

CHARTRES OR CHARTRES RIVER STATION, BLACK HILL, GREEN HILL, THE SADDLE, GORING HOUSE AND THE BOUNDARY

NB: Various spellings of names are as written in the records

Chartres River was named after **Dr William CHARTRES**, the surgeon on board the HMS *Philomel* which was surveying in the Falkland Islands 1842 to 1845. The settlement took its name from the river.

Chartres River Station was first leased by **James McCLYMONT**. James had come to the Falkland Islands from Australia with a considerable amount of capital and was one of the first settlers on the West. [Desp 16, 12 Jan 1891]

On 5 February 1868 **James McCLYMONT** was granted an occupation licence of Station 6 West Falkland for £80-6-8. Less an allowance for mountains, containing 100,000 acres more or less and bounded "*on the North East by a line running North West and by West 11 ½ miles from Mount Maria to North East shoulder of Mount Edgeworth. On the North west by a line running South West and by South 6 ¾ miles to the South East shoulder of Mount Robinson, thence by a line running South West and by West 6 ¼ miles to Shallow Cove. On the South West by Chartres Rover and Stations Nos. 5 and 4 to the sea. On the South East by Falkland Sound to Hill Gap 3 ¾ miles and Station No 2 to starting point at Mount Maria.*" A declaration was to be made every 6 months of the number and description of wild cattle killed by him and payment of 4/- per bull and 16/- for every animal killed for consumption. Any wild cattle captured for taming were free as long as they were branded and a return was made every 6 months of the animals. [BUG-REG-2; pg 186]

James chartered a vessel to bring sheep from the River Plate and stocked the station at great expense, paying 25/- to 28/- per head for the sheep. [Desp 16, 12 Jan 1891]

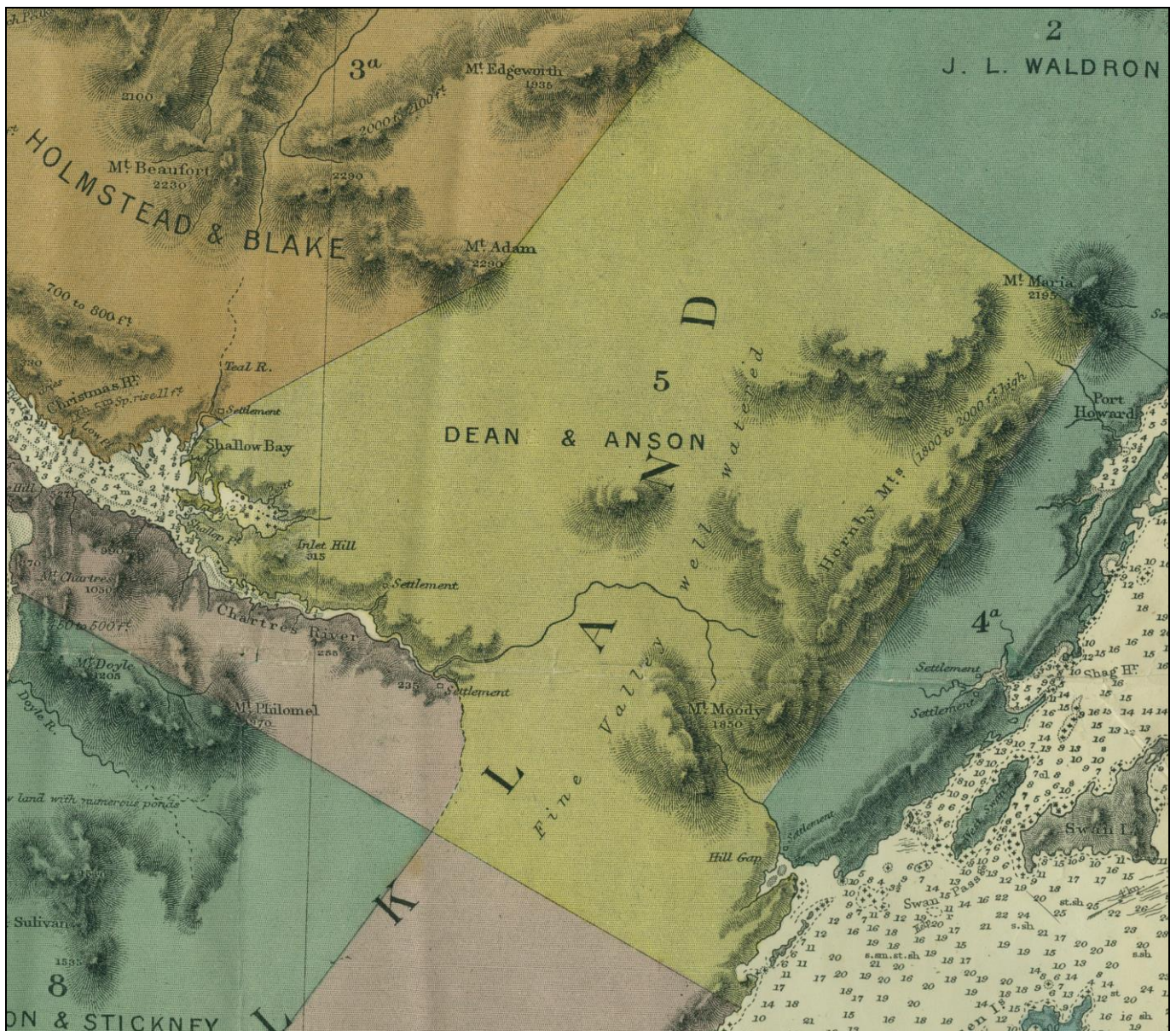
As he has stocked the station and built a house on it **James McCLYMONT** was granted Lease 5 West Falkland on 23 November 1869 for 20 years at an annual rent of £160-13-4 payable in advance. Less an allowance for mountains, containing 100,000 acres more or less and bounded "*on the North East by a line running North West and by West 11½ miles from Mount Maria to North East shoulder of Mount Edgeworth. On the North west by a line running South West and by South 6¾ miles to the South East shoulder of Mount Robinson, then by a line running South West and by West 6¼ miles to Shallow Bay. On the South West by Chartres Rover and Stations Nos. 5 and 4 now in the occupation of Ed Packe and Ed H Scott, to the sea. On the South East by Falkland Sound to Hill Gap 3¾ miles and Station No 2 now in the occupation of Messrs Stickney and Baillon, to starting point at Mount Maria.*" A declaration was to be made every 6 months of the number and description of wild cattle killed by him and payment of 4/- per bull and 16/- for every animal killed for consumption. Any wild cattle captured for taming were free as long as they were branded and a return was made every 6 months of the animals. [BUG-REG-2; pg 237]

On 5 February 1871 Lease 5 West Falklands was annulled and **James McCLYMONT** was granted a new lease, under the 5th clause of the Amalgamation Ordinance of the Lease of Crown Lands No 6 of 1870, of the 100,000 acres less an allowance for mountains for 21 years at an annual rent of £100 for the first 10 years and £160-13-4 for the remainder. Bounded "*On the North East by a line running North West and by West eleven miles and a half from Mount Maria to the North East shoulder of Mount Edgeworth. On the North West by a line running South West and by South six miles and three quarters to the South East shoulder of Mount Robinson, then by a line running South West and by West six miles and three quarters to Shallow Bay. On the South West by Chartres River and Stations Nos. 4 and 5 6 & 7 (now in the occupation of Edward Packe and Edward H Scott Esquire) to the sea. On the South East by*

Falkland Sound to Hill Gap three miles and three quarters and station no 2 4a (now in the occupation of Messrs Stickney & Baillon) to the starting point at Mount Maria.” [BUG-REG-2; 282]

On 3 March 1872 **Robert Christopher PACKE** paid £72-6-8 for 14,000 acres of land “lying West and South of Hill Gap West Falklands, to be hereafter Surveyed; until such survey is completed the said R C Packe to pay the sum of fourteen pounds sterling (£14.0.0) per year for rent of same to James McClymont, Survey to be made and completed according to law before the expiration of nine years from this date.” [BUG-REG-1; pg 341]

On 6 June 1881 **James McCLYMONT** transferred part of Lease 5 West Falkland containing 14,000 acres more or less to **Messrs PACKE BROTHERS** on the condition that they paid in advance a rental of £23-6-8 to the Falkland Islands Government on 5 February each year for the remainder of the term of the original lease. Bounded “on the South West by Stations No 4 for 7 miles; on the North West by Station No 5, one miles; on the South East by a stream running South East, 2 miles to a chain of ponds running North East till it cuts the North East boundary which runs in a South East direction to Hill Gap.” [BUG-REG-2; pg 284; BUG-REG-3; pg 149]



Farm boundaries 1883 – part of Hudson Chart, JCNA

After 14 years residence on the station **James McCLYMONT** appointed a manager and left with his family for England.

On 20 October 1885 **Charles George Archibald ANSON**, of Chartres River Station, sheep farmer, paid £6,750 to **James McCLYMONT**, a farmer of Strath Dee, Kircudbright, Scotland, through his agent **George Markham DEAN** for a half share in the Chartres River Station containing 86,000 acres more or less. [BUG-REG-3; pg 288; 294; 304]

On 16 April 1886 **George Markham DEAN**, merchant and sheep farmer of Stanley, entered into an agreement to pay £6,000 to **James McCLYMONT**, a farmer of Strath Dee, Kircudbright, Scotland, for his share in the Chartres River Station containing 86,000 acres more or less. Security on the £6,000 was to be held by mortgage over the said share. [BUG-REG-3; pg 375; 381]

On 7 May 1887 **George Markham DEAN** paid £6,150 to **James McCLYMONT** being the principal owing plus interest to date of £150 for his purchase of the half share in Chartres River Station. [BUG-REG-4; pg 3]

George Markham DEAN, age 51 and a merchant & native of London, England, died on board the ss *Memphis* 1 April 1888 from hepatic cirrhosis, exhaustion & coma and was buried 22 April 1888 in Grave D690 in Stanley Cemetery. His property passed to his widow **Orissa Catherine Anne DEAN**.

On 5 February 1889 there were 2 houses in the Chartres settlement and 9 or 10 inhabitants. The Black Hills house was built on dry ground under the hill and had 2 adults and about 5 children. The Boundary House had 2 adults and 1 child. [H43; 52]

On 5 July 1889 there were 5 houses on Chartres Station. The manager's house was valued at £1,400 and occupied by **Charles George Archibald ANSON** and **L BAYLIS** and the cookhouse was valued at £600 and occupied by navvies. House 3 was valued at £400 and occupied by **Charles SCOTT**. House 4 was valued at £300 and occupied by **John SKILLING** and one other man and House 5 was valued at £350 and occupied by **Robert SKILLING**. [H44; 235]

On 1 December 1891 Crown Grant 347 was issued to **James McCLYMONT** for £266 being the compulsory purchase of 2,666 acres on Lease No 5. [CG 347]

As their lease had expired 5 February 1892 **Messrs DEAN & ANSON** were granted an occupation license of Section 5 Chartres River Station 1 March 1892 for £321-6-8. Less an allowance for mountains, containing 100,000 acres more or less and bounded "*on the north east by a line running north west & by west eleven miles and a half from Mount Maria to the north east shoulder of Mount Edgeworth. On the north west by a line running south west & by south six miles and three quarters to the south east shoulder of Mount Robinson then by a line running south west & by west six & three quarters miles to Shallow Bay. On the south west by Chartres River & Stations Nos. 4 & 5 6 & 7 to the sea. On the south east by Falkland Sound & Hill Gap three miles & three quarters and station No 2 4a to the starting point at Mount Maria.*" [BUG-REG-2; pg 281]

On 23 February 1896 the partnership was changed to **Catherine Orissa DEAN** and **Charles ANSON** and was to trade under the name of **Dean & Anson**.

Mr Montague MILLER's team met **Mr McDONALD**'s team at Chartres in what was believed to be the first polo match played on West Falkland. [FIM Dec 1902]

During 1903 the Chartres River Station settlement was moved further down the creek to The Point to ease shipping movements as the heavily laden schooners had problems clearing the bar. [FIC/EC/CHA/1#2]



Chartres settlement on The Point – Clement Albums, JCNA

On 19 February 1906 the purchase of Chartres Station by **Messrs DEAN and ANSON** was sanctioned. Lease No 105 section 5 Chartres Station, 100,000 acres at 3/- £15,000 less the freehold under Crown Grant 347 containing 2,666 acres at 3/- giving a total purchase price of £14,600-2-0. Ten per cent to be paid in London on 5 August 1906 and the balance by 30 instalments. All peat other than that require for domestic purposes by Messrs Dean & Anson, their heirs and assigns, reserved to the Government. [P4; 100]

On 18 June 1914 an agreement was made between **Orissa Catherine Anne DEAN & Charles George Archibald ANSON**, owners of Chartres River Sheep Station, and **James Lovegrove Waldron Limited**, owners of Section 2 Port Purvis and 4 Mount Moody, about the boundary disputed in 1910 between their stations. After a survey iron standards were driven into the ground three or four feet and surrounded by cairns of stones or peat. The new boundary was set as *“Section One – from the Triangle on the North East shoulder of Mount Edgeworth as defined by the report and plan of the said Ernest Percival Cotton along the line determined by him in the direction of the summit of Mount Maria as far as an iron standard erected by the said Ernest Percival Cotton in a peat bank nine miles and one furlong from the said triangle on the North East shoulder of Mount Edgeworth.*

Section two – Thence that is to say from the said iron standard running two miles more or less south south east to Black Hill stream crossing the same and running two hundred yards more or less south south west thence one and a half miles more or less south south east to the Saddle in mountain range and continuing in the same direction three quarters of a mile and two hundred and seventy yards more or less to the south west head of Baillons Stream.

For the purpose of fixing the boundary defined by Section two Iron Standards distinctly marked shall within twelve calendar months from the date hereof be driven in the presence of Mr Pole-Evans the Manager of Messrs J L Waldron Ltd, and of Mr William Henry Luxton the Manager of the said owners of Chartres River Sheep Station at the following points in such boundary that is to say (I) at or near the bank of Black Hill Stream before the boundary crosses that stream (II)

At a point two hundred yards (more or less) south south west from the spot where the boundary crosses Black Hill Stream (III) At the Saddle in mountain range one and a half miles (more or less) south south east from Standard (II) and (IV) At the South west head of Baillions Stream where the fence on the boundary described in Section 2 joins the fence on the boundary referred to in clause 5.

The line of the dividing fences which have been erected on or so as to follow such boundary with such deviations only as the physical features of the ground render necessary shall henceforth be considered as the boundary line between the said Stations.

The fence along the line of Section two of the said boundary four and a half miles and thirty yards in length more or less shall be erected and kept in repair by the said J L Waldron Ltd at their own expense. The fence along the line of Section one of the said boundary shall be kept in repair at the expense of the parties hereto in equal moieties.

The boundary between the said Stations 4a (Mount Moody) and 5 (Chartres River) begins at the south west head of Baillions Stream but it is hereby expressly declared that this agreement does not affect or relate to the position of such boundary between such head of the stream and the sea at Hill Gap.

[BUG-REG-8; pg 175]

Orissa Catherine Anne DEAN, age 80, died in Stanley 10 September 1920 and was buried in Grave D851. In her will dated 4 July 1917 Orissa left her one half share in the 86,000 acres or thereabouts in Chartres River Station to her godson **William Henry LUXTON**. [BUG-REG-8; 344]

Charles George Archibald ANSON, of Meadow Hurst, Slinfold, Sussex died in the Cottage Hospital, Horsham, Sussex 6 April 1923. In his will dated 11 July 1922 he left everything to his wife Mabel. [BUG-REG-9; 170]

At the date of his death the valuation of the buildings on Chartres River Station was:

Settlement:

Manager's house & outbuildings	£680
Sub-manager's house & outbuildings	£380
Manager's office	£40
Cookhouse	£300
Gardener's cottage	£150
Shanty	£35
Woolshed	£950
Store	£65
Carpenter's shop and tools	£55
Salt house	£12
Blacksmith's shop	£12
Killing house	£15
Paraffin shed	£8
2 stables & cart shed @£14 each	£42
Cow shed	£10
2 corrals	£8
2 fowl houses	£4
Woolshed yards	£30
Jetty	£25

Top settlement dipping station:

Cookhouse	£230
Dip and yards	£150
2 small stables at £4	£8
Dip shed	£4
1 corral	£5

Shepherds houses with outbuildings:

Goring house	£200
The Black Hill	£200
The Saddle	£200
The Green Hill	£250
Rat Castle shanty (not in use)	£8

[FIC/IE1#2]

In April 1923 a bridge was suggested over the Chartres River. A drawing was submitted in April 1924 with an estimated total cost of the bridge being £550. By August 1927 this had increased to £670. The gang arrived at Little Chartres 21 March 1928 and the new bridge over the Chartres River with a span of 120 feet was completed 10 April 1928. [TRN/LAN/1#14: Annual Col Report 1928]



New recruits for the FIDF from Chartres settlement – JCNA

In January 1928 **Donald BRUCE, Alick ETHERIDGE, Frederick BERNTSEN, Arthur ETHERIDGE, James ANDERSEN, Donald FERGUSON, John C ANDERON, Edgar HARVEY** and **Cyril W HARVEY** of Chartres joined the Camp unit of the Falkland Islands Defence Force. [DEF/FID/3#11]

On 5 September 1933 **Mabel ANSON** conveyed the half share in Chartres River Station to her son **Philip Archibald Noel Primrose ANSON**. [BUG-REG-10; 301]

On 31 December 1940 **Philip Archibald Noel Primrose ANSON** conveyed his two equal sixth shares in Chartres Station to **William Henry LUXTON** in consideration of the discharge of the mortgage held by same. [BUG-REG-11; 263]

CHARTRES
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In 1946 it was recommended that an Army Nissen hut was sent to Chartres to be used as a school. This was sent out in 1947 and the foundations prepared but the erection was delayed by the non-arrival of two of the sections. [C2/45]



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Chartres sports circa 1932/33 – Clement Albums, JCNA