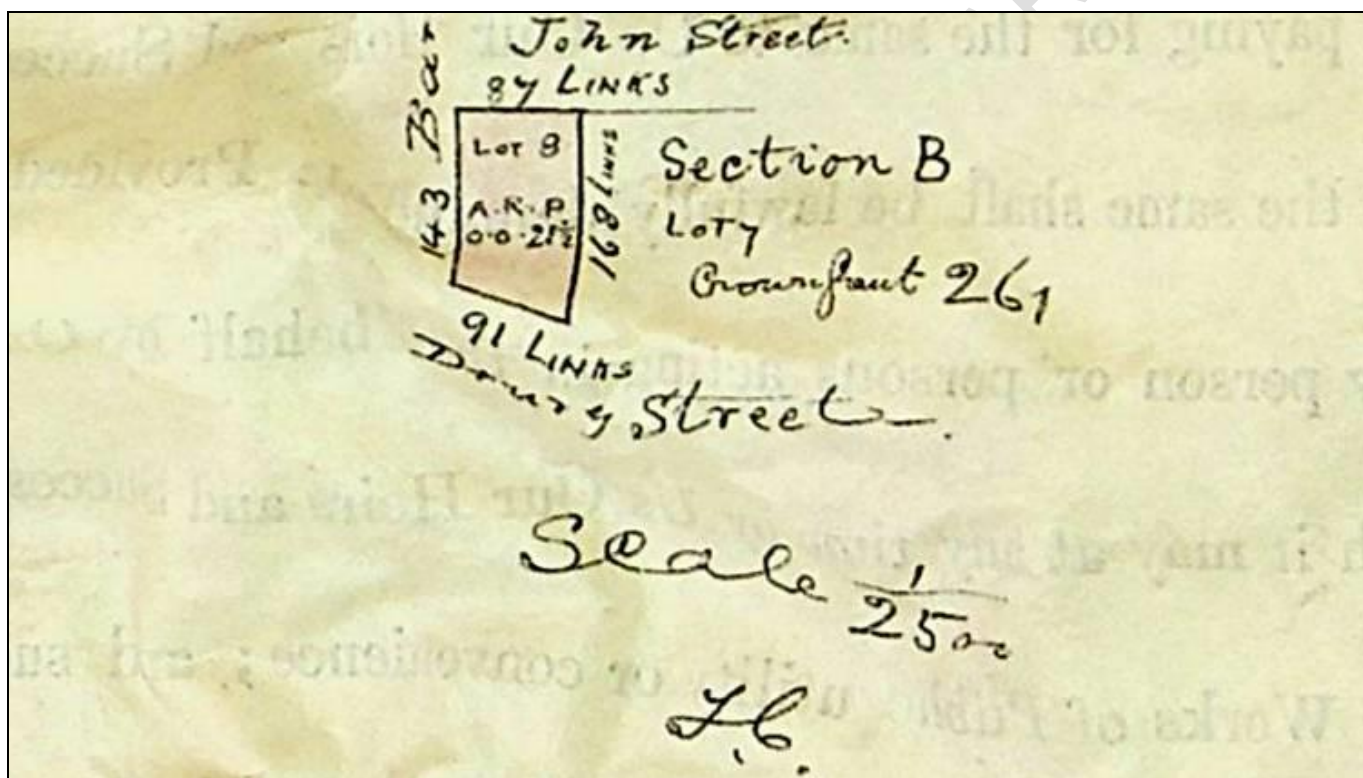


## 2 AND 3 JOHN STREET - IMPERIAL HOTEL LATER LELLMAN'S GROCERY AND MILLINERY STORE, GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES CANTEEN, STANLEY CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY AND SOUTHERN IMPORTS – CROWN GRANTS 261 AND 300 (LOTS 7 AND 8, SECTION B)

The corrugated iron clad two storey building built circa 1886 on this site is all that remains of the original buildings.

On 19 September 1884 Crown Grant 261 was issued to **Francis Joseph 'Joseph' LELLMAN** for £50 'containing  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an acre and numbered Section B No 7. Bounded on the North by John St 120 links. On the East by Lot No 6, 210 links. On the South by the Fitzroy Road 120 links. On the West by Section B No 8, 210 links'. [CG 261]

On 30 January 1885 the boundaries were changed to allow for a drain but the area remained the same, the new boundaries being: John Street 138 links, East 198 links, Fitzroy Road 141 links, West 168 links. [CG 261]



Part of Crown Grant 261

On 30 August 1886 Crown Grant 261 was issued to **Joseph LELLMAN** for £25 being Lot 8 in Section B 'containing 21  $\frac{1}{2}$  Perches or thereabouts and numbered 8 Section B. Bounded on the North by John St 87 links. On the South by a Public Place 91 links. On the East by the land of J Lellman 168 links. On the West by a Public Road 143 links'. [CG 300]

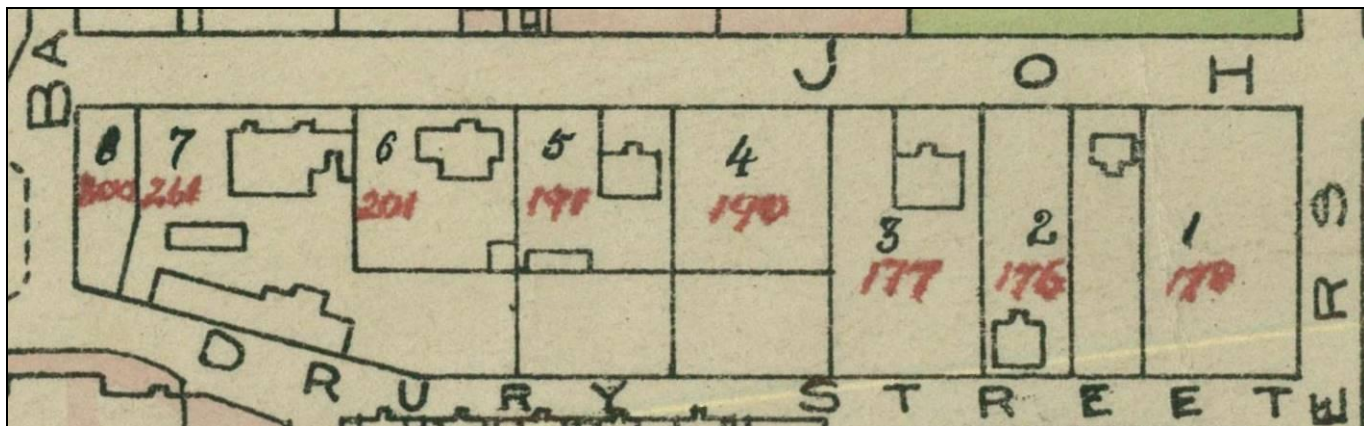
Joseph, a carpenter, probably built the original two storey building and the Imperial Hotel, which was located on Drury Street to the south of the house, on this site.

On 1 December 1895 Joseph borrowed £200 at 3% from the Stanley Benefit Club. The insurance policy of the Imperial Hotel was put up as security. The final balance of £4-1-6 was written off 14 August 1913.

Joseph, age 51, died 31 December 1897 and his estate passed to his wife Ellen.

The first **Government Employees Canteen** was formed circa 1900 and they rented a small shed on the site. The idea was started by **Mr APPLEYARD** and any government officer could subscribe what he wanted towards the capital upon which 5% would be paid. [FIC/D10; 474] The members later built the canteen on the Pump Green site.

Ellen died 29 September 1910 and the property passed to her eldest son, Fritz Lellman.



Part of the 1923 Crown Grant map showing the buildings on CGs 261 and 300

Fritz ran a grocery shop in the south building. He and his wife, Margaret, lived in the two-storey building which also housed their millinery store.



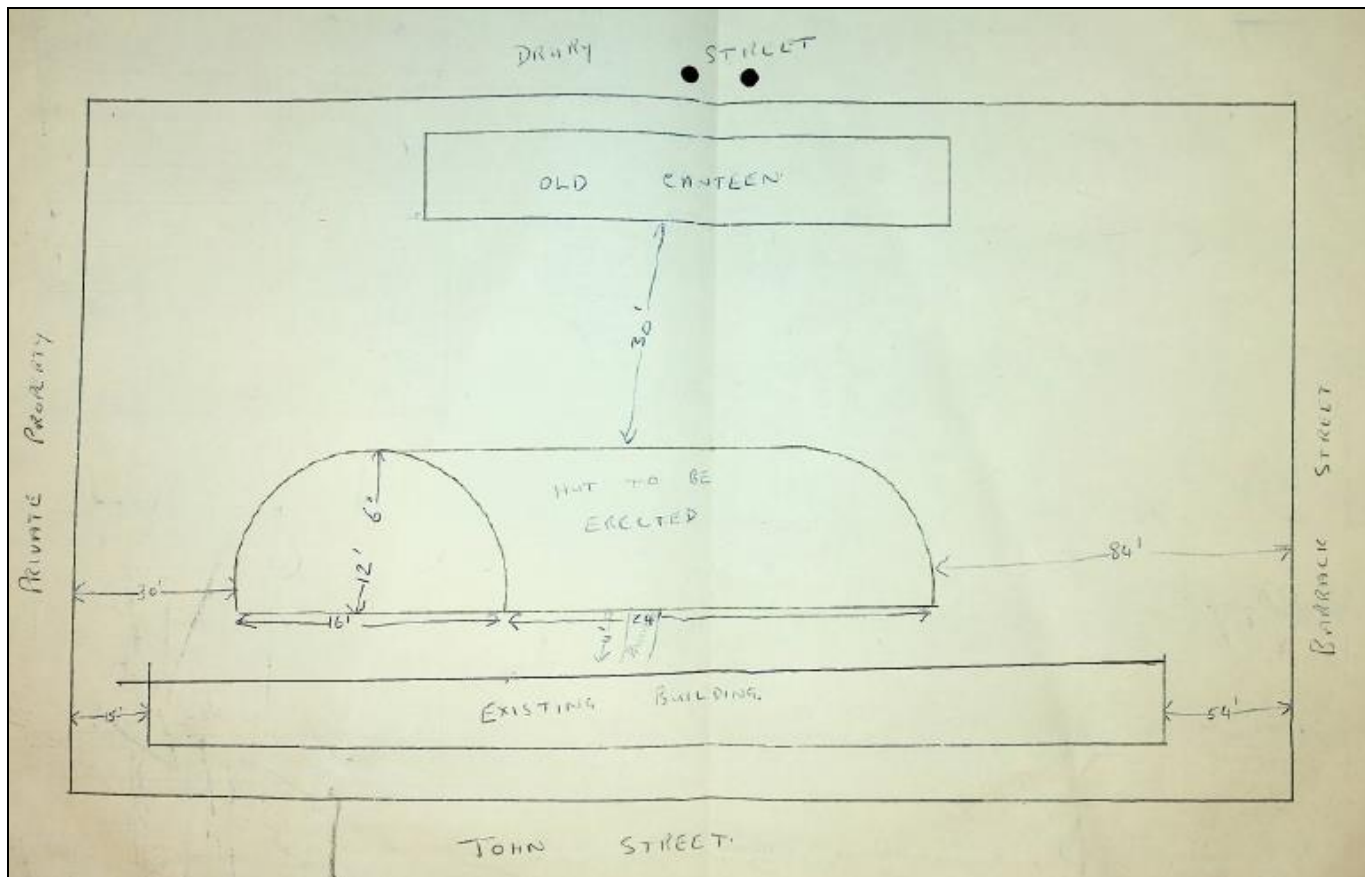
The buildings on 2 and 3 John Street pre 1944 - FIC Collection, JCNA

Margaret died 15 November 1951 and Francis died 15 September 1955 and the property passed to their son **Edward Francis 'Ted' LELLMAN**.

The second **Government Employees Canteen**, a co-operative, was formed after a meeting in the FIDF Drill Hall on Friday 25 January 1952 and purchased Fritz Lellman's shop and stock. They later purchased the whole site from Ted Lellman.

The grocery store building was purchased by the Boy's Brigade and rebuilt at Clamshell Point, Weir Creek in the 1960s.

With effect from 1 January 1969 the Government Employees Canteen changed their name to the Stanley Co-Operative Society and membership was opened to any person in the Falkland Islands. [Monthly Review Jan 1969]



The Co-Op started self-service 29 July 1969. A Nissen Hut was erected to the rear of the shop soon after. [Monthly Review Sep 1969]

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The Stanley Co-Operative Society closed on 30 June 2008. [Penguin News 20 Jun 2008]

On 6 July 2008 *'All that plot or parcel of land situate in the town of Stanley, East Falkland Islands containing 1,570 square metres or thereabouts bounded on the North by John Street on the West by Barrack Street on the South by Drury Street on the east by the residential properties known as 6 and 6A John Street being the whole subjects comprised in Crown Grants 261 and 300...together with the shop premises and all other buildings and structures thereon'* was vested in the Stanley Co-Op. [FI Gazette]

The buildings, land and remaining stock were sold to Alastair and Marlene Marsh and they opened Southern Imports on the site.