **Ethel MILLER**, sold the house in 1945 to **Ernest ALDRIDGE**.



Late 1940s – Fifth house from right, top row

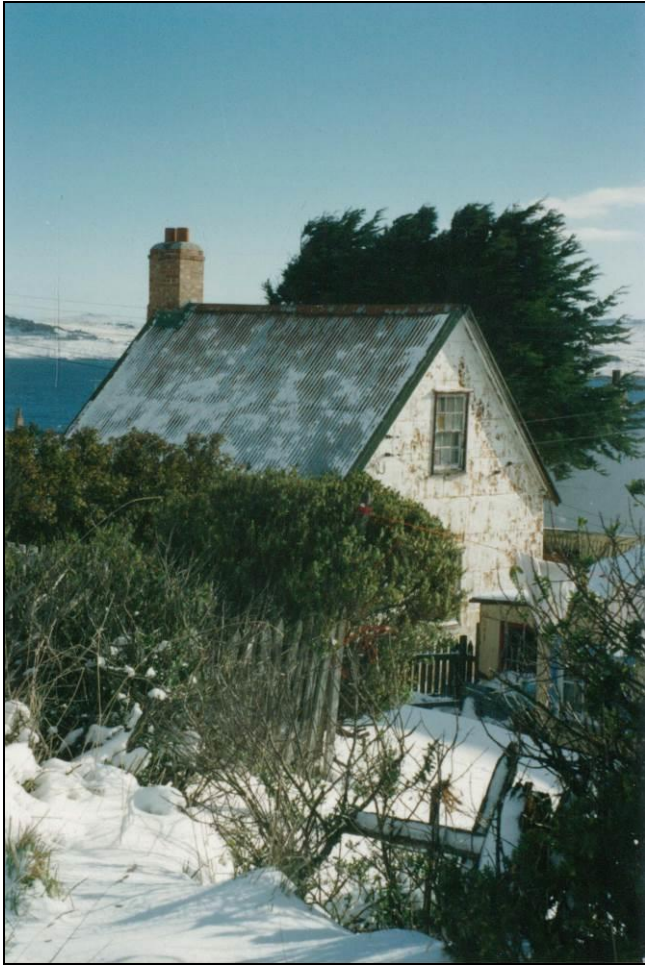
In 1953 **Mrs Mabel MORRISON** purchased the property.

The next owner of the house was **Andrew Nutt “Nutt” CARTMELL**, who purchased the house in the 1960s for his widowed mother, **Sarah Matilda “Tilly” CARTMELL**, to live in. Tilly, age 79, died 9 July 1989 and in 1993 Nutt donated the property to the Falkland Islands Museum & National Trust. **Andrew Nutt CARTMELL**, age 61 and a farm worker, died 4 December 1994 and the house was named Cartmell Cottage in his memory.

On 27 February 1998, 7 Pioneer Row was gazetted as being a building or structure in the Falkland Islands designated as being of architectural or historic interest.

The Falkland Islands Museum & National Trust have undertaken major refurbishment works and now visitors can experience different periods of Falkland Islands domestic life such as an 1850s kitchen, a 1940s kitchen and a 1970s kitchen. Up the narrow stairs are the two adjoining bedrooms; one reached through the other. In keeping with the house’s early history there is no

inside bathroom so there is an outside privy. There is also a traditional Falkland Islands meat safe on show outside.



1993 before the start of refurbishment

- Top left - from south east
- Top right - from north west
- Bottom - front porch on north



Original beams of the kit house showing the Roman numerals, etc





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Wall coverings stripped away to expose lining material used





**Exposing of original
fireplace and chimney**



Original range being before and after removal and exposing of chimney breast





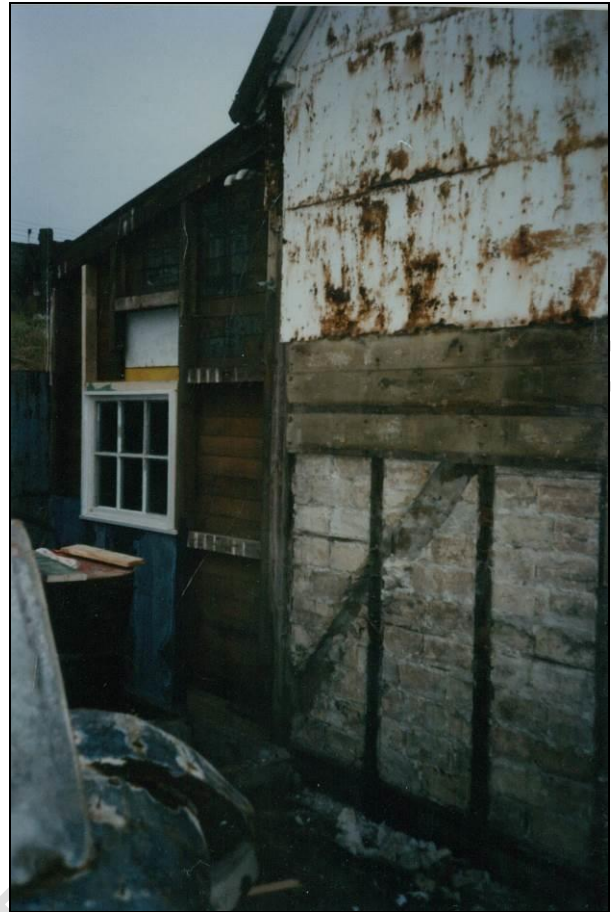
Top of stairs in the first bedroom



Stripping off of hardboard in other bedroom



Old catalogues and newspapers used to line the walls



Old tin cladding being stripped off to make way for new





**Above: new wooden
gutter supports
Left and below: new tin
cladding on north and
west faces before
painting**





Above 1994, below 2019

