

## 4 ROSS ROAD EAST; HARBOUR VIEW CROWN GRANT 168, LOT 31 IN SECTION O

*NB: Various spellings of names are recorded as written at the time.*

This house is an attractive and unusual example of construction by local builders with several notable features, including narrow weatherboarding on the façade and wide weatherboarding on the sides, double bay windows ending in half dormers, a distinctive front door, a paved path, and a double gable from the side.

On 9 July 1867 Crown Grant 168 being Lot 31 in Section O, with a frontage to Ross Road and rear to James Street and containing one rood, 24 perches, was issued to **Charles HANSEN** for £47. [CG 168]

On 21 April 1874 **Charles HANSEN**, of Stanley, granted to **Horace Newbegin WATTS**, MD of Stanley, lot 31 in exchange for £20 and the northern half portions of Lots 32 and 33. [BUG-REG-1; 372]

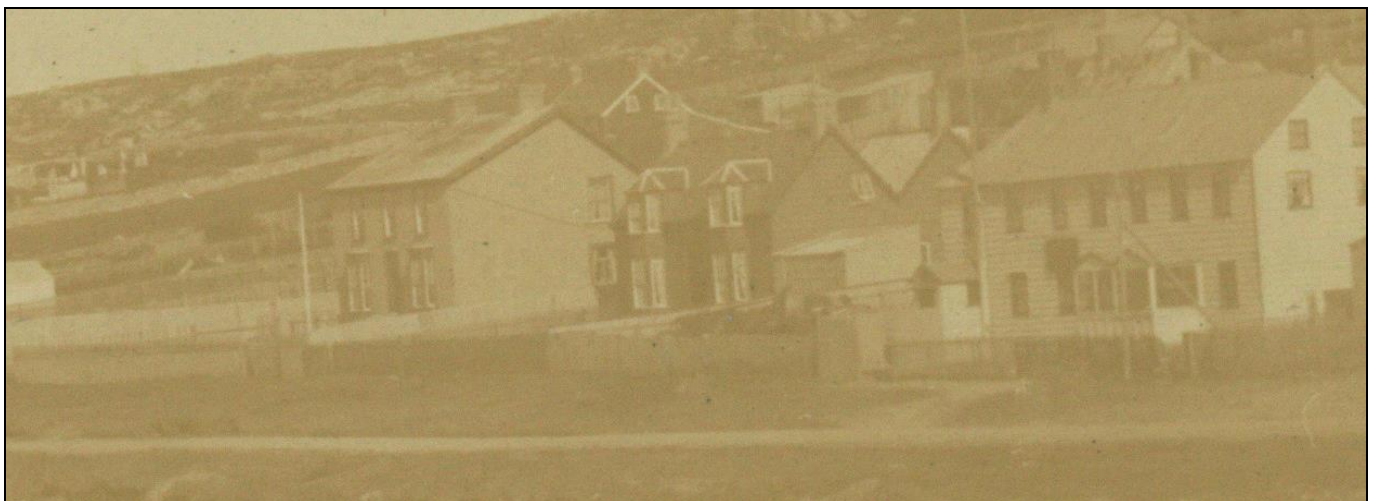
On 28 May 1874 **Horace N WATTS**, MD of Stanley, granted to **William BIGGS**, of Stanley, Lot 31 for £60. [BUG-REG-1; 374]

The house had not been built by August 1881. According to family history William, a master shipwright, built the house circa 1884/85 and lived there until his death 7 June 1913.

In January 1891, for tax purposes, 4 Ross Road East was valued at £36 on the tenement list. The owner was listed as **Wm BIGGS**. [FI Gazette 22 Jan 1891]

In 1895, for tax purposes, 4 Ross Road East was valued at £26 on the tenement list. The owner was listed as **Wm BIGGS**. [FI Gazette]

On 28 March 1921 Vincent Arthur Henry BIGGS, executor of the **Estate of William BIGGS**, granted to his wife, **Mary Elizabeth BIGGS**, of Stanley, Lot 31, Crown Grant 168 containing one rood, twenty four perches and bounded *'on the North by Ross Road 100 links, on the South by James Street 100 links, on the East by Lot 32, 200 links belonging to George I Turner and 200 links belonging to William Watson, on the West by lot 30 200 links belonging to George Alazia, together with all buildings, walls, fences and erections of any kind whatsoever now existing upon the same. Also a small quantity of repairing material'* for £880. [BUG-REG-8; 385]



**4 Ross Road East (centre) from the north west - JCNA**



**4 Ross Road East from the north - Irene Biggs Collection, JCNA**

In 1944, 4 Ross Road East consisted of a house, had a rateable value of £42 and was occupied by the owner, **Mrs V A H BIGGS**. [BUS/RAT/2#1]

Mary, age 73, died 7 October 1945. Her husband, age 79, died 20 September 1949. The house passed to their two unmarried daughters, **Madge and Irene 'Rene' BIGGS**.



**Post January 1946, the side of the house with its distinctive dual pitched roof with Viking House in the background - FIC Collection, JCNA**

In 1949, 4 Ross Road East was recorded as a wooden house with a slate tile roof and a total floor area of 1,720 square feet. There was also a peat shed 40' x 10', a washhouse 15' x 10', a workshop 15' x 10', a tool shed 12' x 10', a hen house 8 ½' x 6'. Sanitation was an earth closet and water was supplied from rain water tanks. The property was occupied by the owners, **Madge and Irene BIGGS**. [BUS/RAT/2#10]

The two main chimneys were demolished circa the 1980s.



4 Ross Road East from the north - JCNA



4 Ross Road East from the north east - JCNA



**4 Ross Road East from the north west, 1994 - JCNA**

Madge, age 93, died 8 September 1995. Rene, age 93, died 31 July 2002. The house was left to St Mary's Church.

In 2005 the house underwent renovation work including the insertion of UVPC windows.



**4 Ross Road East from the north, 2021 - JCNA**