

**3 PIONEER ROW OR 16 UPPER ROW
OR 15 PENSIONERS COTTAGE ALLOTMENTS;
FAIR VIEW COTTAGE OR SEA VIEW COTTAGE**

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. 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 15 Upper Row and was allotted to **Edward ROACH**, a private and military pensioner from Ireland, who had arrived with his family 13 October 1849 on board the *Victory*.

On 13 July 1856 Crown Grant 98 was issued to **Edward ROACH** for services performed being Pensioners Cottage Allotments 15 containing 24 poles and measuring 60 links x 250 links. [CG 98]

Edward, his wife Ellen and youngest daughter Anne returned to Ireland and the cottage was allocated to a member of the newly arrived detachment on the *Ealing Grove*. [B10]



1863 – Second house from the right, top row



Fair View Cottage 1915 - Bennett Collection, JCNA

On 1 January 1917 Fair View Cottage was insured for £80.

In September 1920 **Arthur G BENNETT**, the Customs Officer, was the tenant of Fair View Cottage and complained about the fence between his house and 4 Pioneer Row as it was "*composed of such materials as rusty sheet iron, and an unsightly fence of barrels staves etc*". FIG had repaired the fence to the west previously that year. Arthur vacated the premises late 1923.

In December 1923 permission was granted to **George Eddy WHITNEY** and **Samuel BONNER**, who were in urgent need for accommodation for their families, to occupy jointly the property at a monthly rental of £1 each with Eddy having the use of the two upstairs rooms and Samuel the use of the two downstairs rooms and both to share the lean-to kitchen and outbuildings (George's wife was a Bonner and first cousin to Samuel). Eddy, his wife and one child had been granted temporary accommodation in the gaol in August 1923 with their other four children boarded out.

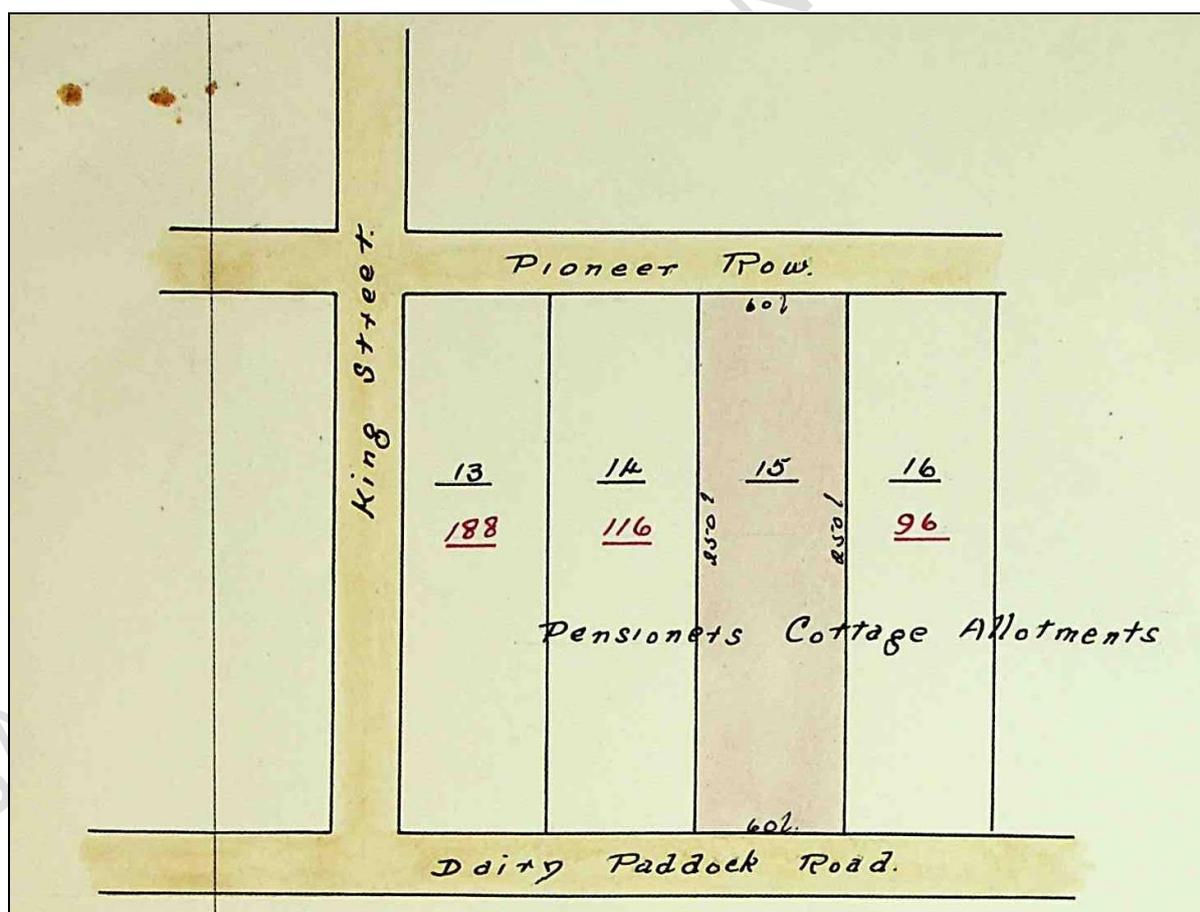
In 1925 due to disagreements between the two tenants the kitchen was divided into two small kitchens with a partition being placed on the east side of the door to the living room and to the west of the staircase; the east kitchen for the first floor tenants and the smaller west kitchen for the ground floor tenants with a new back entrance and a second brick chimney and additional range at a total cost of £50.

In 1926 **Samuel BONNER**'s portion was described as "one fair sized room, a small back room and a very small kitchen." He had found alternate accommodation and moved out. His quarters were assigned to **Charles ROBERTS** and his family in September 1926 (*Charles was a grandson of Edward Roach, the original owner*). In 1927 Charles wrote from Fair View to advise that he was unable to pay his rent for May as he had been unemployed for six weeks.

In 1928 the Cottage was referred to as Sea View rather than Fair View by a government officer.

On 30 July 1931 the Falkland Islands Government entered into an agreement with **John COLEMAN** to sell to him Sea View Cottage for £500 paid by instalments over 6 years.

On 21 November 1931 Crown Grant 442 was issued to **John COLEMAN** for £500 being Pensioners Cottage Allotments 15 containing 24 square rods more or less and bounded "North by Pioneer Row 60 links; south by Dairy Paddock Road 60 links; East by lot 16 - CG 96 - 250 links; west by Lot 14 - CG 116 - 250 links." [CG 442]



On 13 February 1932 **John COLEMAN** of Douglas Station granted to **Horace Harold BIGGS** (3/5^{ths}) **Albert Edward BIGGS** (1/5th) and **Leslie Edward BIGGS** (1/5th) of Douglas Station, No 15 Pensioners Cottage Allotments containing 2 square rods more or less and bounded "on the North by Pioneer Row 60 links: on the South by Dairy Paddock Road 60 links: on the East by lot 16 (CG96) 250 links: on the West by lot 14 (CG116) 250 links" for £500. [BUG-REG-10; 246]



Late 1940s – First house from the right, top row



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