

**32 ROSS ROAD
CHURCH COTTAGE, ORCHID HOUSE AND ORCHID STORE
CROWN GRANT 1, LOT 13, SECTION O**

On 17 May 1844 Crown Grant 1 being lot 13 in Section O was issued to **Christopher Thomas ANDERSON** being half an acre (*two roods*) with a front to Ross Road and rear to John Street for £50. Christopher was the captain of the *Hebe* which first came to the Falkland Islands 15 January 1842 with Lieutenant, later Governor, MOODY and a detachment of sappers and miners. Captain ANDERSON was last recorded arriving with the *Hebe* 29 December 1845 and by October 1853 was recorded as living in London.

At some point **Christopher ANDERSON** conveyed his right to **Charles TROSS** but this was not registered in Stanley.

On 7 October 1859 **Frederick Henry Owen TROSS**, son and heir of the late **Charles TROSS** and living in Rio de Janeiro, conveyed his rights to Crown Grant 1 to **Thomas BOWDEN** of Oporto, merchant. [BUG-REG-1; 209]

They must have had a previous understanding as on 28 September 1859 **James LANE**, Colonial Manager of the Falkland Islands Company Ltd wrote '*Par 19. Mr Bowden's price is far too high in the present state of his property. His House detached room & Garden might be bought well for £150 – I cd let it at £25 per an: - the fence is down round the garden & repairs to the Buildgs are required but they wd not cost the Company much. The Boats are not wanted – I send form of Conveyce if required – the Crown Grant & any subrigt Deeds must be handed over.*'

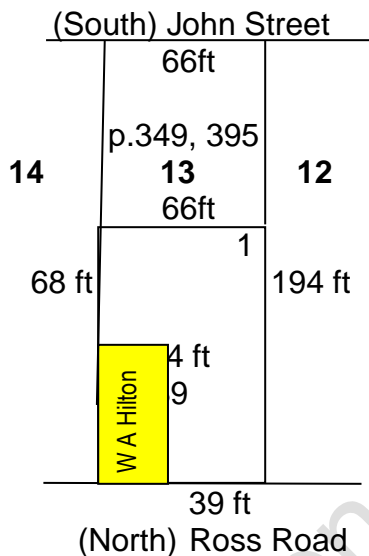
On 21 October 1859 James LANE wrote to his directors that '*Bowden's House is spoken of as the only one the new Chaplain cd occupy – it is next to the Church & I hope you have been able to secure it... Bowden's wd let for more than I named £30 or £35 per an*'

On 26 December 1859 James LANE wrote '*By the "Termagant" a Power of Atty came to Dean from Bowden to sell his property & it was offered in Lots on the 23rd inst – I bought the House & Land, & a separate one-room American House suitable for the Camp, for £259. I can let the House & Land for £35 or £40 per an: for a good boarding House which is much wanted & will be advantageous to the Company. Dean wanted to buy it & bid up to £245. Mr Havers also it is reported, for a store.*'

On 29 December 1859 **Thomas BOWDEN**, of the City of Oporto Merchant, and **Joaquina Charlota**, his wife, granted to the **Falkland Islands Company Ltd** '*All that lot or parcel of Land in the Falkland Islands situate in the Town of Stanley containing half an acre and numbered thirteen and more particularly described as to metes and bounds in the official plan or survey made by Murrell Robinson Robinson Surveyor in the month of May 1844 of record in the office of the Surveyor together with the Dwelling houses thereon erected fronting on Ross Road and situate between the "Queens Arms" and the Church and all other erections thereon and the rights privileges and advantages thereto belonging*' for £250. [BUG-REG-1; 210]

On 19 January 1866 the **Falkland Islands Company Ltd** granted to the **Reverend Charles BULL** '*All that parcel of Land in the Falkland Islands situate in Ross Road Stanley part of Town Lot No 13 purchased by the said Company of Thomas Bowden extending in depth from North to South One hundred and ninety four feet and in width from East to West sixty six feet together with the Two Dwelling Houses thereon erected*' for £250. [BUG-REG-1; 295]

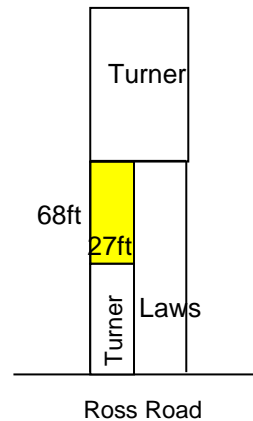
On 1 April 1867 the Reverend **Charles BULL** granted to **William Alexander HILTON**, carpenter of Stanley, 'All that parcel of land in the Falkland Islands situate in Ross Road Stanley part of Town lot No 13 extending in depth 126 feet from North to South, from East to West 27 feet together with the Dwelling house erected thereon and known as Church Cottage. The said land being bordered on the East by the Queens Arms Hotel, and on the West by the land attached to Church House' for £65. [BUG-REG-1; 301]



L-R Small house, Orchid House, Church House partially obscured, part of the Exchange Building 1870s – photo Blake Album

On 30 March 1871 **William Alexander HILTON**, carpenter of Stanley, granted to **James TURNER**, merchant of Stanley, 'All that parcel of land in the Falkland Islands situate in Ross Road Stanley part **NE corner** of Town Lot No 13 extending in depth 126 feet from North to South, from East to West 27 feet, together with the dwelling house erected thereon. The said land being bordered on the east by the Queens Arms Hotel, and on the West by the land attached to Church House' for £130. [BUG-REG-1; 399]

On 27 March 1875 **Alexander LAWS**, shipwright and master mariner of Stanley, granted to **James TURNER**, merchant of Stanley, 'All that parcel of Land in the Falkland Islands situate in the Town of Stanley being a portion of allotment no thirteen (13), bounded on the north by another portion of the same allotment 27 feet, on the east by allotment 14, 68 feet, on the South and West by other portions of the same Allotment 27 and 68 feet respectively, containing six perches more or less' for five shillings. [BUG-REG-1; 399]



On 24 April 1875 **James TURNER**, merchant of Stanley, granted to **Messrs John Markham Dean & Son**, merchants of Stanley, 'All that parcel of Land in the Falkland Islands situate in the Town of Stanley, being a part of Lot No 13. Bounded on the north by the Ross Road 27 feet, on the East by Lot No 14 330 feet, on the South by John Street 27 feet and on the West by a portion of Allotment No 13 330 feet containing 33 perches more or less, together with the houses erected thereon' for £600. [BUG-REG-1; 400]

On 28 April 1875 **Messrs John Markham Dean & Son**, merchants of Stanley, granted to **John Key THOMAS**, master of the Barque "Sea Witch", 'All that parcel of Land in the Falkland Islands situate in the Town of Stanley, being the eastern part of Lot number thirteen. Bounded on the north by the Ross Road 27 feet, on the East by allotment number fourteen 330 feet, on the South by John Street 27 feet and on the West by the remaining portion of Allotment Number thirteen (13) 330 feet containing 33 perches more or less, together with the houses erected thereon' for £600. [BUG-REG-1; 401]

John Key THOMAS, ship owner, died 23 October 1907 in Stamford Hill, London. In his will dated 8 October 1890 he left all of his property to his wife, **Elizabeth THOMAS**, and on her death or remarriage equally to his daughter **Eliza**, wife of **John Hall DEAN**, and his son **William Atkinson THOMAS**. [BUG-REG-6; 237]

On 3 December 1912 **William Atkinson THOMAS**, of No 1 Hollyfield Avenue Friern Barnet in the County of Middlesex England Gentleman, and **Eliza Mary DEAN**, of Windermere Woodberry Down Finsbury Park in the County of Middlesex England Gentlewoman, granted to **Thomas BINNIE** and **Nisbet BINNIE**, both of Stanley, 'All that piece or parcel of freehold land in the Falkland Islands situate in the town of Stanley being the Eastern part of Lot number thirteen (13) bounded on the North by the Ross Road Twenty seven feet on the East by allotment number fourteen (14) Three hundred and thirty feet on the South by John Street Twenty seven feet and on the West by the remaining portion of allotment number Thirteen (13) Three hundred and thirty feet containing thirty three perches more or less Together with the house known as "Orchid House" erected thereon free from incumbrances' for £850. [BUG-REG-8; 117] The **BINNIE** family opened the Orchid Store in the building.

In 1957 the **BINNIE** family sold the property to the **Falkland Islands Company Ltd** and it was demolished soon after.