

**46 DAVIS STREET
LOT 6 SECTION 3 – CROWN GRANT 473**

About 1925 Estate Louis Williams notified **Agnes BLYTH**, a widow and a tenant in a house owned by them, that she must move as they were ashamed of the house and considered it totally unfit for human habitation. Agnes couldn't find any other suitable quarters therefore at the end of 1928 Estate Louis Williams persuaded her son, Alex, to acquire a piece of land from Government on the understanding that they would import wood and other materials, find a suitable carpenter and finance the building of a new house for himself on condition that he took his mother to the new house.

On 9 October 1928 **Alexander BLYTH** wrote to the Colonial Secretary enquiring whether the Government would sell by private arrangement a quarter of acre of land to the east of the land of C HENRICKSEN for the purpose of building a dwelling house. This was agreed provided that a *"good type of house of approved design"* was erected within twelve months from the date of purchase.

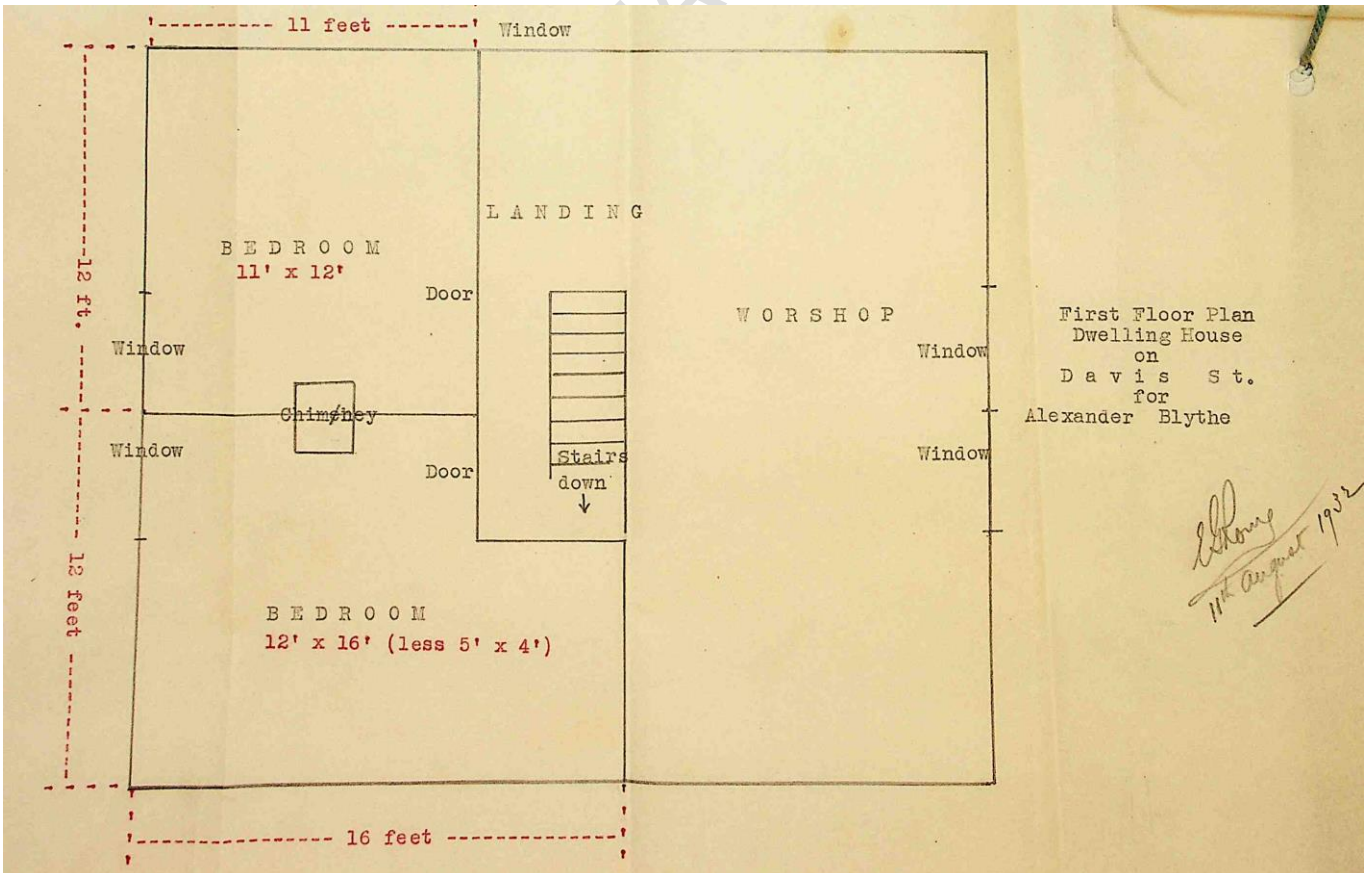
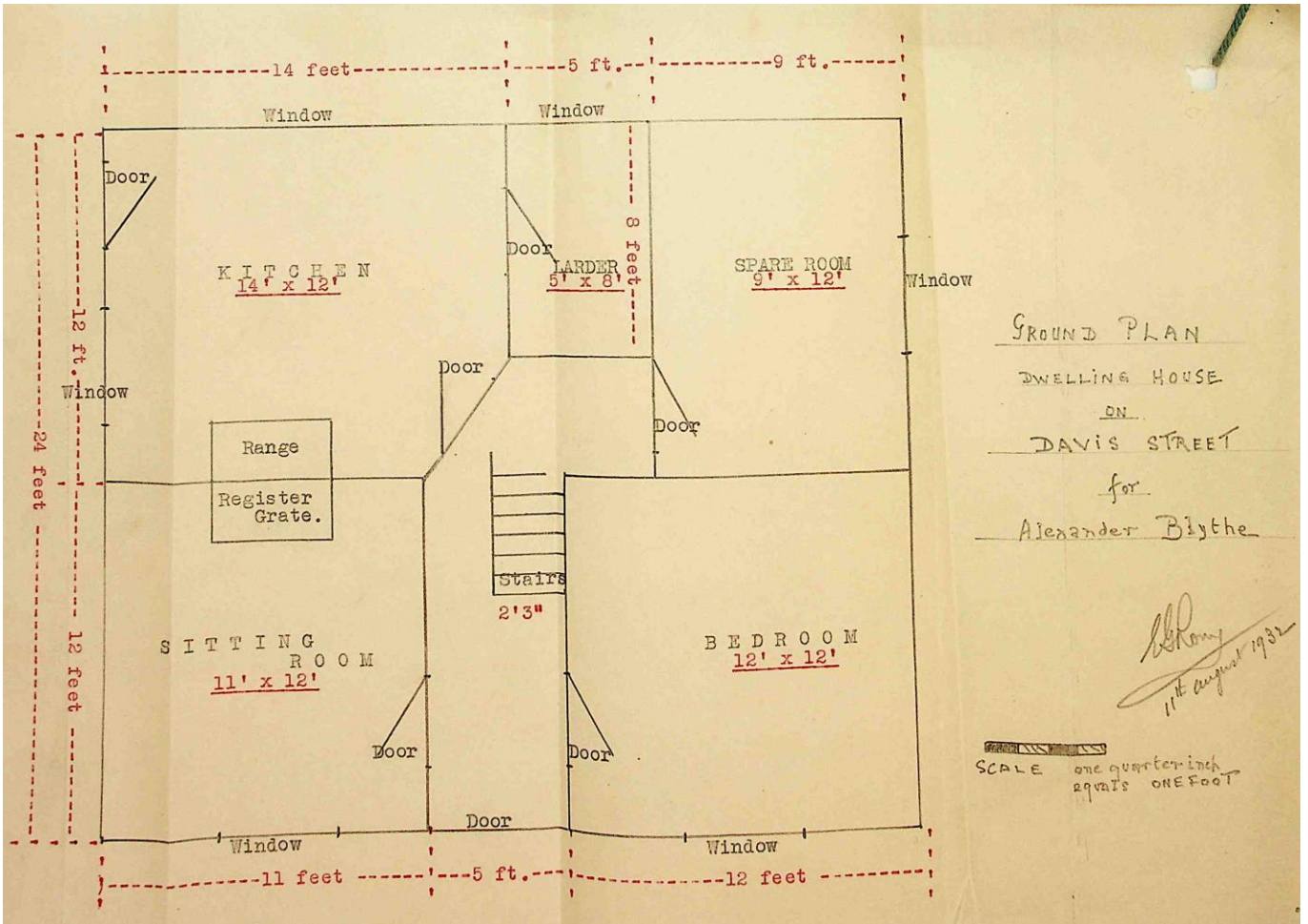
On 20 February 1930 the Colonial Secretary was notified by Estate Louis Williams the order for wood to be shipped from Tonsberg by a whaling factory hadn't arrived and therefore requested an extension of time in which to start building. This was granted up to 31 December 1930.

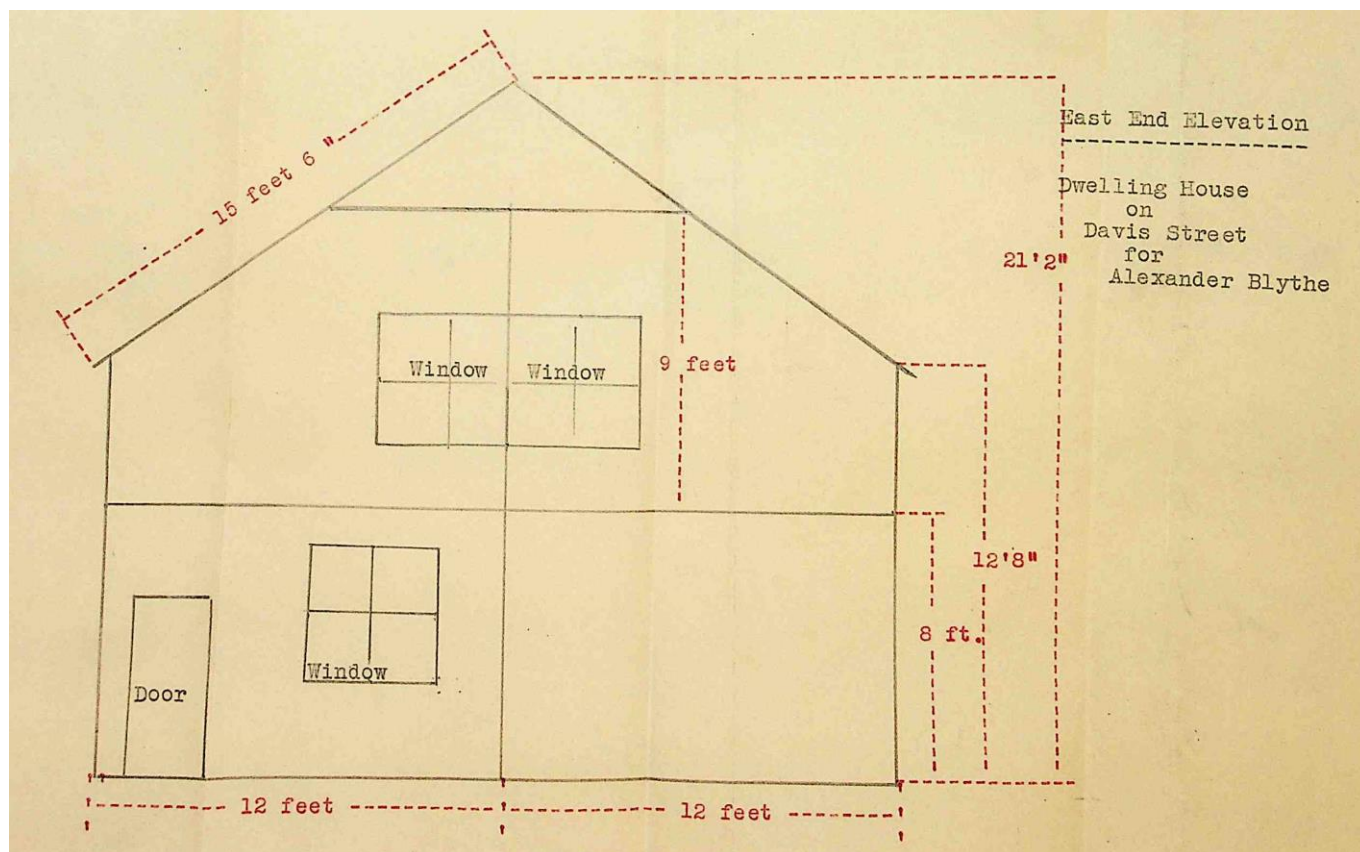
On 14 May 1932 Government were advised that the firm who were to build the house for Alex had on hand most of the material required for same.

On 8 October 1932 **Alexander BLYTH**, resident of Stanley and employed in the Public Works Department, submitted plans and specifications for the building of a two storey cottage on Davis Street. The building was to be constructed by Estate Louis Williams and was estimated to not cost more than £500 including the cost of the land, fences and outbuildings.

Specifications:

- The foundations to be wooden piles and cemented rocks.
- The walls to be constructed of timber framing; timbers of 2" x 4" and 3" x 4", morticed and tenoned, covered with 7/8" rough boarding, externally covered with flat galvanized iron, 26 Gauge, British made.
- The lining to be British made "Essex Brand" fibre boards, 3/16" thick, sheets of 4' x 8' suitably backed for strength.
- The roof to be constructed with 4" x 2" rafters, suitable purlins, lined with felt, and covered with 26 Gauge British made corrugated iron.
- The floors 1" tongue and groove floor boards - 4" x 2" joists
- The ceilings 4" x 2" joists covered with "Essex Brand" fibre boarding.
- The outbuildings to consist of an earth closet 4' x 5' and a peat shed and the water supply water catchment from the roof to a 200 gallon tank.





By 29 January 1936 the main structure of the building was well advanced and Alex applied for an advance of £160 as an instalment of a Government building loan. [BUS/DAV/1#7]

On 19 February 1936 Crown Grant 473 being part of Lot 6 in Section 3 containing quarter of an acre more or less was issued to **Alexander BLYTH** for £25 being bounded on the north by Davis Street, on the south by Crown Land, on the west by Mr C Henricksen's land and on the east by William H Watson's land. [CG 473]

On 13 March 1936 **Alexander L BLYTH** signed a mortgage for £350 at an interest rate of 4 ½ %. [BUS/DAV/1#7]

In 1959 planning permission was granted to install a flushing toilet.

Alexander, age 70 and a retired handyman, died 29 July 1959 in Stanley and was buried 1 August 1959 in Grave Q1638. His wife, Christina, age 64 and a widow from Canada, died 14 September 1968 in Stanley and was buried 18 September 1968 in Grave T2111.

In 1965 planning permission was granted to build a new back porch.



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