

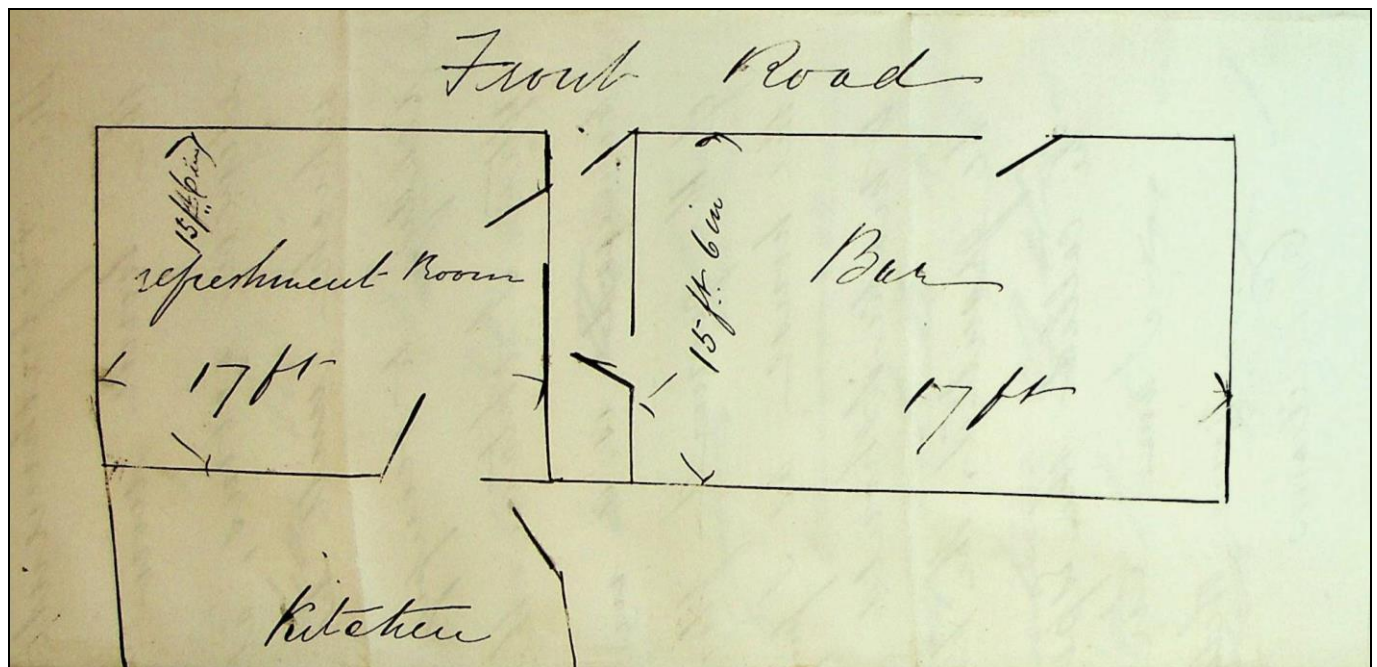
**3 ROSS ROAD EAST – ESPERANCE; ESPERANZA HOTEL; LIGHTHOUSE HOTEL;  
FIRST AND LAST HOTEL; FIRST AND LAST NAVAL STORE  
CROWN GRANT 167, LOT 29**

*NB: Various spellings of names are recorded as written at the time.*

The building known in later years as the First and Last Hotel was a prominent feature on the front road from the 1860s to its demise in 1946. A large, dual pitched house situated on Ross Road East it would have been one of the first buildings seen when sailing through The Narrows into Stanley Harbour.

On 18 March 1867 Lot 29 in Section O containing 1 rood 24 perches was granted to **Charles WILLIAMS** for £40. The lot measured 100 links fronting to Ross Road East; same backing to James Street, and 400 links from north to south. [Crown Grant 167]

In a letter dated 8 February 1869 **Charles WILLIAMS** applied again for a licence to retail wine, beer and spirits for his house situated on the Front Road. *'Since my last application I have made a large addition to the house, which will enable me to provide a good sized room for the Bar a second room for refreshment (as chops, steaks &c) for the use of the Public, I also propose should the License be granted, to open a doorway from the road leading to the Bar, by which, the front entrance will be private for the use of those persons residing in the house, or using the Refreshment Room, the house now contains eleven rooms, all of which will be made ready to occupy at once after I obtain the Licence. Annexed is a rough plan of the ground floor of the house, as I propose to make it should the Licence be granted. The house will be called the "Esperance".* [H20]



The licence must have been refused as **Charles WILLIAMS** wrote again to the Stipendiary Magistrate, E R Griffiths, 26 February 1869 *'I beg most respectfully to direct your attention to the following facts, when I applied for a Licence to open a Public House a few months ago, the ground upon which it was refused was that the House was not ready. I set to work very earnestly and went to an expense of more than £200, objections were made to my having a Licence which were not made before. A delay of a month is to take place to investigate a matter which had been already before the Court. And is now 14 months old: And I am prevented from or desiring and bringing down my Cargo from Monte Video. I beg most respectfully to submit*

*that if in February 1869 I am unfit to hold a Licence for an offence imputed to me in December 1867 I'm as unfit in December 1868 to take a House from the Acting American Commercial Agent with a view to obtaining a Licence in furthermore of which he offered me his active support? Had I fallen in with his plans And opened a public House at Farias's in John Street I should have had no opposition from Mr Dean and that Gentleman would never have Endeavoured to bring against me a charge which he knows cannot be substantiated.*

*I am ready to meet that charge but I respectfully ask that the Licence may be granted to me now that I may be able properly to avail myself of it, I have to promise my house I have to order Liquors and wine, and it is because so little of my money will be spent in the two wholesale Store, that these two merchants oppose me on opposite grounds the one that I am too near his people the other that I am too far from the settlement.*

*If the Honble Court grant me the Licence to date from April 1<sup>st</sup> 1869 I shall be prepared to give up that Licence if in the opinion of the Licensing Magistrates I have broken a Law.*

On 23 February 1871 **Charles WILLIAMS** granted and transferred all his business, stock in trade, real and personal property whatsoever to the use of **Manuel PEREIRA** his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns absolutely. [BUG/REG/1; PG 324]

On 15 August 1871 the dissolution of the partnership between **Charles WILLIAMS** and **Manuel PEREIRA** was enacted.

*Whereas the said Charles Williams hath for some time carried on the business of Tailor and Hotelkeeper in Stanley aforesaid, and the said Manuel Pereira hath for some time been a partner in the said business and whereas the said Charles Williams and the said Manuel Pereira have mutually agreed to dissolve the above mentioned Partnership on the following terms, viz*

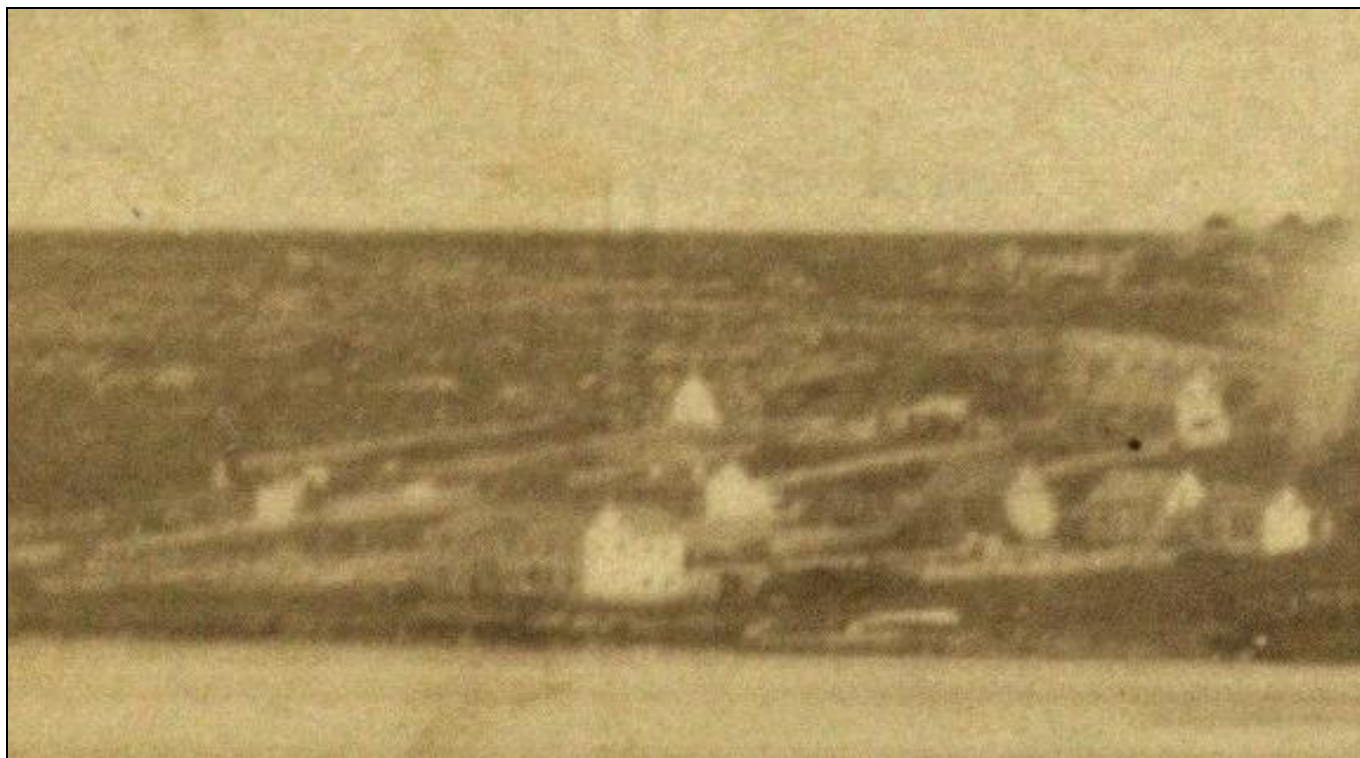
- 1. That the said Manuel Pereira shall receive for his share of the business and Property the House formerly known as the "Esperanza Hotel" with all household furniture, and that the said Charles Williams also agrees to transfer to the said Manuel Pereira all that lot of land number 29 in the Surveyor Generals Office Stanley*
- 2. That the said Charles Williams shall receive and the said Manuel Pereira consents to grant and transfer all that lot of land numbered 30 in the Surveyor Generals Office together with the Schooner "Eagle" and her boats, tackel and apparel. The cutter "Kate" her boats tackel, and apparel. Also all Tailoring goods, cloth-muslins-dry goods such as crockeryware and other merchandise of that nature now in beforementioned House except such as are now in use and are a part of the necessary furniture of the House*
- 3. That there shall be an Equal division of wines, Beer, Spirits and other liquors between both parties of such as remain of Business of the late Esperanza Hotel.*
- 4. That the said Charles Williams also agrees to take all seal skins, seal oil and casks, and to pay all debts due by the late firm, and to collect all debts due to the late firm, the balance on either side to be paid by him or received by him as a portion of his share.*

[BUG/REG/1; pg 328]

On 15 August 1871 **Charles** and **Catherine WILLIAMS** granted Lot 29 containing 1 rood 24 perches with all houses and erections to **Manuel PEREIRA** for 5 shillings.

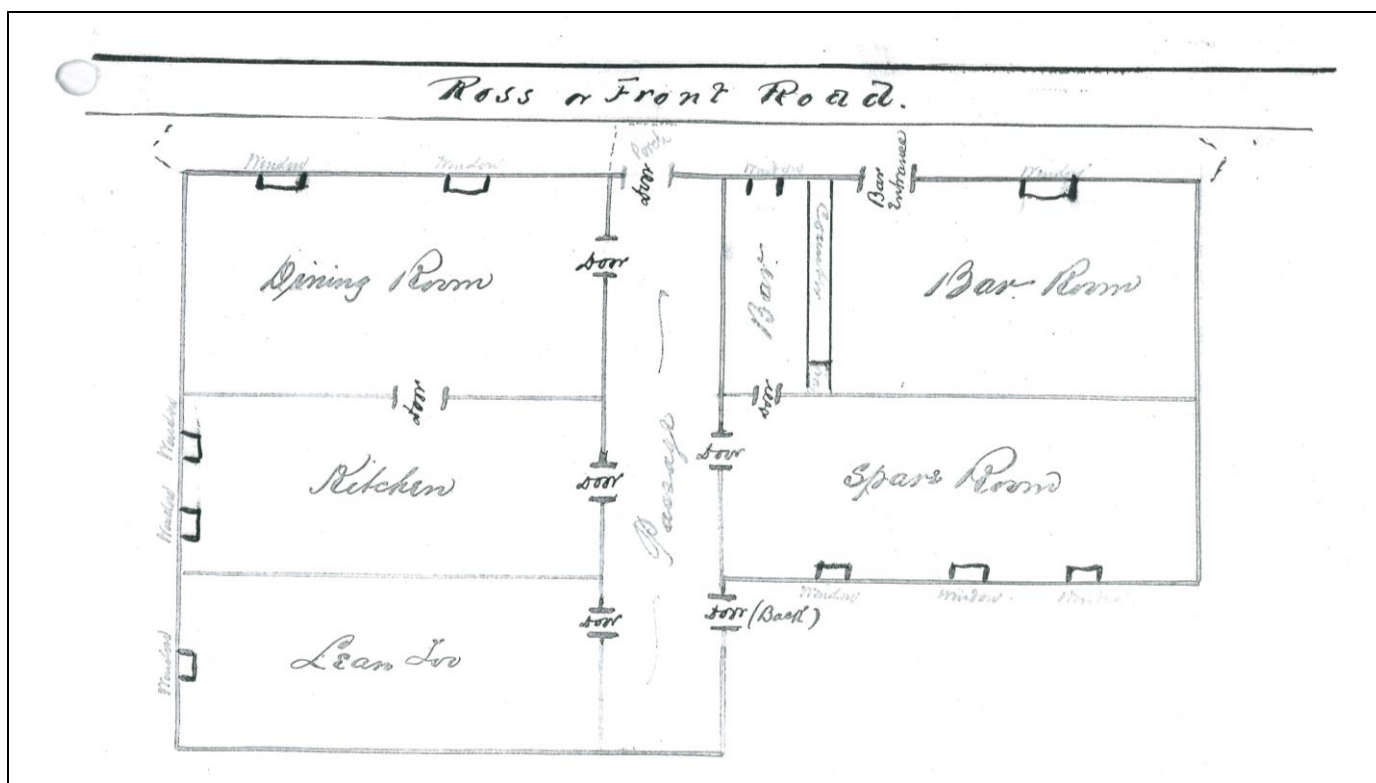
[BUG/REG/1; PG 331]

On 15 March 1876 **Emanuel PEREIRA** of Stanley entered into an agreement with **James McLAUCHLEN** to let to him a house called the Lighthouse Hotel and a garden and other appurtenances situated in Stanley for a period of 10 years at a yearly rent of £40 until such time as the bowling alley and billiard room should be erected and in working order, the rent then to be increased...not to exceed £50 per annum. [BUG/REG/3; PG 47]



The First and Last Hotel 4 August 1881

On 26 March 1884 **Manoel PEREIRA**, the owner and present occupier, applied for a retail licence to sell spirituous and fermented liquors in the First and Last Hotel and included a plan of the ground floor. [H57; 11]



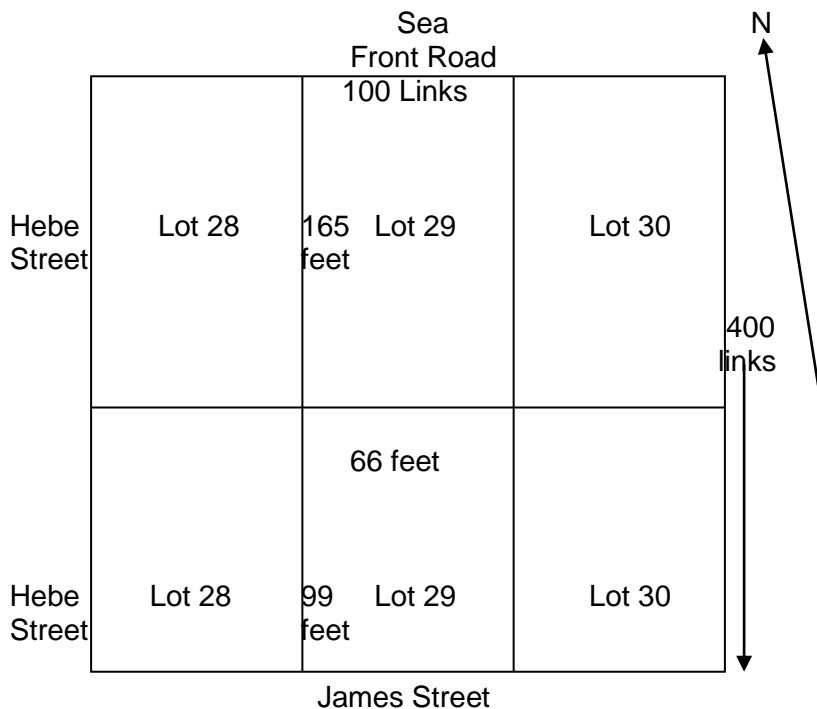
On 11 April 1895 **Manuel PEREIRA** leased the First and Last Hotel to **Richard Napoleon GOSS** for a period of nine years.

On 4 July 1895 **Richard Napoleon GOSS** transferred the lease to **George Patterson SMITH** for the sum of £1,000. [BUG/REG/5; PG 90]

On 16 December 1899 **Manuel PEREIRA**, age 50 a mariner and Portuguese, drowned at 11am at Punta Arenas when his vessel *King Fisher* was wrecked in the Straits of Magellan. He owned property in Punta Arenas and in Stanley and died intestate. He was single and left no children. Maria Josefa de Carmo (Carino), née Maria Josefa del Carmen Pereira, of Horta in the island of Fayal in the Azores claimed to be the sister and sole heir of Manuel Pereira alias Manoel Pereira de Macedo. [FIC/IE2#15]

On 21 May 1900 **George Patterson SMITH** transferred the lease to **Henry RUMMEL** for the sum of £700. [BUG/REG/6; PG 29]

On 25 November 1903 W A Thompson as administrator of the estate of **Manuel PEREIRA** granted to **Jose Fialho FAREAS** the southern portion of Lot 29, Section O “with the buildings erected thereon, bounded as follows on the North by part of same lot no 29, 66 feet, on the South by James Street 66 feet, on the East by a portion of lot no 30, 99 feet, and on the West by a portion of lot 28, 99 feet Containing one sixth of an acre more or less” for £350.



[BUG/REG/6; PG 48]

On 2 May 1904 William Austin Thompson, Official Administrator, leased the First and Last Hotel from 12 April 1904 to **Henry RUMMEL** for 21 years at an annual rent of £65; the lessee to paint the outside every four years and to insure the building against fire for £700. [BUG/REG/6; PG 93]

On 18 August 1910 William A Harding, as attorney for the heirs of the late **Manuel PEREIRA**, granted to **Vincent Arthur BIGGS** the northern portion of Lot 29 containing One Rood bounded on the North by Ross Road 100 Links on the South by part of the same Lot (29) 100 Links on the East by Lot 30 land belonging to Louis Williams 250 Links on the West by Lot 28 land belonging to Louis Williams 250 Links together with all buildings walls fences and erections of any kind whatsoever now existing upon the same” for the sum of £750. [BUG/REG/6; PG 385]

On 26 February 1920 **Vincent Arthur Henry BIGGS** leased the First and Last Hotel to **Victor Joseph LELLMAN** for 10 years at an annual rent of £65; the lessee to paint the outside in



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October 1920 and then every fourth year and to insure the building against fire for £700.  
[BUG/REG/8; PG 319]



1929 - FIC Collection, JCNA

In 1940, 3 Ross Road East was described as a vacant warehouse with a rateable value of £25 and a workshop with a rateable value of £2 and owned by **V A H BIGGS**. [BUS/RAT/2#1]



In 1945, 3 Ross Road East was described as a vacant warehouse with a rateable value of £25 and a workshop with a rateable value of £2 and owned by **V A H BIGGS**. [BUS/RAT/2#1]

The First and Last Naval Store was virtually destroyed by fire on Sunday 13 January 1946. The verdict of the coroner was that it was due to an act or acts of incendiarism by a person or persons unknown. [FI Weekly News 21 Mar 1946; pg 5]



**Fire damage January 1946 - Tony Carey Collection, JCNA**

On 16 January 1946 the Falkland Islands Company Ltd accepted on behalf of the Royal Insurance Company an offer of £14 from V A H Biggs as salvage value on the remains of the First and Last. [FIC/EF/]

On 18 June 1946 **Vincent Arthur Henry BIGGS** was paid £536 in full settlement of his insurance claim. [FIC/EF/]





**Post January 1946 showing the empty site - FIC Collection, JCNA**



**Post January 1946 showing a house built on the corner of the site - FIC Collection, JCNA**