

## FOX BAY WEST OR BAILLON'S FOX BAY, LEICESTER CREEK, EAST BAY, MOUNT SULIVAN AND SPRING POINT

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

**Louis Augustin BAILLON, Edward Frances BAILLON, William STICKNEY and Bernard STICKNEY** arrived in Port William 27 September 1867 on board the English Barque *Diana*, of 223 tons under Jinkin Davis, 64 days out from London, England. There were 9 crew and 9 passengers on board, including Wiltshire farmer, **James WALDRON**. The *Diana* left for West Falkland 1 October 1867 with her passengers and cargo of kit houses, sheds, implements, horses, cows, sheep, hay and shepherds.

On 8 February 1868 **Messrs Baillon and Stickney** were granted an occupation licence of Station 3 West Falkland for £124 containing 148,790 acres more or less and bounded "*on the South East by a line running North East from the North Arm of Fox Bay, eight and a half miles: on the North East by a line running through Mount Philomel nine and a half miles: on the North West and West by Port Philomel, Symonds Harbour and Queen Charlottes Bay. On the South by a line running East from the head of Port Richards one mile to Lake Hamond, on the South West by the North East shores of the lake or lakes running from thence to the head of Port Edgar, and on the South by Port Edgar and the sea to the starting point at the head of Fox Bay.*" A declaration was to be made every 6 months of the number and description of wild cattle killed by them 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 191]

On 8 February 1868 **Messrs Baillon and Stickney** were granted an occupation licence of Station 2 West Falkland for £24-2-0 containing 28,920 acres more or less and bounded "*on the North East by a line running North West from the South side of Settlement Bay one and three quarter miles: on the North West by a line running South West fourteen miles to Hill Gap Stream. On the South West by Hill Gap Stream running one mile to the Sea. On the South East by the Falkland Sound and Port Howard.*" A declaration was to be made every 6 months of the number and description of wild cattle killed by them 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. (NB: Mount Moody Station; became part of Port Howard). [BUG-REG-2; pg 193]

As they have stocked the station and built a house on it **Messrs Baillon and Stickney** were granted Lease 8 West Falkland on 8 February 1870 for 20 years at an annual rent of £238 payable in advance. Containing 142,790 acres more or less and bounded "*on the South East by a line running North East from the North Arm of Fox Bay eight and a half miles. On the North East by a line running through the Mount Philomel nine and a half miles. On the North west and West by Port Philomel, Symond's Harbour and Queen Charlotte's Bay. On the South by a line running East from the head of Port Richards one mile to Lake Hamond. On the South west by the North East shores of the lake or lakes running thence to the head of Port Edgar, and on the South by Port Edgar and the sea to the starting point at the head of Fox Bay.*" A declaration was to be made every 6 months of the number and description of wild cattle killed by them 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 245]

On 8 February 1871 Lease 8 West Falklands was annulled and **Messrs Baillon and Stickney** were granted a new lease, under the 5<sup>th</sup> clause of the Amalgamation Ordinance of the Lease of Crown Lands No 6 of 1870, of 136,790 acres more or less for 21 years at an annual rent of

£136-15-9 for the first 10 years and £228 a year for the remainder. Bounded “on the South East by a line running North East from the North arm of Fox Bay eight and a half miles. On the North East by a line running through Mount Philomel nine and a half miles. On the North West and West by Port Philomel, Symond’s Harbour and Queen Charlotte Bay. On the South by a line running East from the head of Port Richards one mile to Lake Hammond. On the South West by the North East shores of the lake or lakes running from thence to the head of Port Edgar, and on the South by Port Edgar and the sea to the starting point at the head of Fox Bay.” [BUG-REG-2; pg 268]



**Fox Bay House, Louis Baillon’s, circa 1878 – Blake Album, JCNA**

The partnership between Baillon Brothers and Stickney Brothers was dissolved by mutual consent and their lease divided.

- On 10 September 1874 **Baillon Brothers** were granted a lease of 76,297 acres more or less for the remainder of the lease granted 8 February 1871 at an annual rent of £76-5-11 for the first 10 years and £127-3-3 for the remainder. Bounded “Starting from the North Arm of Fox Bay by a line on the South East running North East eight and a half **quarter** miles. On the North East by a line running through Mount Philomel nine and a half miles. On the West by the shore of Port Philomel and by a line running due South from Limpet Cove, Port Philomel ten and a half miles to Oyster Cove in one of the Lakes adjoining Lake Hamond. On the South by the northern shores of Port Edgar and by Fox Bay to the starting point.” [BUG-REG-2; pg 338]
- On 10 September 1874 **Stickney Brothers** were granted a lease of 64,493 acres more or less for the remainder of the lease granted 8 February 1871 at an annual rent of £60-9-10 for the first 10 years and £100-16-5 for the remainder. Bounded “On the South by a line running East from the head of Port Richards one mile to Lake Hamond. On the South West by the North East shores of Lake Hamond to Oyster Cove in one of the Lakes adjoining Lake Hamond:- on the East by a line running North ten and a half miles from Oyster Cove to

*Limpet Cove Port Philomel - which line forms the Western boundary of the Land selected and occupied by Messrs Baillon Brothers - and lastly on the North West and West by Port Philomel, Symonds Harbour and Queen Charlotte Bay.” [BUG-REG-2; pg 340]*



**Fox Bay, Louis Baillon’s House circa 1878 – Blake Album, JCNA**



**Fox Bay, Edward Baillon’s house, circa 1878 – Blake Album, JCNA**

In 1876 **Louis** and **Edward BAILLON** were reported as having their headquarters at Fox Bay with two houses, a shearing shed with pens, wool press, etc, and a well fitted dip. They had two or three hands. [Dean History Remarks on Sheep Farmers; 185]



### Farm boundaries 1883 – part of Hudson Chart, JCNA

On 27 March 1885 Crown Grant 270 was issued to **Messrs Baillon Brothers** for £203-9-3 being the compulsory purchase of 2,035 acres on Section 8 West Fox Bay Station. [CG 270]

On 16 March 1886 **Louis Augustin BAILLON** and **Mary Julia BAILLON** conveyed 1,017 ½ acres, being their one half of the 2,035 acres under Crown Grant 270, to **Bernard STICKNEY** for 5 shillings. [BUG-REG-4; pg 43]

On 1 December 1887 **Louis A BAILLON** transferred his half interest in the lease of West Fox Bay Station to **Bernard STICKNEY** of Spring Point. [BUG-REG-2; pg 339]

On 9 October 1888 Crown Grant 334 was issued to **Stickney Brothers** for £161-6-4 being the compulsory purchase of 1,613 1/6 acres on Section 8A Spring Point Station. [CG 334]

On 5 February 1889 there were 2 houses in Fox Bay West settlement and 9 adults. **Bernard STICKNEY** lived in one. The Leicester Creek house was built on a hill slope and **George & Barbara McKAY** and 4 children lived there. The East Bay house was by the sea and **Norman MORRISON** lived there. The Mount Sullivan House was on the ridge below Mount Sullivan and **William & Hellen ETHERIDGE** and their 2 children lived there. There were 2 houses at Spring Point and 10 adults. The Stickney's also had a house at Leicester Creek and a house at Fish Creek, both uninhabited. [H43; 52: H44; 166]

On 8 August 1889 the house at Spring Point was occupied by **L STICKNEY** and his wife; the cook house by **Robert OWEN** and **F PIKE**; the liquor store & house by **F McINNES** and wife. The Boundary house was occupied by **James McLAREN**, wife and 3 children. The Clip House, East Bay House and Fish Creek House were unoccupied. [H44; 235]

On 1 March 1892 **Messrs Baillon Brothers** were granted an occupation licence of Section 8 West Fox Bay containing 76,297 acres more or less and bounded "*Starting from the North Arm of Fox Bay by a line on the South East running North East eight and a quarter miles. On the North East by a line running through Mount Philomel nine and a half miles. On the West by the shore of Port Philomel and by a line running due South from Limpet Cove, Port Philomel ten and a half miles to Oyster Cove in one of the lakes adjoining Lake Hammond. On the South by the northern shores of Port Edgar and by Fox Bay to the starting point.*" [BUG-REG-2; pg 337]

On 1 March 1892 **Messrs Stickney Brothers** were granted an occupation licence of Section 8 Spring Point containing 60,493 acres more or less at an annual rent of £201-12-10 and bounded "*on the South by a line running east from the head of Port Richards one mile to Lake Hamond. On the south west by the north east shores of Lake Hamond to Oyster Cove in one of the lakes adjoining Lake Hammond. On the east by a line running north ten and a half miles from Oyster Cove to Limpet Cove Port Philomel which line forms the western boundary of the land selected and occupied by Messrs Baillon Bros & lastly on the north west & west by Port Philomel, Symonds Harbour & Queen Charlotte Bay.*" [BUG-REG-2; pg 339]

In 1893 a bridge, 36 yards long and 12 feet wide, was constructed over the Arroyo Malo, Fox Bay West for the passage of flocks. [FIM Jan 1894]

On 7 October 1907 the application by **Messrs Baillon & Stickney** to purchase their lease at West Fox Bay Station was sanctioned. Lease 8 containing 76,297 acres less the compulsory purchase of 2,035 acres under Crown Grant 270, at 3/s an acre; the purchase price of £11,139-6-0 to be paid by a deposit of 10% and the balance to be paid in 30 instalments. [P4; 166]

On 6 December 1937 Crown Grant 482 was issued to **Stickney Brothers** for £8,837-76 being 58,879 5/6 acres on section 108A formerly 8A known as Spring Point Station containing 60,493 acres more or less, less 1,613 1/6 acres compulsorily purchased under CG 334. [CG 482]

On 25 February 1938 **Jane STICKNEY**, widow, **Mary STICKNEY**, widow, and **Robert STICKNEY**, gentleman, the partners in **Stickney Brothers** entered into an agreement with the **Falkland Islands Company Ltd** to sell to them Crown Grants 334 and 482 for £30,000 being livestock £3,730, plant £100, building & fences in CG 334 £700, and buildings & fences in CG 482 £25,470. [BUG-REG-11; pg 119]

On 25 February 1938 **Jane STICKNEY**, **Mary STICKNEY** and **Robert STICKNEY**, the partners in **Stickney Brothers**, conveyed Crown Grant 482 to the **Falkland Islands Company Ltd** for £25,470. [BUG-REG-11; pg 125]

On 25 February 1938 **Jane STICKNEY**, **Mary STICKNEY** and **Robert STICKNEY**, the partners in **Stickney Brothers**, conveyed Crown Grant 334 to the **Falkland Islands Company Ltd** for £700. [BUG-REG-11; pg 128]

On 12 December 1938 Crown Grant 488 was issued to **Baillon & Stickney** for £11,139-6-0 being 74,262 acres in Section 8 containing 76,297 acres more or less, less 2,035 acres compulsorily purchased under CG 270. [CG 488]

In 1938 the buildings on Spring Point Station were valued as follows: Manager's house £600; Second House £500; Third House (bungalow) £200; Fourth House £250; Cookhouse £150; Store shed £100; East Bay House £50; wool shed £600; cow shed £10, stable £10; killing shed & hay barn £25; jetty £50, greenhouse £10; and Fish Creek House £100. [FIC/ZD2; 100]

The Fish Creek House burnt down in 1938. [FIC/ZD2; 100]

In 1938 the **Falkland Islands Company Ltd** built the Black Shanty house on the Arroyo Malo in Port Edgar at a cost of £550-11-10. The house had been shipped from Glasgow in 1937. It was originally known as Port Edgar House as there was already a Black Shanty on the Rincon. The original Black Shanty was down towards Port Edgar on the river that goes down to Port Edgar waters. [FIC/ZD2; 108]

On 21 February 1939 **Louis Charles BAILLON**, director, **Alexander Falkland BAILLON**, merchant, and **Eva CAREY**, wife of John Roger CAREY, gentleman, entered into an agreement with the **Falkland Islands Company Ltd** to sell to them Crown Grants 270 and 488 for £35,000 comprised of livestock £5,684, plant £411, building & fences in CG 270 £203-9-3, and buildings & fences in CG 488 £28,201-10-9. The Falkland Islands Company Ltd to also pay the first cost freight and cost of erection of a house recently erected on the land (*Black Shanty*) and the arrived cost of two imported rams. The vendors to pay to the Company £800 for the house destroyed by fire on the land. [BUG-REG-11; pg 171]

On 20 March 1939 **Louis Charles BAILLON**, **Alexander Falkland BAILLON**, and **Eva CAREY** conveyed Crown Grant 488 to the **Falkland Islands Company Ltd** for £28,701-10-9. [BUG-REG-11; pg 169]

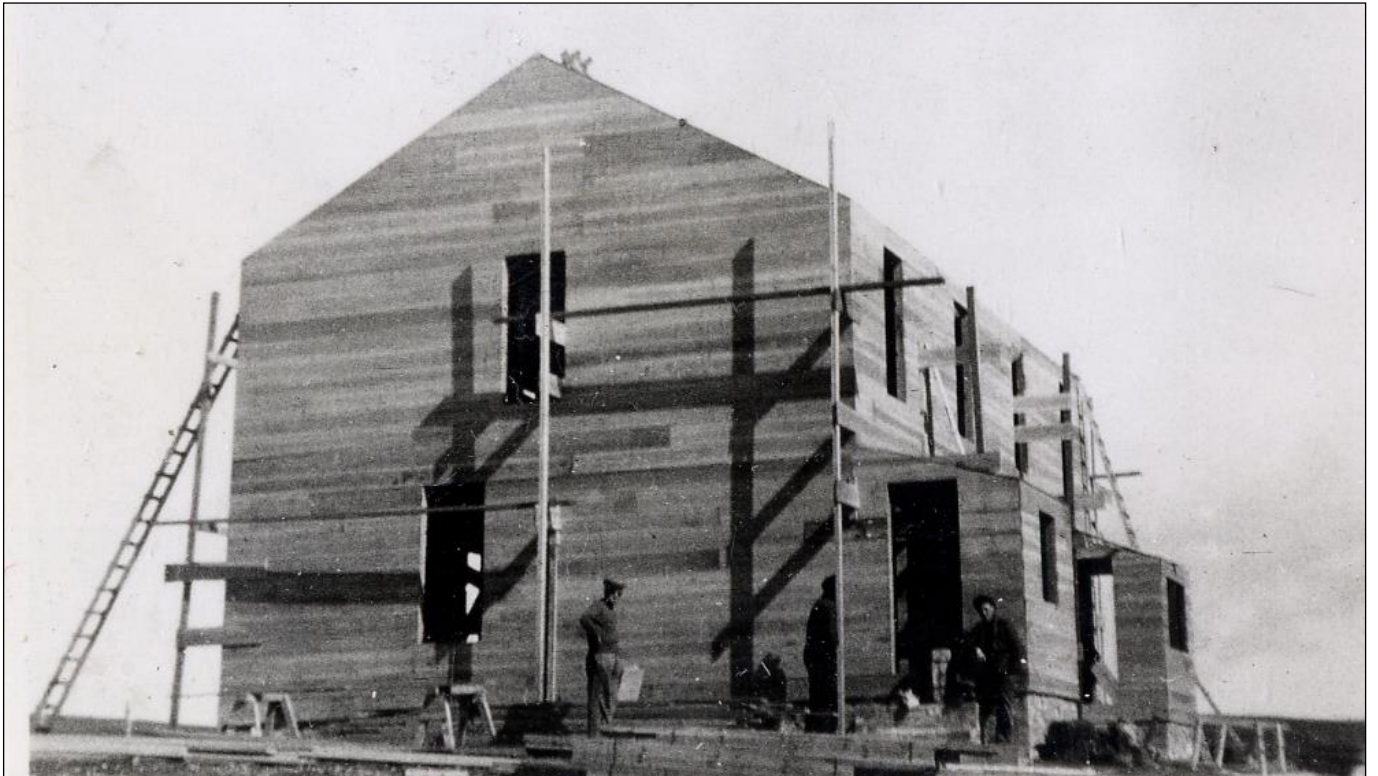


**Fox Bay West, RMS Darwin in harbour – FIC Collection, JCNA**

In 1939 the buildings on Fox Bay Station were valued as follows: Manager's house £1,000; Wool shed & skin house £800; Store house £250; Cookhouse £250; Cook & men's' quarters £400; Mount Sullivan House £200; East Bay (*later Queen Point*) House £100; Port Edgar (*later Black Shanty*) House £550-11-10; and Leicester View House £500. [FIC/ZD2; 106]

In 1939 the **Falkland Islands Company Ltd** built a new house in a similar style to the Black Shanty house at Fish Creek at the head of Symond's Harbour, at a cost of £560-1-2. The cookhouse at Spring Point burnt down. [FIC/ZD2; 100, 104: MC5-28-FO-0001]

On 4 September 1942 **Tom GILRUTH**, section manager for the Falkland Islands Company Ltd, reported that he had arranged for the new store to be shipped out to Fox Bay West at the first opportunity and that it would be erected with farm labour. He also advised that there were 4 dwelling houses at Spring Point and that two were occupied by married men. The third was used as a cookhouse for the shearing and dipping gang and the fourth was unoccupied. He suggested that the spare house was pulled down and the material used to repair the other three. [FIC desp 37]



**New cookhouse Fox Bay West – FIC Collection, JCNA**

The Leicester Creek house was built in 1942 on the boundary line at a cost of £500 and at Fox Bay West a new cookhouse was built at a cost of £1,000 and a new store for £500. [FIC/ZD2; 108, 109: MC5-28-FO-0001]

In 1947 prefabricated foreman's and cadets' quarters were erected at Fox Bay West at a cost of £3,082-18-2. [FIC/ZD2; 109]

The wool shed from Spring Point was re-erected at Fox Bay West as a bale shed in 1949. [FIC/ZD2; 100]

Circa 1951 the cookhouse and cook's & men's' quarters were converted into a cottage with garage attached. [FIC/ZD2; 107]

In 1951 the outside houses on Fox Bay West farm were:

- Black Shanty – *“quite a nice small house.”*
- Leicester Creek house – *“Company’s small type shepherd house.”*
- Fish Creek house – *“similar to Leicester Creek House.”*
- East Bay shanty – *“2 roomed shanty wants renovating, but for several years has been unoccupied.”*
- East Bay house – *“a very old and small house is to be replaced by Robin’s house from Spring Point when opportunity offers. A single man lives there at present.”*
- Mt Sullivan house – *“built about 1898. Quite a good house of the old type of camp house. Is in good repair. Has a single man at present.”*
- The old Spring Point Settlement: Manager’s house, shepherds cottage, old cookhouse, Robin’s house and an eating house towards the old shed – *“These two last buildings are to be removed as opportunity offers but at present there seems little point in dismantling them until they can be re-erected immediately.”*

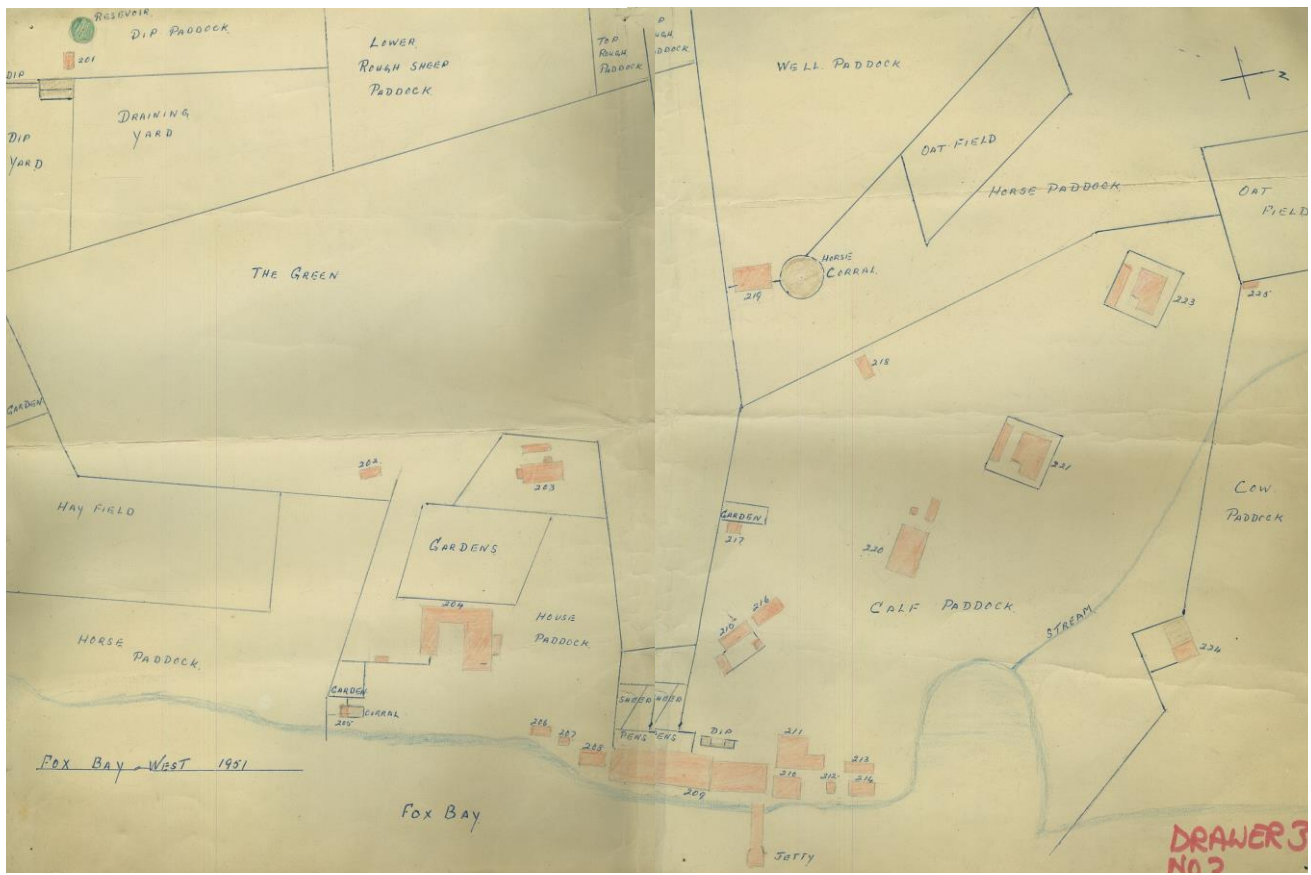
The buildings in Fox Bay West settlement were:

- Dip shed – *“very old. Used for storing dip.”*
- Nissen Hut – *“house Land rover and agricultural implements.”*
- Cadet barracks – *“cowman, gardener & storekeeper living there at present.”*
- Manager’s house – *“material on site for the new house.”*
- Manager’s stable – *“rather small but good site.”*
- Salt house – *“completed 1950 for salting hides and storing salt.”*
- Meat house – *“completed 1945 rather small.”*
- Killing house – *“well situated, had new concrete floor and water laid on.”*
- Shearing, bale, store shed & carpenter’s shop – *“parts very old and has been added to many times. The last being the Spring Point shed which is now used as carpenter’s show, bale shed and store.”*
- Old store shed – *“reputed to be the first building on Fox Bay requires renovating. Now used as paint shed and navvies tool shed.”*
- Store – *“showing proposed addition. Built 1942.”*
- Old blacksmith’s shop – *“very old and small. Used for storing battens.”*
- Tractor shed – *“built 1943.”*
- New blacksmith’s shop – *“built 1951 mostly scrap material.”*
- Handyman’s cottage – *“was the original cook house has been renovated.”*
- Garage – *“was shepherd’s end of old cookhouse.”*
- Cart gear shed
- Tractor shed – *“very old built of scrap.”*
- Stable – *“built by Mr Gilruth out of scrap.”*
- Cookhouse – *“built 1940.”*
- Foreman’s house – *“built 1946. Smaller type FI Cos camp house.”*
- Tractor man’s house – *“similar to foreman’s house. built 1946-7.”*

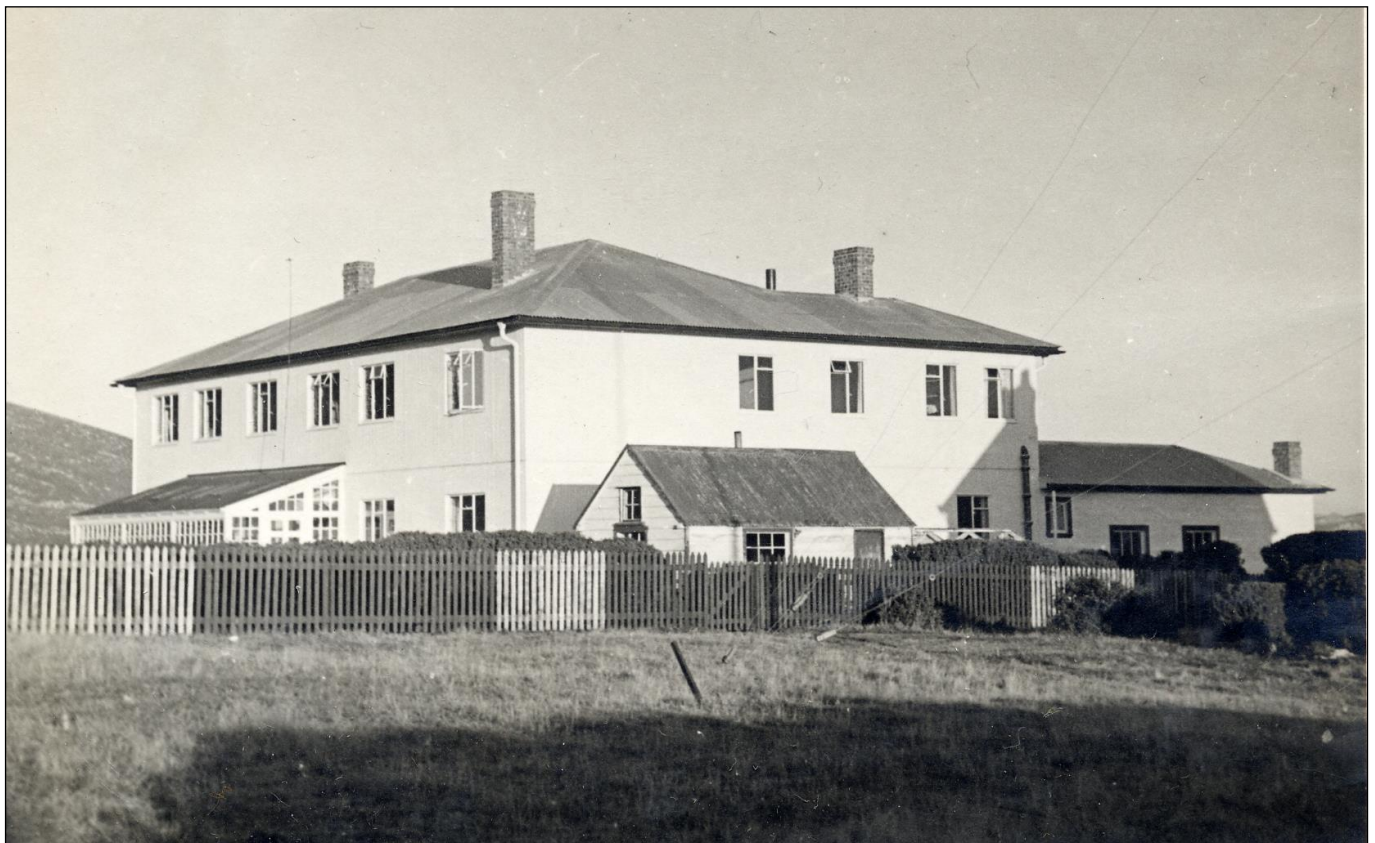


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- Cow shed for families – “built 1950 of scrap.”
- Cow shed for manager’s house – “very old built of scrap.” [MC5-28-FO-0001]



Fox Bay West settlement 1951 – FIC Collection, JCNA



New manager’s house FBW – FIC Collection, JCNA

In 1952 the **Falkland Islands Company Ltd** built a manager's house at Fox Bay West at a cost of £3,823-15-6. The old manager's house was demolished in 1953. [FIC/ZD2; 105]

In 1954 the Second or Robin's House at Spring Point was dismantled and re-erected in Fox Bay West settlement. [FIC/ZD2; 100, 105]

In 1958 the **Falkland Islands Company Ltd** built a bungalow at East Bay at a cost of £1,806-16-6. They also built a hay barn at a cost of £717-13-6 and a garage at a cost of £941-4-7 at Fox Bay West. [FIC/ZD2; 105]

In 1961 the manager's house and the carpenters' shop at Spring Point and the old East Bay House were demolished. [FIC/ZD2; 100]

In 1963/4 the **Falkland Islands Company Ltd** built an assembly hall at Fox Bay West at a total cost of £3,378-9-3. [FIC/ZD2; 106]

In 1964/5 the **Falkland Islands Company Ltd** built a galley at Fox Bay West at a total cost of £2,570-7-10. [FIC/ZD2; 104]

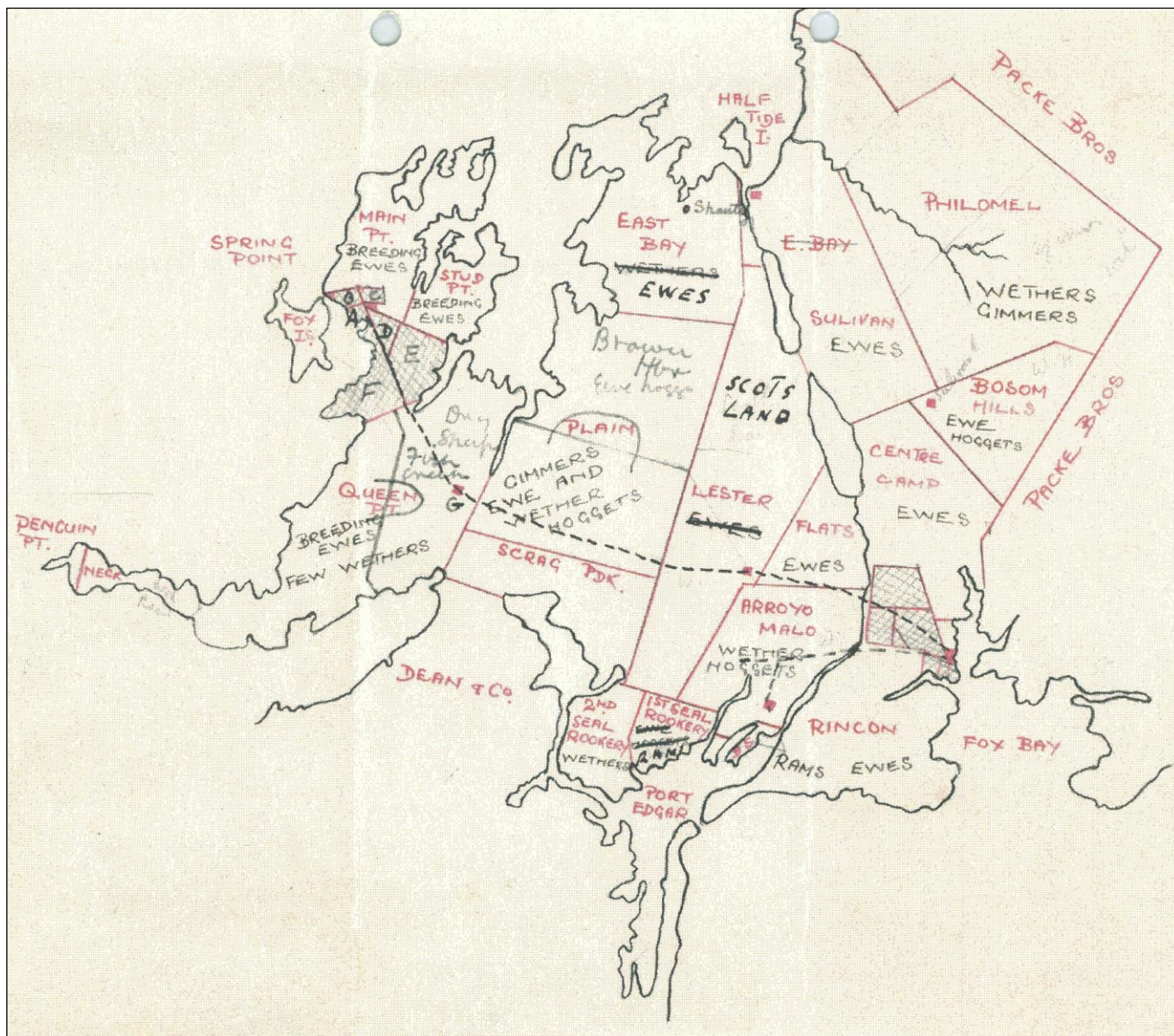


**Top: front view of the  
previous manager's house  
which burned down in 1967  
& bottom: the new  
manager's house  
– FIC Collection, JCNA**



In 1967 the manager's house at Fox Bay West was destroyed by fire and the **Falkland Islands Company Ltd** built a new manager's house at a final cost of £10,914-4-5. They also built a land girls' house in 1967/68 at a total cost of £5,780-1-7. [FIC/ZD2; 104]

On 1 April 1986 the **Falkland Islands Development Corporation** purchased Fox Bay West from the **Falkland Islands Company Ltd** for £550,743. The Falkland Islands Company Ltd managed the farm on behalf of the Falkland Islands Development Corporation for six months while the sub-division of the farm was planned. Fox Bay West was sub-divided into six sections: Spring Point 17,000 acres; Queen Point 32,354 acres; East Bay 27,686 acres; The Lakes; Philomel 18,012 acres; Seal Rookery. The houses in the settlement were divided among the six sections.



Fox Bay West paddocks 1941 – FIC Collection, JCNA