

## STANLEY COTTAGE

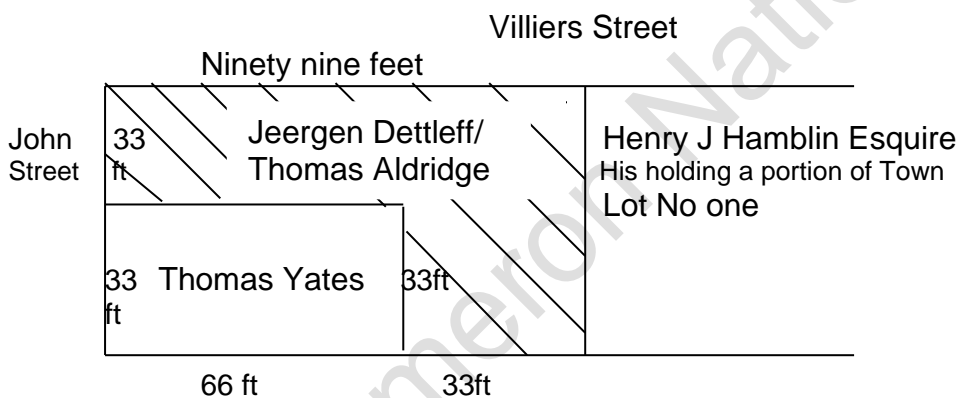
Stanley Cottage is one of the oldest buildings in Stanley and was one of the earliest private houses built when the capital was moved from Port Louis.

On 29 May 1844 Henry Hamblin, the Colonial Surgeon, applied to purchase No 1 allotment in the new town at Port William. On 1 November 1844 Crown Grant 10, being Lot 1 in Section O and containing "*Half an acre; front to Ross Road, rear to John St, west by Villiers St*", was issued to Henry Joseph Hamblin for £50.

Henry Hamblin lived in a tent in the grounds while he built his house and in October 1844 applied to the governor as he was unable to complete the erection of his house for want of a few building materials and requested to be supplied from Government Store.

Henry's household consisted of his wife, two children, mother-in-law and brother-in-law. In April 1845 it was increased as the new Stipendiary Magistrate, William H Moore, boarded with them. With Government House only partly built, Governor Moody also boarded with Henry for some time.

In October 1857 Henry Hamblin sold the southern portion of Crown Grant 10 with a frontage to John Street to Jeergen Dettleff who a few days later sold a portion to Thomas Yates and two years later sold the remainder to Thomas Aldridge.



Henry Hamblin sold Stanley Cottage to his son-in-law, William Pyne, the Colonial Secretary, for £500 in May 1864 and sailed for home. Unfortunately, he died at sea during the voyage.

On 20 April 1866 William & Louisa Pyne sold Stanley Cottage to George Markham Dean for £600 and George and his wife moved in. George died in 1888 but Orissa Dean continued to live in Stanley Cottage until her death in 1920. She was so renowned for her kindness and charitable work that Stanley Cottage was for years better known as Mrs Dean's Cottage.

In 1890 Orissa Dean purchased the southern portion of Crown Grant 10 including the house that had since been built there, Lois Cottage.

In her will Orissa Dean left Stanley Cottage and all of its contents to her god-son, William Henry Luxton.



Stanley Cottage from the east, winter 1895



Stanley Cottage from the north – both Luxton photo collection



Les Hardy bought Stanley Cottage in the late 1940s and opened the hugely popular Stanley Cottage Tea Rooms there on 24 May 1948. It later reverted to a private house and in 1984 was purchased from the Falkland Islands Company Ltd by the Falkland Islands Government for £75,000. [HOU/1#6]



North aspect



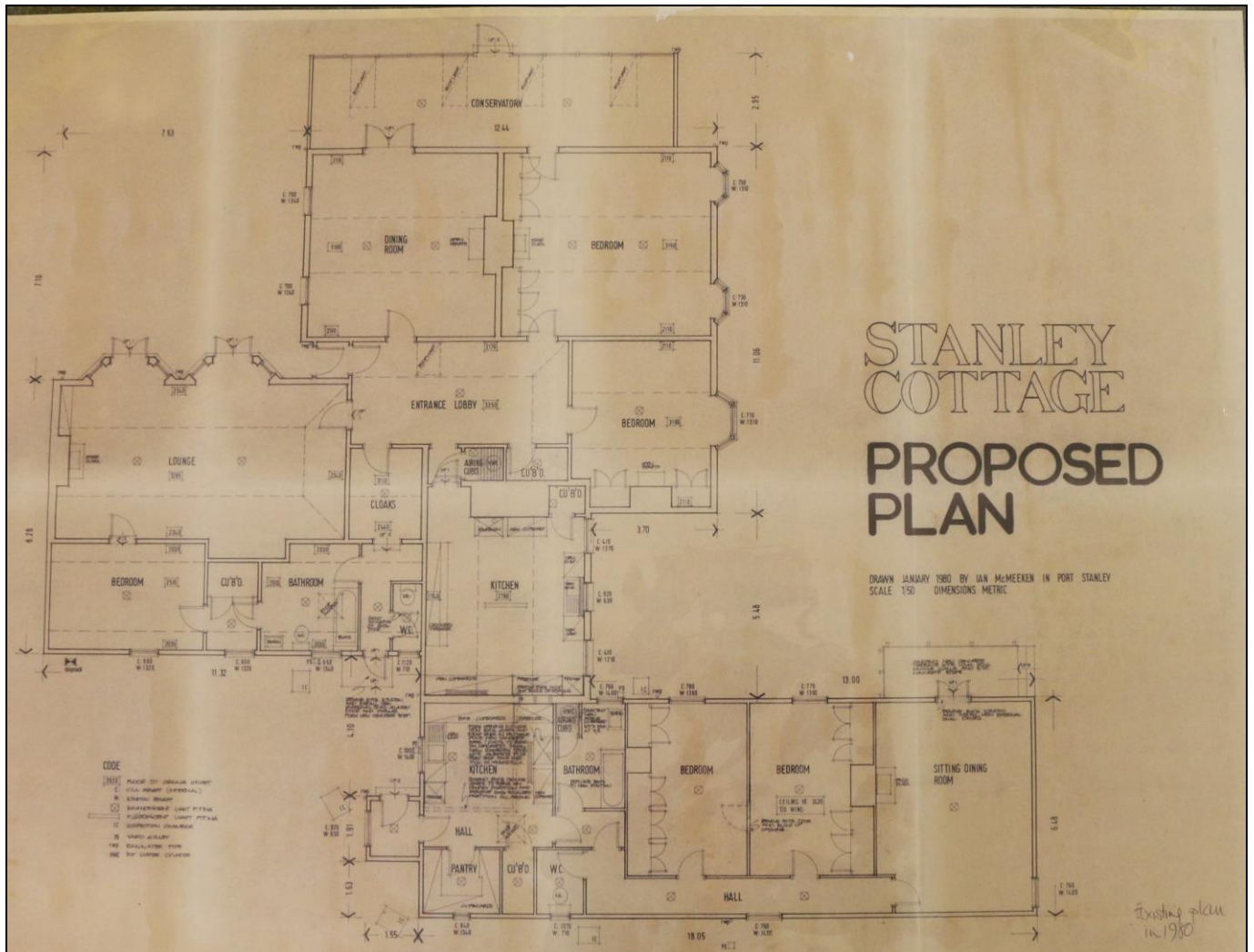
Stained glass in front windows



West aspect



East aspect



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