

**33 FITZROY ROAD**  
**PERSEVERANCE HOTEL later DAVID MITCHELL'S BOARDING HOUSE or**  
**FLAGSTAFF COFFEE HOUSE later PINK SHOP**  
**CROWN GRANT 30 (LOT 4, SUBURBAN SECTION 1)**

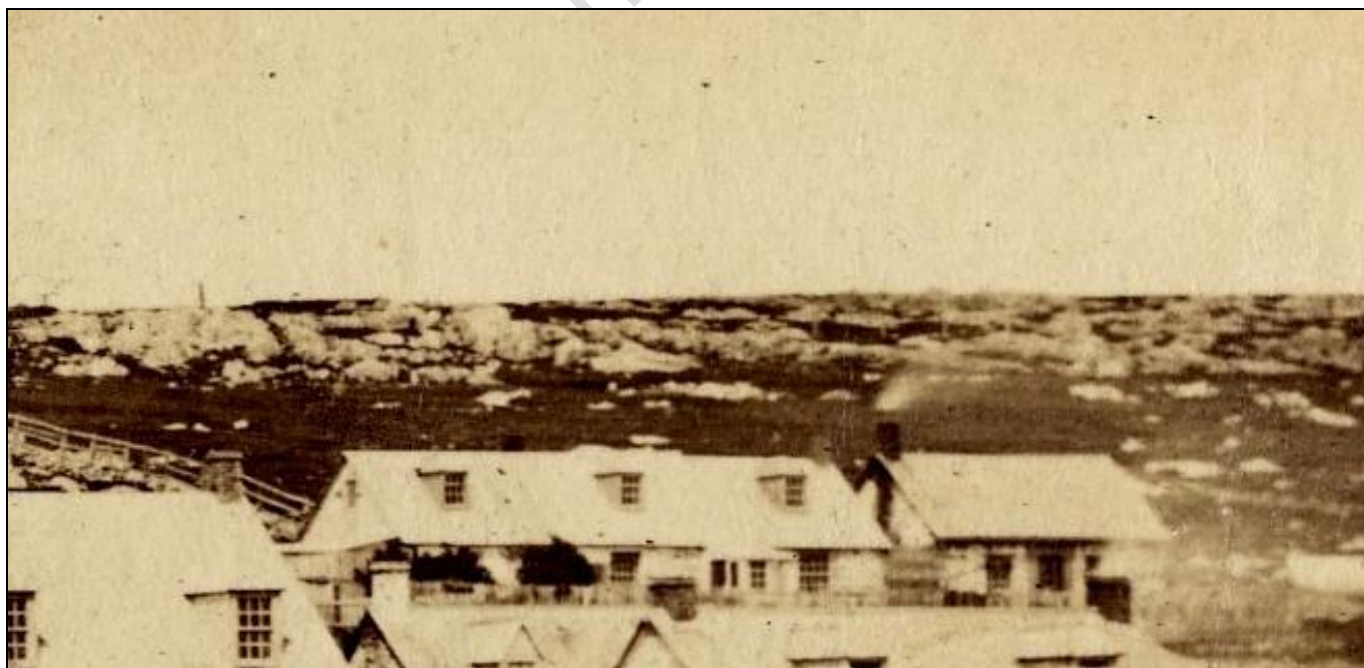
On 12 February 1850 Crown Grant 30 was issued to **John CASEY** for £5 being Lot 4, suburban section 1 containing one acre with a front to Fitzroy Road 139 1/6 links; rear to Davis Street and north to south 726 links. [CG 30]

One of the original stone buildings appears to have been built circa 1850-1853 as on 13 January 1854 **John CASEY**, of Stanley, granted **William Hepburn RENNIE**, of Stanley, one acre of land being "*All that parcel of Land in the Falkland Island situate in the Suburbs of Stanley having a frontage of 139 links to the Fitzroy Road*" for £185. [BUG/REG/1; 132]

On 10 January 1862 **William Hepburn RENNIE** granted **Thomas JARVIS**, publican of Stanley, one acre of land being "*All that parcel of Land in the Falkland Islands situate in the Suburbs of Stanley having a frontage of 139 links to the Fitzroy Road*" for £140. [BUG/REG/1; 237] Thomas was a tailor and also the publican of the **Perseverance Hotel**.

By 1865 both of the original stone buildings has been built as on 23 October 1865 **Jacob GOSS** informed the Colonial Secretary that **Thomas JARVIS** had ordered him to sell by public auction at 12 noon Wednesday 25 October the two houses erected on No 4 Suburbs of Stanley in two lots with half an acre per house as well as the cutter *Honey* and other articles. [H23]

On 28 October 1865 **Thomas JARVIS**, publican of Stanley, and his wife **Bridget** granted to **Andres PITALUGA** of Port Salvador, one acre of land being "*All that parcel of Land in the Falkland Islands situate in the suburbs of Stanley having a frontage of 139 links to the Fitzroy Road*" for £322. [BUG/REG/1; 289]



L-R (east to west) to rear: 33 Fitzroy Road and 31 Fitzroy Road, December 1878  
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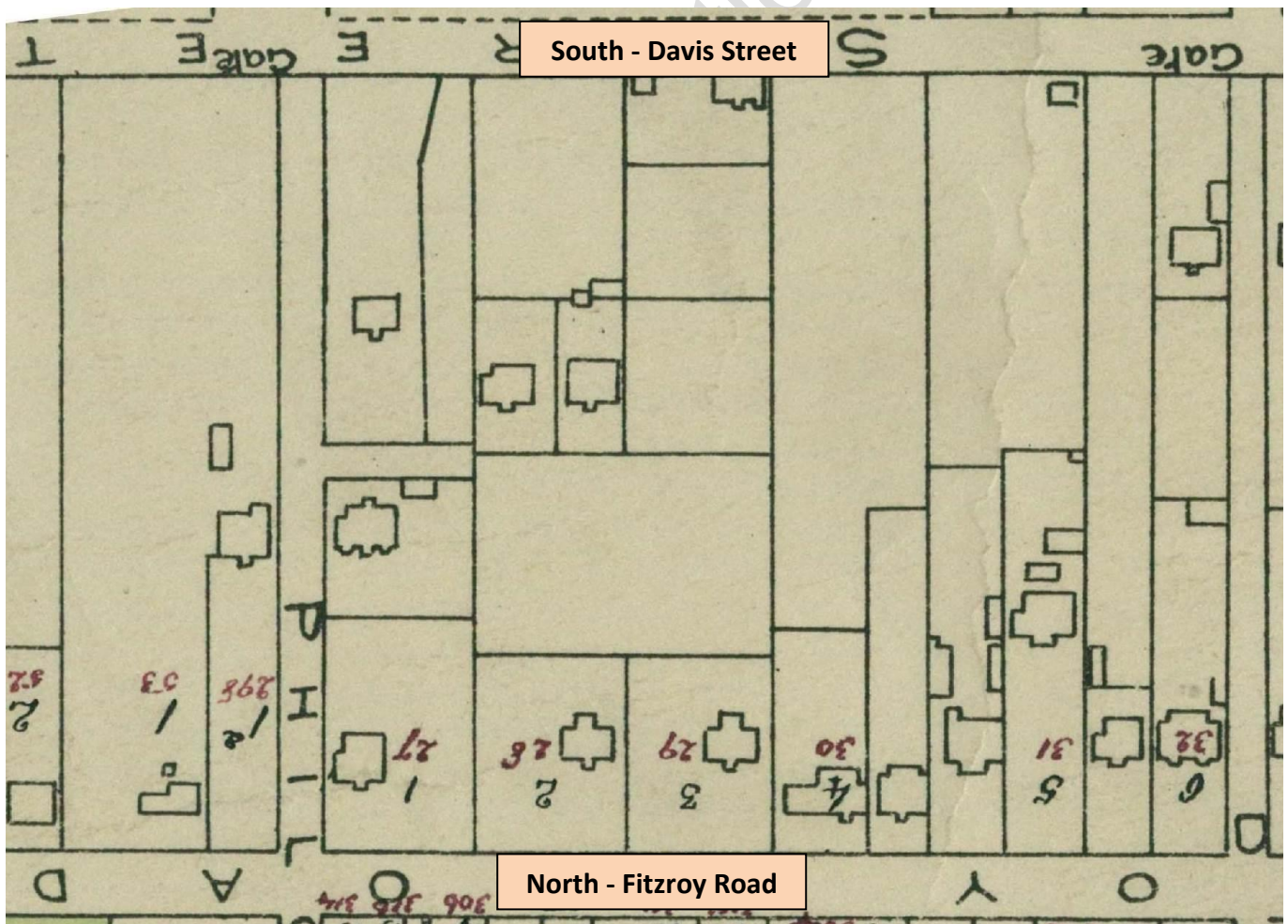
On 10 July 1884 **Alexander PITALUGA** transferred the stone house occupied by **William RATCLIFFE** together with the adjoining land to **George NATT** in consideration of £150 being 32/64 shares in the sloop *Felis*. [BUG/REG/4; 52]

On 3 July 1886 **Alexander McIntosh PITALUGA**, sheep farmer of Stanley, granted to **Messrs Dennis BUCKLEY** and **David MITCHELL**, both of Stanley and in partnership for the purchase, 129 perches of land more or less together with the dwelling house erected thereon being "Bounded on the East by Lot No 3 in the holding of J Carey 725 links. On the West by Lot No 5, 325 links. On the South by Crown Land 139 links. On the North by part of Lot No 4 in the holding of William Ratcliffe 50 links. Then on the West by the same land by a line running North 400 links, then on the North by the Fitzroy road 89 links" for £150. [BUG/REG/3; 360]

On 10 June 1887 **Dennis BUCKLEY**, contractor of Stanley, granted to **David MITCHELL**, boarding house keeper of Stanley, 129 perches of land more or less together with the buildings and erections thereon being a portion of Lot No 4 "Bounded on the East by Lot No 3 in the holding of J Casey, 725 links, on the West by Lot No 5, Three hundred & twenty five (325) links, on the South by Crown Land 139 links, on the North by part of Lot No 4, in the holding of William Ratcliffe 50 links, Then on the West by the same land by a line running North, 400 links, Then on the North by the Fitzroy Road 89 links" for £120. [BUG/REG/3; pg 432]

On 21 April 1888 **Alexander PITALUGA** of Stanley granted **George NATT**, mariner of Stanley, "all that parcel of land and dwelling house, situate in the town of Stanley, Falkland Islands and now occupied by Wm Ratcliffe" for £150. [BUG/REG/4; 52]

In 1889 the property was known as Flagstaff Coffee House and David MITCHELL boarded six hands from the wrecked German vessel *Vesta* for 18 days from 17 November to 4 December 1889 at 3 shillings each.



Part of the 1923 Crown Grant map

- the gates were at the top of Philomel and Dean Street separating the tracks to the Common

On 7 July 1913 **David MITCHELL**, lodging house keeper of Stanley, granted to **Daniel John SULLIVAN**, gaoler of Stanley, 129 perches of land more or less together with the dwelling house erected thereon being a portion of Lot No 4 *“bounded on the East by Lot No 3 in the holding of John Lehen, 725 links on the West by Lot No 5, 325 links on the South by Crown Land 139 links, on the North by part of lot No 4 in the holding of William Ratcliffe 50 links then on the West by the same land by a line running North 400 links then on the North by Fitzroy Road 89 links”* for £360. [BUG/REG/8; pg 133]

On 7 November 1913 **Daniel John SULLIVAN**, gaoler of Stanley, granted to **John LEHEN**, storekeeper of Stanley, 129 perches of land more or less together with the dwelling house erected thereon being a portion of Lot No 4 *“Bounded on the East by lot No 3 in the holding of John Lehen 725 links on the West by lot No 5, 325 links on the South by Crown land, 139 links on North by part of lot No 4 in the holding of William Ratcliffe 50 links, then on the West by the same land, by a line running North 400 links, then on the North by Fitzroy Road, 89 links”* for £425. [BUG/REG/8; pg 143]

On 30 March 1929 **Daniel LEHEN**, administrator of the **Estate Cornelius Michael LEHEN**, granted to **John R CAREY** of Stanley, the northern portion of Lot No 4 bounded *“On the East by Lot No 3 354 links. On the West by land of John H Ratcliffe 354 links. On the North by Fitzroy Road 89 links. On the South by 12 ft passage 89 links”* for £450. [BUG/REG/10; pg 24]

On 30 March 1929 **Daniel LEHEN**, administrator of the **Estate Cornelius Michael LEHEN**, granted to **John H RATCLIFFE** of Stanley, a portion of Lot No 4 bounded *“On the East by Lot 3, 354 links. On the West by Lot 5, 325 links. On the South by Crown Land 139 links. On the North by part of Lot No 4 in the holding of John H Ratcliffe 50 links also on the north by 12 feet passage 89 links”* for £150. [BUG/REG/10; pg 72]

On 31 March 1933 **John Rodgers CAREY** of Stanley granted to **Charles William CAREY** of Stanley, the northern portion of Lot No 4 bounded *“On the East by Lot No 3, 354 links, on the west by land of John H Ratcliffe, 354 links, on the north by Fitzroy Road 89 links, on the south by 12 foot passage 89 links”* for £450. [BUG/REG/9; pg 287]



Front centre L-R: 33 Fitzroy Road and 31 Fitzroy Road in 1927 - FIC Collection, JCNA

In June 1976 33 Fitzroy Road belonged to Mr & Mrs E COFRE of Weddell Island and consisted of six bedrooms, lounge, kitchen and bathroom as well as a garage and workshop on approximately quarter of an acre of land. They offered it to the Falkland Islands government for £4,500. The report by PWD advised purchasing the house due to extreme dampness, rotted, floor boards, joists and joinery, and old lead wiring which needed complete renewal. [HOU/1#6]



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