## PORT LOUIS SOUTH STATION OR ANSON OR GREEN PATCH, LONG ISLAND, SPARROW COVE AND PORT HARRIET OR SISTER STATIONS

# NB: Various spellings of names are as written in the records. Writing in Blue presumed as original document badly fire damaged.

Port Louis, originally Fort St Louis, was either named after King Louis XV of France of after himself by Louis Antoine de BOUGAINVILLE in 1764. Anson was named in 1842 by Lt Governor MOODY after Lord ANSON, an Admiral of the Fleet. Sparrow Cove was named after HMK *Sparrow* which was stationed at the Falkland Islands 1839 to 1943. Port Harriet was named after the American sealing schooner *Harriet*.

On 14 February 1820 the French corvette *l'Uranie* under Captain **Louis de FREYCINET** struck a rock about <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of a mile North-East by East of the Volunteer Rocks. The ship was turned around and got off but was leaking fast so they made for land and ran her on shore at Long Island where she fell over on the starboard side. The 160 crew and passengers were rescued by an American vessel the *Mercury*. The bay to the south now bears the name Uranie. [Narrative of a Voyage Round the World in the Uranie and Physicienne Corvettes, 1823: A Voyage towards The

South Pole by James Weddell, 1827: For drawings <u>https://slwa.wa.gov.au/freycinet/falkland-islands</u> ]

In the 1830s a turf wall was built across Point William. "Corral and hut on Point William commonly known as the "Mangara". This corral contains about 300 acres principally tussac and is formed by a sod wall and ditch constructed across a narrow neck of land between Kidney Cove and Point William, - on the spot marked I on the Chart of the Falkland Islands. It was original built by the Naval officers in charge of the Islands before it was made a Colony but was thoroughly repaired in 1846 at a cost of 60£ to the Colonial Government. A turf hut very small was at the same time constructed outside the gate for the use of the Guacho in charge of the Government cattle. The Government cattle and horses were kept there for a year after it was repaired. 16 September 1848." [E1; pg 157]



Remains of stone and clay hut on Long Island, 1996 – photo JCNA

In March 1843 a hut was built at Long Island. "This hut is situated on the shore of the mainland facing the ford leading to Long Island. It is built of stone and clay with a good roof, door and fireplace. It has not been inspected on the part of Government since October 1845. It was then in good repair. It was built in March 1843. The site of the hut is marked G in the chart of the Falkland Islands. The corral is a small one built of dry stones not very well. The walls are thin and low, it was in good repair in October 1845. It is situated on a point covered with shingle on the west end of Long Island marked H on the Chart. 28 September 1848." [E1; pg 161]



Remains of drystone corral on Long Island, 1996 – photo JCNA

On 31 August 1845 the body of **Richard PENNY**, who had gone missing 6 May 1845, was found at Sparrow Cove. He was buried in Port Louis Cemetery. [H3]

On 8 April 1846 **John R McINTOSH** was recorded as living at Sparrow Cove and looking after the cattle kept there. [D: 5/46]

The Port Fitzroy Hut was built in November 1846. *"This hut is in every respect like that built at Darwin Harbour – have been built in the same months. It was in very good repair in March 1848. It is situated at the mouth of the Fitzroy river at the spot marked R in the chart of the Falkland Islands. At the time this hut was built materials were left sufficient to construct a wooden house 12 x 12. These materials consist of 3 inch deals, 1 inch boards, bricks and lime. 28 September 1848." [E1; pg 183]* 

In 1846 a small turf hut was built outside the turf wall at Point William for the use of the gaucho in charge of the Government cattle. [E1; pg 157]

On 21 December 1847 **John Bull WHITINGTON** was issued with Crown Grant 20 for £233-8-0 and conveyed same to **John SCULLEY** for £200. Being *"the Lands known as Rural Allotment Number One Situated near Sparrow Cove in the County of Ross containing Five Hundred and Eighty Three Acres and Five Roods."* [BUG-REG-1; pg 30; 32; 33]

Circa 1847 Joseph LEE herdsman, William SEYMOUR cattle-catcher and John B WHITINGTON farmer, were resident at Sparrow Cove and three of the names to form Militia under Ordinance of 11<sup>th</sup> Victoria No 3 Sess 2. [H6]

On payment of £65 Crown Grant 24 being 160 acres on the southern shore of Port Harriet was issued to **Bartholomew James SULIVAN** 31 July 1849 being the compulsory purchase for Section No 1. [CG 40]

On 10 August 1849 **John Bull WHITINGTON** was granted a lease for £15 of 9,000 acres "on the north shore of Port Harriett, including the Peninsula on the south shore of Port William. Tenure by mutual termination at one month's notice." (This was subsequently transferred to R C PACKE and then the Falkland Islands Company Ltd.) [BUG-REG-2; pg 34]

On 22 December 1849 **Messrs L B Mackinnon, P Hamond, R N Hamond** and **B J Sulivan RN** were granted Crown Lease 1 Port Harriet Station for 20 years at an annual rent of £10. Being "Six thousand acres of land on the south of Port Harriett and between Mount Harriett and North basin". [BUG-REG-2; pg 38]

On 27 March 1850 the land that the Long Island Hut and corral were on was sold. The hut and corral were both recorded as being in ruins. [E2; pg 161]

On payment of £64 Crown Grant 39 being 215 acres on the east side of Weir Creek in Port William was issued to **John Bull WHITINGTON** 19 February 1850 being the compulsory purchase for Section 57. [CG 39]

On payment of £86 Crown Grant 40 being 215 acres Duperry Harbour/Uranie Bay in Berkeley Sound being compulsory purchase on Section 3 was issued to **Messrs Laughlan Bellingham MACKINNON, Philip HAMOND, Robert Nicholas HAMOND** and **Bartholomew James SULIVAN** 23 March 1850. [CG 40]

On 29 June 1850 **Thomas BOWDEN** was granted Crown Lease 4 Kidney Island for 20 years at an annual rent of £10. Being *"Kidney Island and 6000 acres of Land between the Mount Low chain of hills and Berkeley Sound including Point William"*. The turf wall and hut on Point William was sold to **Mr DEAN**'s agent Mr Bowden for £15 being in a very ruinous condition. [BUG-REG-2; pg 38: E1; pg 157]

On 29 June 1850 **James EDWARDS** was granted a temporary occupation licence of District 1 at an annual rent of £1. Being *"South shore of Berkeley Sound, viz from Uranie Bay and Halfway Valley"*. The licence was terminated due to non-payment of rent. [BUG-REG-2; pg 26]

On 31 March 1851 **Messrs MACKINNON, HAMOND** and **SULIVAN** purchased a 5 year lease of the Mullet Fishery, in Johnsons Harbour, Chabot Creek, and Bougainville Creek in Berkeley Sound for £2. Terminated 31 March 1856. [BUG-REG-2; pg 34]

On 31 March 1851 Messrs L B Mackinnon, P Hamond, R N Hamond and B J Sulivan RN were granted Crown Lease 3 Long Island for 20 years at an annual rent of £10. Being *"Long Island and land between Mount Vernet, Port Salvador and Uranie Bay, 6000 acres".* [BUG-REG-2; pg 38]

On 15 February 1852 **Robert Christopher PACKE** on behalf of Messrs **MACKINNON**, **HAMOND**, **HAMOND** and **SULIVAN** paid £64 for 160 acres situated on the north shore of Port Louis in Berkeley Sound, adjoining the Carenage. Crown Grant 44 was issued 17 February 1852 being the compulsory purchase for Section 5. [CG 44]

On 19 July 1852 **Robert Christopher PACKE** on behalf of Messrs **MACKINNON**, **HAMOND**, **HAMOND and SULIVAN** being entitled to a grazing licence on behalf of the lot of rural land

purchased 15 February 1852, was granted Crown Lease 5 Port Louis for 20 years at an annual rent of £10. Being 6000 acres of Land between Pig's Brook, Anson, and Duperry Harbour and Port Salvador, round the head of Berkeley Sound *"all the Land lying on the South by a line running from the head of the westernmost creek in Duperry Harbour to the head of Boundary Creek in Port Salvador, on the west by Port Salvador, on the west by a line from the head of Chabot Creek drawn north east, towards Twelve o'clock Hill as far as ...... on the north by Pigs Brook and on the east by the inner basin of Port Louis called the Carenage." [BUG-REG-2; pg 21; 38]* 

On 18 June 1853 **Messrs Mackinnon & Co** were granted a temporary occupation licence of District 4 at an annual rent of £1. Being *"The north shore of Port Harriett between the Wall bounding the Peninsula Farm" and the "Port Harriett district"*. [BUG-REG-2; pg 26]

On 28 June 1853 **Messrs Mackinnon & Co** were granted a temporary occupation licence of District 16 at an annual rent of £1. Being *"The Land between Mount Vernet and south arm of Salvador"*. [BUG-REG-2; pg 26; 30]

On 13 September 1853 **Messrs Mackinnon & Co** were granted a temporary occupation licence of District 17 at an annual rent of £1. Being *"The peninsula between Port Fitzroy and Port Pleasant"*. Terminated due to non-payment of rent; paid 6 September 1855. Terminated by purchase of land. [BUG-REG-2; pg 26]

On 13 December 1854 **Messrs Mackinnon & Co** were granted a temporary occupation licence of District 18 at an annual rent of £1. Being *"The North shore of the Northeast arm of Port Salvador including Surrey Point and Green Island"*. Terminated due to non-payment of rent. [BUG-REG-2; pg 26]

On 31 March 1856 **Robert Christopher PACKE** purchased a 5 year lease of the Mullet Fishery, in Johnsons Harbour, Chabot Creek, and Bougainville Creek in Berkeley Sound for £2. [BUG-REG-2; pg 34]

The 3445 ton British barque *Blanche* under **Captain SHAW** with a cargo of coal sprung a leak 5 days out from near Staten Land which forced the captain to bear up and he voluntarily placed her on a rocky shore off Kidney Island 20 January 1856 where she went to pieces. The captain departed 9 April 1856 on board the British barque *Solway*. [SHI-REG-1]

On 31 May 1856 the Port Fitzroy hut was sold at public auction to **Captain Robert Christopher PACKE**. [E1; pg 183]

On 23 June 1857 **Thomas** and **Carlota BOWDEN** conveyed Crown Grant 20 to **Robert Christopher PACKE** for £1,100. Being "All that parcel of Land in the Falkland Islands situate on the shores of Port William near Sparrow Cove containing Five hundred and eighty three Acres and Two Roods...together with all the Stock Premises Constructions Hereditaments and Tenements thereon or appertaining thereto and all Right and Titles derived therefrom." [BUG-REG-1; pg 168]

The *Alexander*, a British barque of 269 tons under **Captain William Richard BARTLETT** with a crew of 13 and 1 passenger, 40 days out from Rio Leaho bound for Liverpool with a cargo of hides, log wood and sugar, was wrecked on Point William 5 September 1860. In beating up the Ship missed stays off Point William & was obliged to anchor. She went ashore about 3am on 5 September 1860. Point William was also known as Menguera Point and is now commonly called Mengeary Point. [SHI-REG-1]

On 1 March 1867 Lieutenant James Y F SULIVAN RN was granted an occupation licence for £5 for the station known as The Estancia. Bounded "on the North by Station No 3 in the occupation of R C Packe Esquire, on the West by the shores of Port Salvador, on the South by a line running from the South arm of St Salvador four miles, and on the East by a line running North to Mount Vernet 1 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> miles." [BUG-REG-2; pg 171]

On 30 July 1868 **Charles Conyngham TURPIN** was granted an occupation licence for £5 for the station known as The Estancia. Bounded *"on the North by Station No 3 and the shores of Port Salvador, on the South by a line running East from the South Arm of Port Salvador 4 miles, and on the East by a line running North to Mount Vernet 1 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> miles." [BUG-REG-2; pg 204]* 

As he had built a house on Section 46 the Estancia and stocked it **Charles Conyngham TURPIN** was granted a lease 30 July 1869 for 10 years at an annual rent of £10. Bounded "on the North by Station No 3 and the shores of Port Salvador, on the West and South West by the Shores of Port Salvador, on the South by a line running East from the South Arm of Port Salvador 4 miles, and on the East by a line running North to Mount Vernet 1 ¾ miles". [BUG-REG-2; pg 48; 228]

On 1 October 1870 **Robert Christopher PACKE** was granted a renewal of Lease 4 for 21 years at an annual rent of £10. Being *"all the land situate in Point William and the South shore of Berkeley Sound bounded on the North by Berkeley Sound on the East by the Sea and the South by Port William and by a line drawn from the North Western corner of the freehold (already possessed by R C Packe Esq) to the summit of Mount Low and thence along the range of hills to Halfway Valley bounded on the West by the said valley following the Stream to its mouth in Berkeley Sound also including Kidney Island and containing six thousand acres more or less." [BUG-REG-2; pg 312]* 

On 28 October 1870 **Robert Christopher PACKE** was granted a licence for £5 to occupy a station south of No 49 "Starting at the South East Corner of No 49 and bounded on the North East by Stations Nos. 11 & 12 two miles and three quarters, and on the South East by a line running West <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> South five miles; on the South West by a line running North West <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> West over the summit of Mount Simon to the South West corner of Station No 49 four miles and one quarter; and containing six thousand acres more or less." [BUG-REG-2; pg 295]

On 22 December 1870 **Robert Christopher PACKE** was granted a Lease of Port Harriet Station for 21 years at an annual rent of £10. Being *"all the land on the South side of Port Harriet lying westward of a line drawn due North from the head of Port Harriet to the chain of hills bounded on the North by the said chain of hills, on the West by a stream of stones running into the West end of North Basin; and on the South by North Basin, Port Fitzroy and the Sea: containing six thousand acres more or less." [BUG-REG-2; pg 259]* 

On 24 December 1870 **Robert Christopher PACKE** was granted a licence for £5 to occupy a station south of No 4 bounded "On the North by Station No 4, on the South East, South and South West by Sparrow Cove, Port Williams, and the River Murrell, respectively; and on the West by the River Turner till it meets the South West corner of No 4, and containing six thousand acres more or less." Section 57. [BUG-REG-2; pg 296]

On 24 December 1870 **Robert Christopher PACKE** was granted a licence for £5 to occupy a Station North of Port Harriet containing 6,000 acres more or less bounded: *"from the North West Corner of the wall between Mount Harriet and Mount William and runs North three miles till it meets the Murrell River; and on the North West by the Murrell and a line running South to the range of hills behind North Basin and on the South by No 1 Station."* Station 58. [BUG-REG-2; pg 297]

On 31 March 1871 **Robert Christopher PACKE** was granted a renewal of Lease 3 Long Island for 21 years at an annual rent of £10 containing 6,000 acres more or less. Being *"all the land* 

lying on the South shore of Berkeley Sound bound on the East by Uranie Bay, on the South East and South by a line from the east end of Uranie Bay to the summit of Mount Vernet and thence to the head of the south east arm of Port Salvador, on the West by Port Salvador and on the North by Boundary Creek and a line drawn from the head thereof to the West end of Duperry Harbour, by Duperry Harbour and Port Louis including Long Island and the peninsula opposite thereto." [BUG-REG-2; pg 321]

On 30 July 1871 **Robert Christopher PACKE** was granted an annulment of the lease held by **Charles Conyngham TURPIN** and a new Lease of Station 46 the Estancia for 21 years at an annual rent of £6 for the first 10 years and £10 for the remainder of the term containing 6,000 acres more or less. Bounded "On the north by Station No 3 and the shores of Port Salvador; on the West South West by the shores of Port Salvador; on the South by a line running East from the South arm of Port Salvador four miles; and on the East by a line running North to Mount Vernet one mile and three quarters." [BUG-REG-2; pg 310]

On 16 March 1872 **Robert Christopher PACKE** was granted a renewal of Lease 1 Port Harriet for 21 years at an annual rent of £10 containing 6,000 acres more or less. Being *"all the land on the South side of Port Harriet lying westward of a line drawn due N from the head of Port Harriet to the chain of hills; bounded on the N by the said chain of hills; on the West by a stream of stone running in the West end of North Basin and on the South by North Basin, Port Fitzroy and the Sea."* [BUG-REG-2; pg 317]



The old house at Long Island thought to be built during the 1870s. Before being extended the house originally consisted of two rooms downstairs and one upstairs – photo JCNA

On 31 March 1872 **Robert Christopher PACKE** was granted a renewal of Lease 3 for 21 years at an annual rent of £10 containing 6,000 acres more or less. Being *"all the land lying on the South shore of Berkeley Sound bound on the East by Uranie Bay, on the South East and South by a line from the east end of Uranie Bay to the summit of Mount Vernet and thence to the head of the south east arm of Port Salvador, on the West by Port Salvador and on the North by* 

Boundary Creek and a line drawn from the head thereof to the West end of Duperry Harbour, by Duperry Harbour and Port Louis including Long Island and the peninsula opposite thereto." [BUG-REG-2; pg 321]

On 19 July 1872 **Robert Christopher PACKE** was granted a renewal of Lease 5 for 21 years at an annual rent of £13-1-4 containing 7,840 acres more or less. Bounded "On the South by a line running from the head of the Westernmost Creek in Duperry Harbour to the head of boundary Creek in Port Salvador; on the West and North West by Port Salvador, on the North by pigs brook and a line running North West to the head of the North East arm of Port Salvador in Port Salvador which forms the Southern boundary of Whitingtons rincon. On the East by the inner basin of Port Louis called the Carenage." [BUG-REG-2; pg 323]

As he had built a house on Section 57 and stocked it **Robert Christopher PACKE** was granted a lease 24 December 1873 for 21 years at an annual rent of £6 for the first 10 years and £10 for the remainder of the lease. Bounded "On the North by Station No 4, on the South East, South & south West by Sparrow Cove, Port William, and River Murrell respectively; and on the West by the River Turner till it meets the South West corner of No 4 and containing in all 6000 acres". [BUG-REG-2; pg 336]

As he had built a house on Section 58 and stocked it **Robert Christopher PACKE** was granted a lease 24 December 1873 for 21 years at an annual rent of £6 for the first 10 years and £10 for the remainder of the lease. Bounded "on the East from the North West corner of the Wall between Mount Harriett and Mount William running North three miles till it meets the Murrell River; and on the North West by the Murrell and a line running south to the range of hills behind North Basin; and on the South by Station No 1 and containing in all 6000 acres". [BUG-REG-2; pg 337]

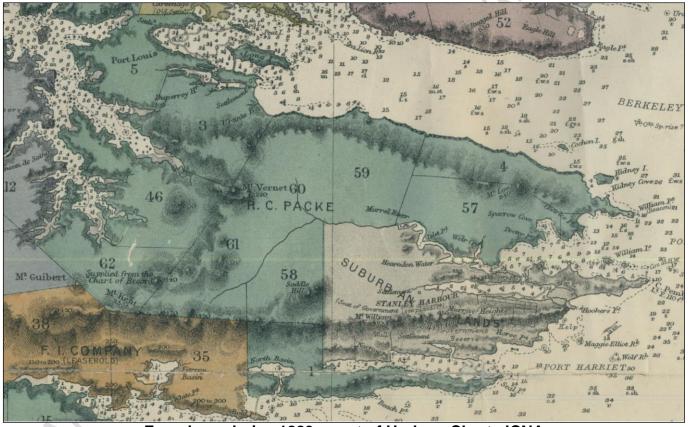
On 24 December 1873 **Robert Christopher PACKE** was granted a licence for £15 to occupy Sections 59, 60 and 61 containing 15,000 acres more or less bounded "On the North by Berkely Sound, on the East by Stations Nos 57 & 58 on the West by a line drawn from Uranie Bay along the Eastern boundaries of Stations Nos 3 and 46 past Mount Vernet to Mount Kent, on the South by a range of mountains of which Mount Kent forms one, and by the River Murrell." [BUG-REG-2; pg 319]

On 20 April 1874 **Robert Christopher PACKE** applied for a licence to occupy the Rincon lying to the South of Port Salvador, and East of Rincon del Saino also a portion of Station No 54, both portions in the occupation of James Felton, who has consented to transer the two portions containing 2,000 acres or thereabout, and also the unoccupied portion of land lying immediatley East of the first named Rincon & south of No 46 containing 4,000 acres or thereabouts, comprising in total one section of 6,000 acres, and and on 20 April 1874 was granted a licence for £5 to occupy Station 62 bounded "On the West by a Stream running in a Northerly direction into the South West arm of Port Salvador, which forms the eastern side of Rincon del Saino, from a deep Gulph Way in the chain of mountains, on the south by the mountains of which Mount Guibert is one up to Mount Kent; on the East by the West boundary of Station No 61. On the North by Port Salvador and Section No 46." [BUG-REG-2; pg 320]

As he had built a house on Section 62 and stocked it **Robert Christopher PACKE** was granted a lease 20 April 1875 for 21 years at an annual rent of £6 for the first 10 years and £10 for the remainder of the lease. Bounded "On the West by a stream running in a Northerly direction into the South West arm of Port Salvador, which forms the eastern side of Rincon del Saino, from a deep gulch way in the chain of mountains. On the South by the mountains of which Mount Guibert is one up to Mount Kent. On the East by the West boundary of Station No 61. On the North by Port Salvador and Section No 46 containing 6,000 acres more or less". [BUG-REG-2; pg 376]

As he had built houses on Sections 59, 60 and 61 and stocked them **Robert Christopher PACKE** was a granted a lease 24 December 1875 for 21 years at an annual rent of £18 for the first 10 years and £30 for the remainder of the lease. Bounded "On the North by Berkeley Sound; on the East by Stations Nos 57 & 58; on the West by a line drawn from Uranie Bay along the Eastern boundaries of Stations Nos 3 & 46 past Mount Vernet and to Mount Kent; on the South by a range of Mountains of which mount Kent forms one and by the River Murrell containing in all 15,000 acres more or less". [BUG-REG-2; pg 378]

On 14 May 1876 the 656 ton Italian barque *Fortunato* 30 days out from Montevideo and bound for Callao was run ashore in Uranie Bay in a sinking condition. She had seen a strong gale round Cape Horn and the captain had been washed overboard. It was impossible to save the ship and the *Fortunato* was ultimately condemned and everything that was possible was brought in to Stanley and sold at auction to John Markham DEAN. With the funds realised the crew were sent to Montevideo on board the *Black Hawk*. The surviving crew members were Antonio REPETTO, Nicolo TERRISSANO, Angelo ARCOTTI, Nicolo BELLANO, Francesco RONEO, Guiseppe RONEO, Francisco RESTANO, Leonardo BRUNO, Waldo FRANCOSCHINO, Guiseppe HORANDO, Antonio AMALDO, Gilio GARASCINO and Giovanni De TEREARI. [SHI-REG-1: FIC/D4; 6 Jul 1876]



Farm boundaries 1883 – part of Hudson Chart, JCNA

On payment of £32 Crown Grant 285 was issued 8 September 1885 to **Robert Christopher PACKE** for 160 acres being the compulsory purchase on Station 62 SW of Estancia. [CG 285]

On payment of £96 Crown Grant 293 was issued 24 December 1885 to **Robert Christopher PACKE** for 480 acres being compulsory purchase on Stations 59, 60 & 61. [CG 293]

On 29 October 1889 the British ship *Amoy* under **Captain Evan BOWEN** went on shore on Point William (Mengeara Point) and was a total wreck by 30 October 1889. "*The Amoy from Paranagua for Valparaiso was totally wrecked on Point William on the 29<sup>th</sup> ult. in endeavouring to enter the harbour. The ship was unmanageable, owing to the foul conditions of her bottom, and the Master was acquitted at the enquiry...." The Shipping Master wrote to the Board of* 

Trade 11 November 1889: "...I have also to report that the British Ship "Amoy" No 45960 of the Port of Glasgow went on shore on Point William and became a total wreck on the 30<sup>th</sup> October ultimo, and the crew with the exception of James Mullen AB and J Luchtenberg AB are being sent on to Montevideo by this mail." [FIC/D8; 78-79 – Nov 1889]

On 14 November 1891 **Robert Christopher PACKE** was granted an occupation licence for an annual rent of £20 of Section No 4 Kidney Island being "All the land situated on Point William and the South shore of Berkeley Sound bounded on the North by Berkeley Sound, on the East by the Sea on the South by Port William and by a line drawn from the North West corner of the Freehold in possession of R C Packe Esq to the summit of Mount Low and thence along the range of hills to Halfway Valley and on the West by said valley following the stream to its mouth in Berkeley Sound and not including Kidney Island containing 6,000 acres more or less." [BUG-REG-2; pg 311]

On 30 December 1891 **Robert Christopher PACKE** was granted an occupation licence for an annual rent of £20 of Section No 1 Port Harriet being "all the land on the South side of Port Harriet lying westward of a line drawn due N from the head of Port Harriet to the chain of hills; bounded on the north by the said chain of hills; on the West by a stream of stone running in the West end of North Basin and on the South by North Basin, Port Fitzroy and the Sea and containing 6,000 acres more or less." [BUG-REG-2; pg 317]

On 14 November 1892 **Robert Christopher PACKE** was granted an occupation licence for an annual rent of £20 of Section No 4 Kidney Island being "All the land situated on Point William and the South shore of Berkeley Sound bounded on the North by Berkeley Sound, on the East by the Sea on the South by Port William and by a line drawn from the North West corner of the Freehold in possession of R C Packe Esq to the summit of Mount Low and thence along the range of hills to Halfway Valley and on the West by said valley following the stream to its mouth in Berkeley Sound and not including Kidney Island containing 6,000 acres more or less." [BUG-REG-2; pg 311]

On 30 December 1892 **Robert Christopher PACKE** was granted an occupation licence of Section No 3 Long Island being "all the land lying on the south shore of Berkeley Sound bound on the east by Uranie Bay on the south east and south by a line from the east end of Uranie Bay to the summit of Mount Vernet and thence to the head of the south east arm of Port Salvador, on the west by Port Salvador and on the north by Boundary Creek and a line drawn from the head thereof to the west end of Duperry Harbour, by Duperry Harbour & Port Louis including Long Island and the peninsula opposite thereto as shown in the official chart of record and containing 6,000 acres more or less." [BUG-REG-2; pg 321]

On 15 August 1894 the lease of Station 1 Port Harriet containing 6,000 acres, bequeathed to **Vere PACKE** by **Robert Christopher PACKE** and which Lease had expired by effluxion of time, was renewed for 21 years from 22 December 1891 at an annual rent of £20 with the right to kill and take seals reserved to the Falkland Islands Government. Being *"All the land on the South side of Port Harriet lying westward of a line drawn N from the head of Port Harriet to the chain of hills bounded on the North by the said chain of hills, on the West by a stream of stone running in the West end of North basin and on the South by North basin, Port Fitzroy and the sea." [BUG-REG-9; pg 45]* 

On 15 August 1894 the lease of Station 3 Long Island containing 6,000 acres, bequeathed to **Vere PACKE** by **Robert Christopher PACKE** and which Lease had expired by effluxion of time, was renewed for 21 years from 31 March 1892 at an annual rent of £20 with the right to kill and take seals reserved to the Falkland Islands Government. Bounded *"on the East by Uranie Bay on the South East and South by a line from the East of Uranie Bay to the summit of Mount Vernet and thence to the head of the South East arm of Port Salvador on the West by Port Salvador and on the North by Boundary Creek and a line drawn from the head thereof to the* 

West end of Duperry Harbour by Duperry Harbour Peninsular opposite thereto." [BUG-REG-9; pg 49]

On 15 August 1894 the lease of Station 4 Kidney Island containing 6,000 acres, bequeathed to **Vere PACKE** by **Robert Christopher PACKE** and which Lease had expired by effluxion of time, was renewed for 21 years from 1 October 1891 at an annual rent of £20 with the right to kill and take seals reserved to the Falkland Islands Government. Being *"All the land situate on Point William and the South shore of Berkeley Sound bounded on the North by Berkeley Sound on the East by the sea and the South by Port William and by a line drawn from the North Western corner of the freehold (already possessed by the late R C Packe Esq) to the summit of Mount Low and thence along the range of hills to Halfway Valley following the stream to its mouth in Berkeley Sound and not including Kidney Island." [BUG-REG-9; pg 51]* 

On 15 August 1894 the lease of Station 5 South Port Louis containing 7,840 acres, bequeathed to **Vere PACKE** by **Robert Christopher PACKE** and which Lease had expired by effluxion of time, was renewed for 21 years from 19 July 1893 at an annual rent of £26-2-8 with the right to kill and take seals reserved to the Falkland Islands Government. Bounded "On the South by a line running from the head of the Westernmost Creek in Duperry Harbour to the head of Boundary Creek in Port Salvador, on the west and north west by Port Salvador on the North by Pigs Brook and a line running north west to the head of the creek in the North west arm of Port Salvador which forms the Southern boundary of Whitingtons Rincon. On the East by the inner basin of Port Louis called the Carenage." [BUG-REG-9; pg 53]

On 23 April 1895 the lease of Section 58 Sister Section containing 6,000 acres, bequeathed to **Vere PACKE** by **Robert Christopher PACKE** and which Lease had expired by effluxion of time, was renewed for 21 years from 24 December 1894 at an annual rent of £13-6-8. Bounded "On the East by a line Southwards from the Furze Bush at the River Murrell to Mount Harriet. On the North and West by the Murrell River and by a line running South to the range of hills behind North Basin and on the South Section No 1." [BUG-REG-9; pg 31]

On 23 April 1895 the lease of Station 46 Estancia Station containing 6,000 acres, bequeathed to **Vere PACKE** by **Robert Christopher PACKE** and which Lease had expired by effluxion of time, was renewed for 21 years from 30 July 1896 at an annual rent of £20 with the right to kill and take seals reserved to the Falkland Islands Government. Bounded "On the North by Station No 3 and the shores of Port Salvador. On the West, Southwest by the shore of Port Salvador. On the South by a line running East from the South arm of Port Salvador four mile. On the East by a line running North to Mount Vernet one mile and three quarters." [BUG-REG-9; pg 35]

On 23 April 1896 the lease of Station 62 Southwest of Estancia containing 6,000 acres, bequeathed to **Vere PACKE** by **Robert Christopher PACKE** and which Lease had expired by effluxion of time, was renewed for 21 years from 20 April 1896 at an annual rent of £20 with the right to kill and take seals reserved to the Falkland Islands Government. Bounded "On the West by a stream running in a northerly direction into the South west arm of Port Salvador, which forms the Eastern side of Rincon del Saino, from a deep Gulchway in the chain of Mountains. On the South by the Mountains of which Giubert is one up to Mount Kent. On the East by the west boundary of Station No 61. On the North by Port Salvador and Section No 46." [BUG-REG-9; pg 33]

On 23 April 1896 the lease of Stations 59, 60 and 61 containing 15,000 acres, bequeathed to **Vere PACKE** by **Robert Christopher PACKE** and which Lease had expired by effluxion of time, was renewed for 21 years from 24 December 1896 at an annual rent of £55-1-9 with the right to kill and take seals reserved to the Falkland Islands Government. Bounded *"On the North by Berkeley Sound. On the East by Stations Nos* 57 & 58. On the West by a line drawn from Uranie Bay along the eastern boundaries of stations Nos 3 & 46 past Mount Vernet and to

Mount Kent. On the South by a range of mountains of which Mount Kent forms one and by the River Murrell till it meets the suburban boundary of the SW corner of Section 57." [BUG-REG-9; pg 43]



The Green Patch Dip, 1996 – photo JCNA

The Green Patch dip was built in 1896 of a traditional wood and metal construction. One of the stone blocks under the iron trough is carved AD 1896 and still survives to date.

The 44 ton *Result* left Stanley for West Falkland 20 June 1897 with 12 passengers. On meeting a head wind she put back and anchored in Port Harriet 21 June 1897. With the gale increasing she remained there and on the afternoon of 23 June 1897 she began to drag and struck the Bar, the reef off Goose Green, Port Harriet. All were got ashore but one of the passengers, **Mary DETTLEFF**, died from exposure. [FIM Jul 1897: Wreck report]

On 8 May 1916 Lease 29 of Station 57 Sparrow Cove containing 6,000 acres was renewed to **Vere PACKE** for the period 24 December 1915 to 23 December 1936 at an annual rent of £25 with the right to cut and take peat, prospecting, winning and taking oil, killing and taking seals reserved to the Falkland Islands Government or any person authorised. Bounded "On the North by Station Number 4. On the South-East and South by Sparrow Cove, Port William and River Murrell. On the Southwest by the boundary of the suburban land, northerly and westerly to the River Turner. On the West by the River Turner till it meets the Southwest corner of number 4." [BUG-REG-9; pg 55]

Crown Grant 360 was issued 5 November 1903 to **Vere PACKE** for the compulsory purchase of 160 acres in Section 46 Estancia. [CG 360]

In March 1921 **G J FELTON** as attorney for **Vere PACKE** transferred all rights, title and interest in the lease of Station 1 Port Harriet, Lease 3 Long Island, Lease 4 Kidney Island, Lease 5 South Port Louis, Section 46 Estancia Station, Station 57 Sparrow Cove, Section 58 Sister

Section, Stations 59, 60 & 61 Berkeley Sound and Lease 62 Southwest of Estancia to the Falkland Islands Company Ltd. [BUG-REG-9; pg 32; 34; 36; 44; 46; 50; 52; 54; 56]

Lease No 1	Port Harriet	6000 acres
Lease No 3	Long Island	6000 acres
Lease No 4	Kidney Island Station (not	6000 acres
	Including Kidney Island)	
Lease No 5	Port Louis	7840 acres
Lease No 46	Estancia	6000 acres
Lease No 57	Sparrow Cove	6000 acres
Lease No 58	North Port Harriet/Sister	6000 acres
Lease No 59	,60,61 Berkeley Sound	15000 acres
Lease No 62	South West of Estancia	<u>6000</u> acres
		64840 acres

From this deduct the following freeholds compulsorily purchased:-

Purchased		Acres
Crown Grant No 24	Port Harriet, Stn 1	160
Crown Grant No 40	Long Island, Stn 3	160
Crown Grant No 44	Port Louis, Stn 5	160
Crown Grant No 142		160
Crown Grant No 285	SW of Estancia, Stn 62	160
Crown Grant No 293	Berk. Sd, Stn 59, 60, 61	1 480
Crown Grant No 360	Estancia, Stn 46	<u>160</u>
		1440

On 6 February 1922 the following Crown Grants were part of those conveyed by **Vere PACKE** to the **Falkland Islands Company Ltd** in exchange for 3,500 fully paid £1 shares in the Company. [BUG-REG-9; pg 14]

Particulars of Property	Date of Grant from Crown
All that parcel of land in the Falkland Islands situation the Shores of Port	21 <sup>st</sup> December 1847
William near Sparrow Cove containing 583a 2r 0p and No 1.	CG 20
All that Lot or parcel of land situate in the County of Ross containing 160 acres	31 <sup>st</sup> July 1849
and No.d 1.	CG 24
All that Lot or parcel of land situate in the County of Ross containing 160 acres and No.d 3B.	23 <sup>rd</sup> March 1850 CG 40
All that Lot or parcel of land situate in the County of Ross containing 160 acres.	30 <sup>th</sup> September 1850
All that Lot or parcel of land situate in the East Falklands containing 160 acres	CG 42
and more particularly described as to metes and bounds in the Official Plan or Survey to be made the aforesaid parcel of land being the compulsory purchase in Station No 62 South West of Estancia.	8 <sup>th</sup> September 1885
All that Lot or parcel of land situate in the East Falklands containing 480 acres	CG 285
and more particularly described as to metes and bounds in the Official Plan or Survey to be made hereafter being the compulsory purchase in Stations 59, 60 and 61.	24 <sup>th</sup> December 1885
All that Lot or parcel of land situate in Section 46 Estancia containing 160	CG 293
acres and No Part 46tp be more particularly described as to metes and bounds in the Official Plan or Survey to be hereafter made.	5 <sup>th</sup> November 1903
	CG 360

In a report made by **Hugh MUNRO** on the sheep farming industry of the Falkland Islands in 1924 he recommended the establishment of a Government Experimental Farm and recommended Block 5 known as Green Patch and containing approximately 6,000 acres. The Falkland Islands Government exchanged the Government Reserves at Darwin and Port Sussex

with a total acreage of 5,224 for Block 5. During 1925 £2,499 was disbursed from the Land Sales Fund to meet the initial establishment costs. £7,630 was disbursed from the Land Sales Fund during 1926 on the establishment and on stock investigation and research, £8,802 during 1927 and £1,361 in 1928. [R/AGR/SHE/1#2: Col Ann Reports; 1924-1928]



Farm hand's cottage at Anson – photo FIC Collection, JCNA

The five roomed farm hand's cottage at Anson, approximate size 32' x 24' x 14' to eaves, was built by Messrs **GRIERSON** and **DETTLEFF** and completed in 1926 at a cost of  $\pounds$ 1,110. [AGR/ANS/2#2]



Front view of the manager's house at Anson – photo FIC Collection, JCNA



Back view of the manager's house at Anson – photo FIC Collection, JCNA

Foundations for the eight-roomed manager's house were started in March 1926. The approximate size of the house was 40' x 30' x 16' to eaves and back view. Built at a cost of  $\pounds 2,904$ . [AGR/ANS/2#2]



Anson stables – photo FIC Collection, JCNA

A plan for the stables and implement shed was drawn up in 1926 and they were built at a cost of £1,503. [AGR/ANS/2#2]

On 17 March 1928 the manager, **Arthur ASHWORTH**, received notice that the farm was to be closed down and he and his family left for New Zealand May 1928. The Gazette of 1 April 1928 advised *"It is hereby notified, for general information, that consequent upon the recommendation of the Executive and Legislative Councils and in accordance with authority conveyed by the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to give directions in the interests of public economy for the closing down forthwith of the Experimental Farm at Port Louis. A further notification will be issued at an early date in regard to the disposal of the property movable and immovable at the Experimental Farm." The farm and all property were to be sold by public auction 1 June 1928 in one lot at an upset price of £10,000. This was cancelled and the farm was sold to the Falkland Islands Company Ltd for £12,000 in fulfilment of an undertaking given by the* 

Government in 1925 that, if at any subsequent time they decided to discontinue experimental work, the Company would have the option of resuming possession of Lot No. 5 on paying for the improvements at valuation. All the movable property on the Farm, including implements, household furniture, and stock, was as previously arranged, to be disposed of by public auction on the 1st of June, 1928. [AGR/ANS/3#1: FI Gazette 1928; pg 75; 82, 85]

CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR ARENGUIN" Price, ... ld. } Monthly Subscription 2/- } Annual -do- £1. 0. 0 } Free. Stanley, Falkland Islands, Friday, 1st July, 1932. HOUSE FOR SALE. The Falkland Islands Company, Ltd., invite tenders for the purchase of a house at Anson. The house is two-storied with a lean-to at the back, and a porch-in the front. It contains Kitchen, Sitting Room, Bathroom, Wash-House, and Soullery on the ground floor, and three bedrooms on the first floor, Plan may be seen on application. The Purchaser to remove all material from the Company's land. within two and a half months from the date of acceptance of Tender, and must leave site tidy. Tenders must be submitted in writing before the 31st July, 1932, Payment to be made on acceptance of Tender. The Company do not bind themselves to accept the highest or any Tender. For the Falkland Islands Company, Ltd., (Sgd) A.W.N. Vincent. p.p. Manager. Stanley. 30th June, 1932.

The Falkland Islands Company Ltd sold Anson Cottage for £175 in 1933. [FIC/ZD1; 25]

The Falkland Islands Company Ltd built a wool/shearing shed in 1959 at a cost of approximately £16,000. [BUG/EAG/1#3]

Sub-division of Green Patch was first proposed by the Falkland Islands Co Ltd October 1977 in a broadcast notice to the public. Green Patch (originally called Port Louis South) was purchased by the Falkland Islands Government from the Falkland Islands Company Ltd for £170,000 and sub-divided into six sections and handed over to the new owners 2 April 1980. Sub-divided into: Murrell 10,650 acres; Saddlebacks 14,288 acres; Mount Kent 17,246 acres; Estancia 10,260 acres; Whitingtons Rincon 7,883 acres, Bacon & Ham 13,360 acres.



Signed sub-division map

In March 1981 there were the following buildings at Green Patch:

- Former manager's house well maintained large four bedroom house of conventional materials and construction. Other rooms consisted of a kitchen, pantry, scullery, sitting room, office, extended glass porch on the North West corner of the house and a small entrance porch. Outbuildings of a meat house, dairy, washhouse/shed and a peat shelter.
- Overseer's or Government Agent's house identical to the manager's house but no office. Outbuildings of peat shed, henhouse/run and a utility building containing a washhouse, shed, dairy and meat house.
- Cook's house well maintained three bedroom bungalow of 42' x 25' with a two bedroom extension of 16' x 16'. Other rooms consisted of a sitting room, kitchen, pantry and bathroom. Timber and iron outbuilding 12' 4" x 8' 10".
- Schoolhouse the original section shepherd's house before Green Patch was restored to independence from Fitzroy. Heavier framed than later houses with two bedrooms, kitchen/living room, pantry, scullery, bathroom and a small front porch. Dimensions 35' x 20'. A timber and iron lean-to utility outbuilding comprising of a washhouse, gear shed, dairy and meat house. Dimensions 26' 8" x 9' 4".
- Main garage timber framed with corrugated iron cladding 40' x 28'; a small lean-to motor cycle garage 9' 4" x 9' 2"; and a four vehicle lean-to 40' x 20'.

- Combined petrol store and henhouse timber and iron lean-to 24' x 12' 3".
- Former manager's garage timber and iron building 17' 6" x 10' 3" with a lean-to 7' 6" x 6' 2".
- Wool/shearing shed a three gable structure of heavy steel framing and galvanised corrugated iron cladding on concrete foundations. Inside dimensions 105' x 110' giving a floor area of 11,550 square feet. Well maintained and in a good condition.
- Three section cowshed and corral timber framed partly clad with corrugated aluminium and partly clad with pre-coated corrugated iron. Corral of timber rails and posts 45' x 30'.
- Slaughterhouse timber framed single storey building, aluminium clad with concrete floor. Overall dimensions 27' x 12'. In a good condition.
- Bale and skin shed portal framed in steel with corrugated iron cladding and concrete floor. Dimensions 62' x 36' with 13' walls. In a good condition.
- Power house strong timber framed building with corrugated iron cladding to walls and roof and concrete floor. Dimensions 17' x 16' with 8' walls.
- Boat house built into the bank at the head of the jetty from Sandy Point timber, aluminium clad and a stone wall at one end. Dimensions 14' x 11'.
- Workshop/garage five bay Nissen Hut with a concrete floor and pit. Dimensions 30' x 16'.
- Stable timber framed and iron clad 31' x 12' 6".

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- Cinema hall and carpenters shop timber framed with corrugated aluminium wall cladding and a corrugated iron roof. Dimensions 50' x 15'.
- Store timber and iron construction with a concrete floor. Five rooms and an entrance porch. Dimensions 42' x 10' and the lean-to 24' x 8'.

[BUG/EAG/1#3]

On 27 February 1998 the old house at Long Island was listed as a building of architectural or historic interest.