

**12 PIONEER ROW (ORIGINALLY) OR 6 UPPER ROW
OR 24 PENSIONERS COTTAGE ALLOTMENTS; SHAMROCK HOTEL
NOW 11 PIONEER ROW**

The original house on this site was 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. Eighteen cottages were built on Pioneer Row (or *Upper Row as it was originally called and Upper Pensioners Row in the latter part of the 19th century*) for the military pensioners who also arrived on the same ship. This house was originally 7 Upper Row and was allotted to **William STOKES**, a private and military pensioner from England, who had arrived with his family 13 October 1849 on board the *Victory*.

On 23 June 1856 Crown Grant 72 was issued to **William STOKES** for services performed, being Pensioners Cottage Allotments 24, containing 24 poles and measuring 60 links x 250 links. [CG 72]

On 15 May 1857 **William STOKES** and **Ellen STOKES**, his wife, granted to **Thomas HAVERS**, gentleman of Stanley, No 24 Pensioners Cottage Allotments containing 24 poles *“and all houses walls fences or erections crops and produce of any kind whatsoever then existing upon the said lands and premises and all allowances in materials or money or otherwise that may hereafter be made or granted by Her Majesty’s Government in lieu of or in respect of the lining of said houses”* also *“all that Lot or parcel of Land in the Falkland Islands situate in the western suburbs of Stanley containing Ten Acres and numbered seven in Pensioners special allotments”* but the grant was not registered. [BUG-REG-1; 166]

On 20 June 1857 **Thomas HAVERS**, Colonial Manager of the Falkland Islands Co Ltd and of Stanley, granted to the **Falkland Islands Company Limited** *“All those suburban Lots No 7 in Pensioners Special Allotments and No 24 in Pensioners Cottage Allotments together containing Ten Acres and Twenty four poles more or less and all houses walls or buildings and crops of what kind so ever in upon or about the said premises”*. [BUG-REG-1; 166]



1863 – Sixth house from the left, top row

On 7 December 1864 the **Falkland Islands Company Limited** granted to **Michael DOOLAN** of Stanley, No 24 Pensioners Cottage Allotments containing 24 poles for £48. [BUG-REG-1; 274]

On 13 June 1867 **Michael DOOLAN**, Pensioner of Stanley, and **Mary DOOLAN**, his wife, granted to **Joseph DAYS** of Stanley, No 24 Pensioners Cottage Allotments containing 24 poles for £62. [BUG-REG-1; 302]

On 29 June 1867 **Joseph DEAS** of Stanley bequeathed and conveyed to **Mary DOOLAN**, the wife of Michael Doolan pensioner, No 24 Pensioners Cottage Allotments containing 24 poles for *together with the dwelling house and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging. "To have and to hold the above granted premises, to her the said Mary Doolan, wife of the said Michael Doolan to her sole and separate use, free from the interference or control of her present or any future husband, and to her heirs and assigns to their own use and behoof for Ever."* [BUG-REG-1; 318]

Mary DOOLAN, a widow and publican, was married to **Willem JURGENS** 16 June 1884 and on 1 September 1884 Willem signed an agreement relinquishing all claim to any monies or property which belonged to Mary previous to their marriage. [BUG-REG-3; 219]

Mary also owned 8 Upper Row or 23 Pensioners Cottage Allotments and the block of buildings were known as the Shamrock Hotel; which had a pensioners cottage attached to its west end.

On 6 December 1889 **Mrs Mary JERGENS** of Stanley, sole owner and proprietress of the block of buildings known as the Shamrock Hotel, agreed with **Casimira PINAZO** as follows:

Clause 1 *Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of Sixty pounds (£60) sterling paid to the said Mrs Mary Jergens by the said Casimira Pinazo that Mrs Mary Jergens do rent with the goodwill and license also all the furniture and other requisites for carrying on the business for a term of six months the said premises known as the Shamrock Hotel the said term to commence on the Sixth day of December 1889 and end on the Fifth day of May 1890 inclusive.*

Clause II *That all liquors and small stores on the premises on the above named date be taken over by the said Casimira Pinazo at the store valuation subject to 5% discount, and at the end of the term if the said Casimira Pinazo wishes to remain in possession for a longer period he shall have the right to do so or retire as the case maybe, and in the case of retirement then the liquors and stores remaining on hand to be taken over by the proprietress in the same manner as aforesaid.*

Clause III *In case the said Casimira Pinazo wishes to renew his tenancy at the expiration of the six months then a further agreement for a term of years shall be entered into in consideration of the said Casimira Pinazo paying over as a whole the sum of Three hundred and fifty pounds sterling of which the former mentioned sum of sixty pounds and the total valuation of liquors and stores shall form part, for the goodwill furniture and License of the said property also that the said Casimira Pinazo shall pay a rent of £5 Five pounds monthly to the said proprietress or whoever may be duly appointed to receive the same to commence on the expiration of the Six months tenancy.*

Clause IV *All necessary repairs to be at the expense of the proprietress who for her sole use and behalf shall retain the end cottage and garden which shall in no way interfere with the carrying on of the Hotel business in which the said Casimira Pinazo shall have the sole and independent agency thereof.*

Clause V *In case of the death of either of the parties signing this agreement it shall in no way effect the spirit of the same so far as the heir or heirs at law are concerned, further more that the said Casimira Pinazo shall pay the License when due which shall also be taken out in his name but he shall not be responsible for the whole term if he vacates the tenancy at the end of the six months."* [BUG-REG-3; 159]

Mary JERGENS died 26 October 1899 at Gallegos Chio, Patagonia and on 6 August 1890 her eldest son, **John BEAN** of Punta Arenas, leased the Shamrock Hotel to Casimiro for four years at an annual rental of £60 with a right of renewal and sold the furniture and goodwill to him for £350. [BUG-REG-4; 199]

In 1891, for tax purposes, the Pensioners Cottage was valued at £15 and the Shamrock Hotel was valued at £50.

Casimiro PINAZO, age 57 & a publican, died 4 October 1893 in a fire when the Shamrock Hotel burnt down. According to the Falkland Islands Magazine of October 1893 *“The most destructive fire which has ever taken place in Stanley broke out in the Shamrock Public House at 12 o’clock on Tuesday night, Oct 3rd. Miss Lellman observed as she passed a window in her home what seemed to be a huge lamp burning in the bar, she immediately called her father’s attention to it; he ran up to the Shamrock and roused the inmates – Mr & Mrs Pinazo. Casimiro Pinazo remained in the house, saying that he would come out in a minute, but overcome apparently with the smoke he never did so. A small portion of the head, the body and one hand were found – where the bar had been – after the fire had burned out. It is supposed that he had gone back for his money. The latter – gold and silver – were found more or less melted near to where it was known he stored the same. B Wilmer on the first alarm ran down and rang the Dockyard bell, a gun was fired, and the Colonists turned out in large numbers, but the fire had by this time obtained complete mastery over the house, which was burned to the ground with the “Pensioner’s Cottage” attached to its West end. The latter had only been occupied a week before by Mr and Mrs Dix. All the furniture in the Shamrock was burned. The fire engine was brought out and willing hands set to work to save the adjoining houses – Mrs Ryan’s and Mrs Hockings’ to the East and Mr Clethero’s to the West. These houses received no damage whatever. It was a great cause of thankfulness that what little wind there was came from the SW and thus blew the heat and sparks across the road and gardens opposite. The burning house was a grand sight and lighted up the whole Settlement. The Shamrock and the furniture were insured. Such was the melancholy end of one who for many years has been resident in the Islands, 40 of them having been spent as a gaucho in the camps.”* Casimiro was buried 6 October 1893 in Grave D 287.

On 31 August 1910 **John BEAN** of Punta Arenas granted to **Albert Ferdinand LELLMAN** of Stanley *“All that parcel of land Referred to on Crown Grants 120 and 72 as numbers twenty three (23) and twenty four (24) Pensioners Cottage Allotments, and bounded on the North 120 links by a public road, on the South 120 links by Crown Lands on the East 250 links by Number twenty five (25) Pensioners Cottage Allotment and on the West 250 by number twenty two (22) Pensioners Cottage Allotment”* for £100. [BUG-REG-6; 386]

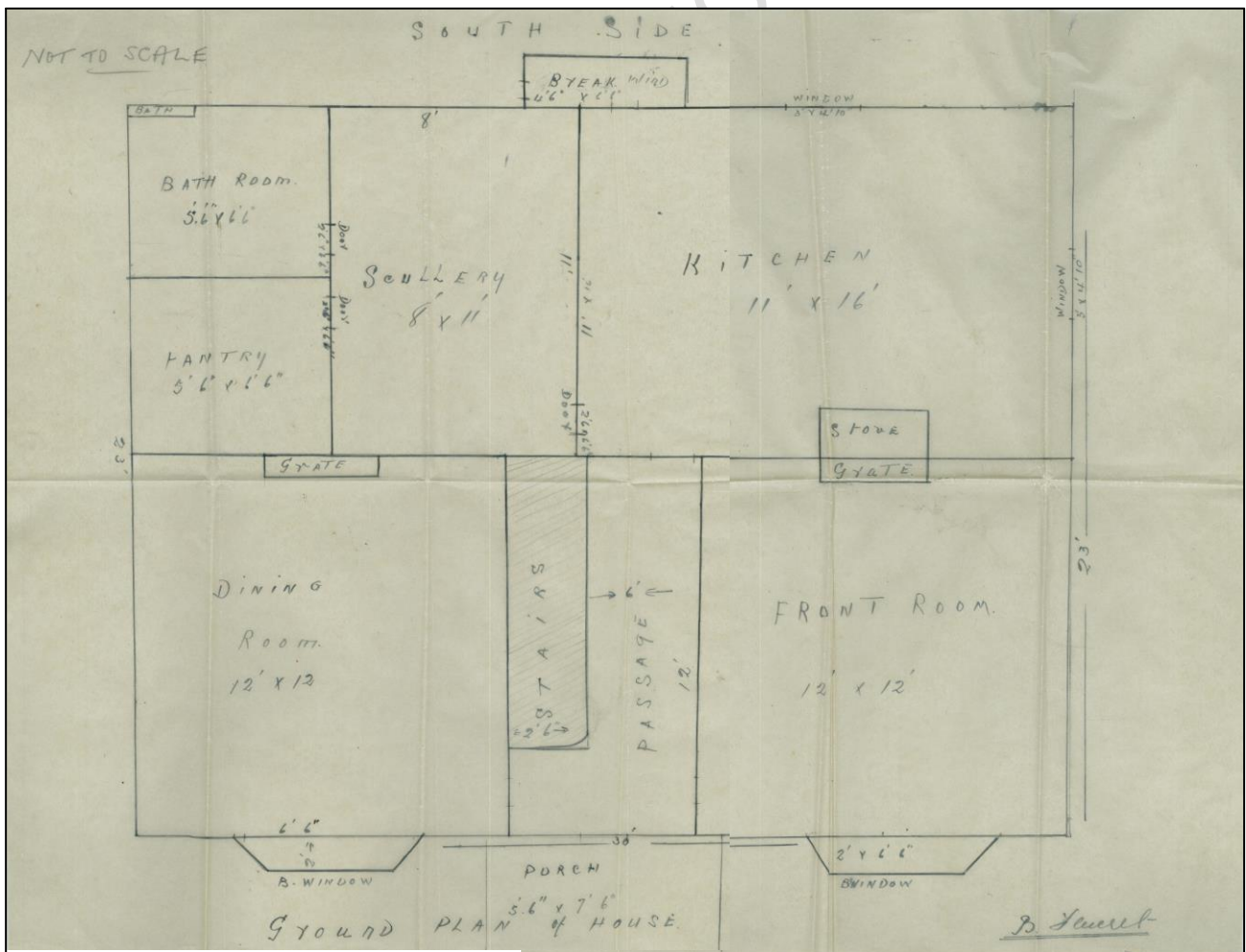
On 13 February 1920 **Albert Ferdinand LELLMAN** of Stanley granted to **Alexander John STEEL** of Stanley *“All that parcel of Land referred to on Crown Grants 120 and 72 and as numbers (23) twenty three and twenty four (24) Pensioners Cottage allotments and bounded on the North 120 links by a Public Road, on the South 120 links by Crown Lands, on the East 250 links by number twenty five (25) Pensioners Cottage allotment, and on the West 250 links by number twenty two (22) Pensioners Cottage allotment”* for £180. [BUG-REG-8; 316]

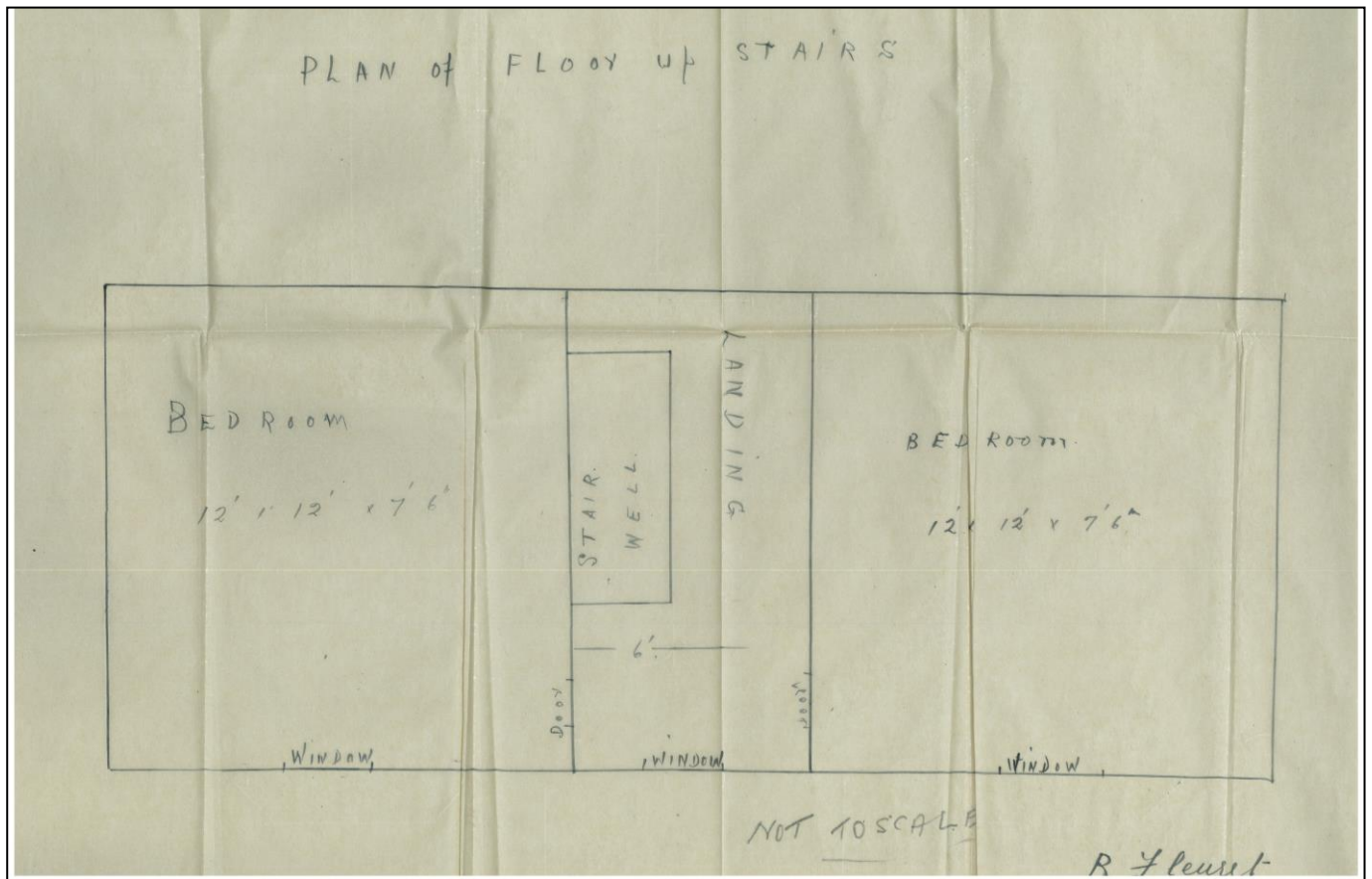
On 25 March 1920 **Alexander John STEEL** of Stanley granted to **Robert GREENSHIELDS** and **Andres PITALUGA** *“All that parcel of Land referred to on Crown Grants 120 and 72 and as number (23) twenty three and twenty four (24) Pensioners Cottage allotments and bounded on the North 120 links by a public road, on the South 120 links by Crown Lands, on the East 250 links by number twenty five (25) Pensioners Cottage allotment, and on the West 250 links by number twenty two (22) Pensioners Cottage allotment”* for £220. [BUG-REG-8; 323]

On 24 April 1929 **Robert GREENSHIELDS** and **Andres PITALUGA** granted to **Bertie FLEURET** "All that parcel of land referred to in Crown Grants 120 and 72 and as numbers twenty three (23) and twenty four (24) Pensioners Cottage Allotments and bounded on the north 120 links by a Public Road, on the South 120 links by Crown land, on the East 250 links by number twenty five (25) Pensioners Cottage Allotments and on the West also 250 links by number twenty two (22) Pensioners Cottage Allotments" for £210. [BUG-REG-10; 74]

On 11 October 1930 **Bertie FLEURET** granted to his brother, **Douglas FLEURET** "All that parcel of land situated in the Town of Stanley Lot 23, Crown Grants 120 being 60 links by 250 links, and bounded on the North by a Public road 60 links, on the South 60 links by Crown Land, on the East 250 links by Land owned by Mr Bertie Fleuret, on the West by No 22 (twenty two) Pensioners Cottage Allotment 250 links" for £110. [BUG-REG-10; 152]

Bertie FLEURET built his house on cement piles at approximately 3' 6" centres. The framing throughout was 3" x 3" at 22 inch centres; corner posts 3" x 4"; partitions 2" x 3" - all spruce. The floor joists were 3" x 4" upstairs and 2 1/2" x 45 1/2" downstairs. The floors were covered with 7/8" flooring. The external walls were covered with felt and 7/8" x 5" feather edged weather boarding. The roof was covered with felt and 20 gauge corrugated iron; the purlins 2" x 3" and 3" x 3" rafters. The inside was lined with matching 5/8" T & G. [216/29] The house was insured for £500 and described as "timber framed house on rock and concrete foundations consisting of 6 rooms on the ground floor and 2 rooms on first floor covered with felt and weather board roof covered with galvanised iron together with peat sheds and usual offices".





Bertie Fleuret's house plans



Late 1940s – Third house from right, top row



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