

12 DRURY STREET OR 5 LOWER ROW

This house is one of the original *“two roomed kit houses worth £50 each”* that were shipped down on board the *Victory* which arrived in Stanley 13 October 1849. Twelve cottages were built on Drury Street (or *Lower Row* as it was originally called) for the military pensioners who also arrived on the same ship. This house was originally 5 Lower Row and was allotted to **Thomas DOWERS**, a private and military pensioner from Ireland, who had arrived with his family 13 October 1849 on board the *Victory*.

On 23 July 1856 Crown Grant 106 was issued to **Thomas DOWERS** for services performed, being Pensioners Cottage Allotments 5 containing 24 poles and measuring 60 links x 250 links. [CG 106]

Thomas, age 45 and a publican, died 10 December 1859. His widow, Ann, and their children, Charlotte and Ann, departed on the British barque *Sunrise* 31 March 1860.



1863 – Fifth house from left middle row

On 17 August 1864 **Arthur BAILEY**, Surveyor General of Stanley, granted to **Henry WHITE**, mariner of Stanley, Pensioners Cottage Allotments No 5 containing 24 poles *“Together with the dwelling houses thereon erected”* for £60. [BUG-REG-1; 265]

Henry, age 46 and a sealer and native of Quebec, Canada, accidentally drowned in a shipwreck 29 April 1875. His widow, Harriet, died 24 July 1888.

In 1891, for tax purposes, 5 Lower East Pensioners Row was valued at £12. [FI Gazette]

On 3 November 1896 **John WHITE**, shepherd of North Arm and eldest surviving son of Henry, granted to **Daniel CUSACK**, shepherd of Douglas Station, Pensioners Cottage Allotments No 5 containing 24 poles *“Together with the dwelling house thereon erected”* for £75. [BUG-REG-5; 193]

Daniel died 4 December 1918. His widow, Sarah, died 8 March 1922 and left 12 Drury Street to her eldest surviving son from her first marriage, **Ernest Robert GLEADELL**.

On 20 November 1922 **Ernest Robert GLEADELL** granted to his youngest sister **Rose HIRTLE**, by her attorney John S Summers, Pensioners Cottage Allotments No 5 containing 24 poles "*together with the dwelling house thereon erected*" for £200. [BUG-REG-9; 96]



Early 1927 – Second house from right front row



Late 1940s – Second house from right top row

Rose emigrated to the UK in 1945 and the property passed to her eldest son **Wallace HIRTLE**. Wallace died 13 September 1993 and left the house to his widow, Mary.



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On 18 March 2004, 12 Drury Street was gazetted as being a building or structure in the Falkland Islands designated as being of architectural or historic interest.

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