

6 VILLIERS STREET; ROSEMONT HOUSE, ROWEN HOUSE

On 12 February 1850 Crown Grant 37 was issued to **Captain James REID**, being Suburban Lot 1 in Section 12 containing one acre bounded "*in front to Fitzroy Rd, to rear Davis Street, to west Villiers Street*" for £5-15-0. [CG 37]

On 15 July 1852 **James REID**, captain and staff officer of pensioners, transferred to **Captain Bracey Robson WILSON** of Stanley all of his title and interest in Special Suburban allotment 12 for £32. [BUG-REG-1; 111]

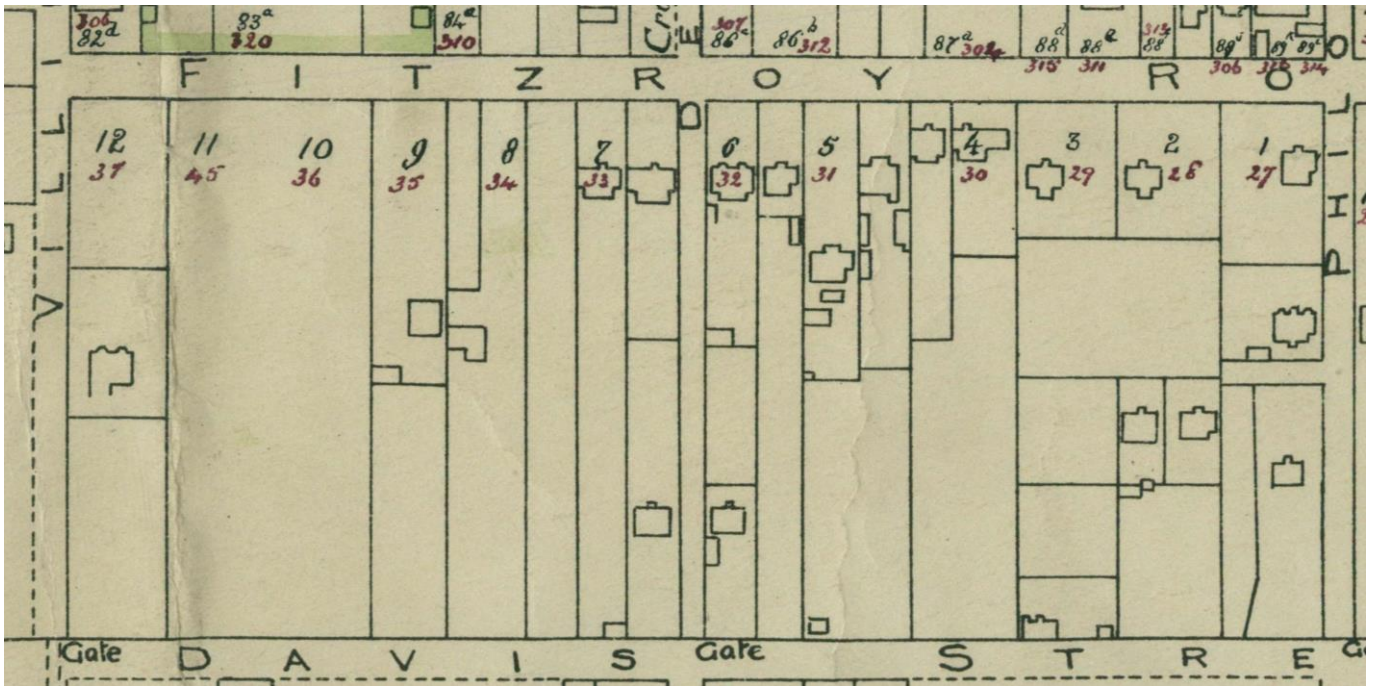
On 12 October 1889 **Captain Bracey Robson WILSON** of Robert Street, Stonehaven, Scotland, and **Mrs Elizabeth KENNEDY** or **WILSON**, his wife, granted to **Alexander WALKER**, shepherd of North Arm, Lot 12 in the suburbs of Stanley bounded "*on the North by the Fitzroy Road, one hundred and thirty seven 139 1/6 and one half links, on the West by Villiers Street, seven hundred and twenty six links. On the South by a Cross Road, one hundred and thirty seven 139 1/6 and one half links, and on the East by Lot number Eleven, seven hundred and twenty six links*" for £32. [BUG-REG-4; 175]

On 14 May 1890 **Alexander WALKER** of North Arm granted to **Frederick Edward COBB** of Stanley, Lot 12 in the suburbs of Stanley bounded "*on the North by the Fitzroy Road, one hundred and thirty seven 139 1/6 and one half links, on the West by Villiers Street, seven hundred and twenty six links. On the South by a Cross Road, one hundred and thirty seven 139 1/6 and one half links, and on the East by Lot number Eleven, seven hundred and twenty six links*" for £42. [BUG-REG-4; 179]

On 10 March 1891 **Frederick Edward COBB** of Stanley and Emily Downing COBB, his wife, granted to **Timothy ROBSON** of Port Louis, Lot 12 in the suburbs of Stanley bounded "*on the North by the Fitzroy Road one hundred and thirty seven 139 1/6 TC and one half links on the West by Villiers Street seven hundred and twenty six links on the South by a cross road one hundred and thirty seven 139 1/6 TC and on the East by lot number eleven seven hundred and twenty six links*" for £87-10-0. [BUG-REG-4; 262]

Timothy ROBSON died in Stanley 2 March 1896 and in his will dated 14 March 1891 left all of his property, including Crown Grant 37, to his wife, Rose, during her lifetime or unless she remarried, then equally to his children Timothy, Joseph, Edward, Lionel, John, Thomas Austin, George, Ann and Michael with the proviso that none of his children could sell, exchange or give their share to any person other than their siblings. [BUG-REG-5; 127] **Rose ROBSON** died 25 November 1924.

Joseph ROBSON died intestate 7 March 1911 and on 21 January 1927 **Conrad ROBSON**, his eldest surviving son and heir, granted to **Timothy ROBSON, John Roach ROBSON, Thomas Austin ROBSON, George ROBSON, Michael ROBSON** and **Ann Craigie HALKETT** all his right, title and interest in Town Lot 12 bounded "*On the North by Fitzroy Road 139 1/6 links, On the West by Villiers Street 726 links, on the South by a Public Road 139 1/6 links and on the East by lot number 11, 726 links, together with the Dwelling House, Fences and all other Erections thereon or thereto belonging*" for £214-5-9. [BUG-REG-9; 333]



Part of the 1923 Crown Grant map

On 1 June 1936 **George ROBSON** granted to **John Roach ROBSON** all his right, title and interest in Lot 12 in Section 1 bounded “on the North by Fitzroy Road 139 1/6 links and on the East by Lot 11 726 links, and on the West by Villiers Street 726 links and on the South by a Public Road 139 1/6 links, together with the Dwelling House, Fences and all other erections thereon or thereto belonging” for £286. [BUG-REG-11; 27]



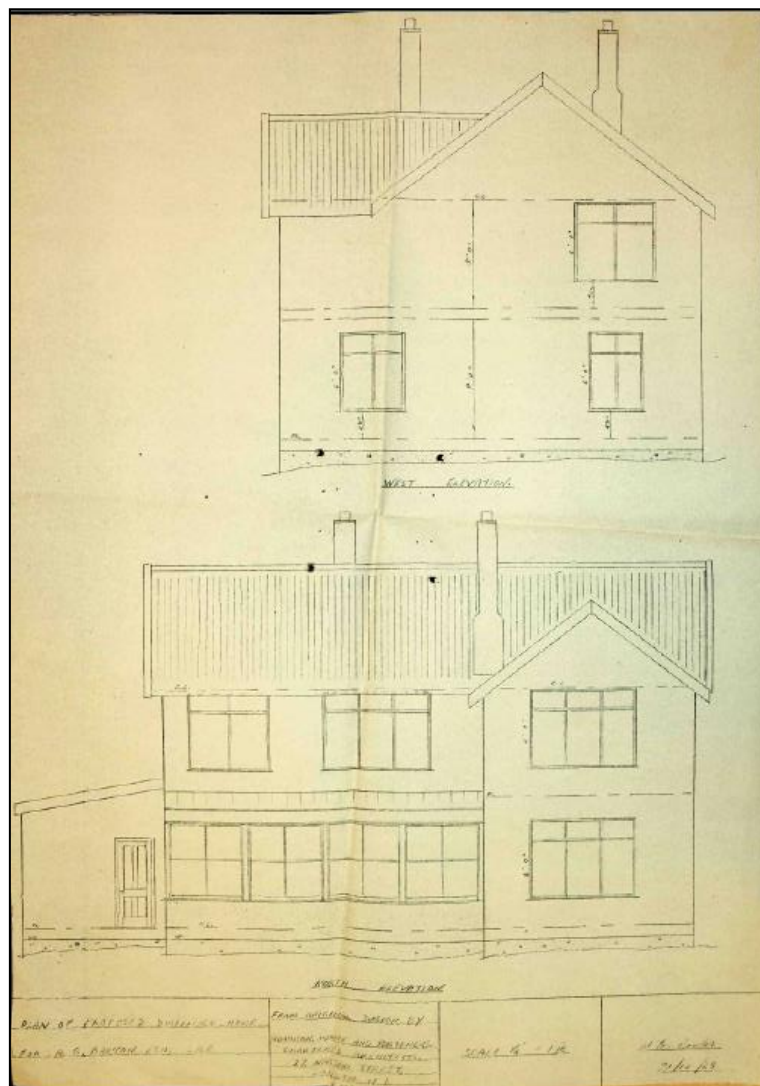
Top left, Rosemont House - 1936 FIC Collection, JCNA

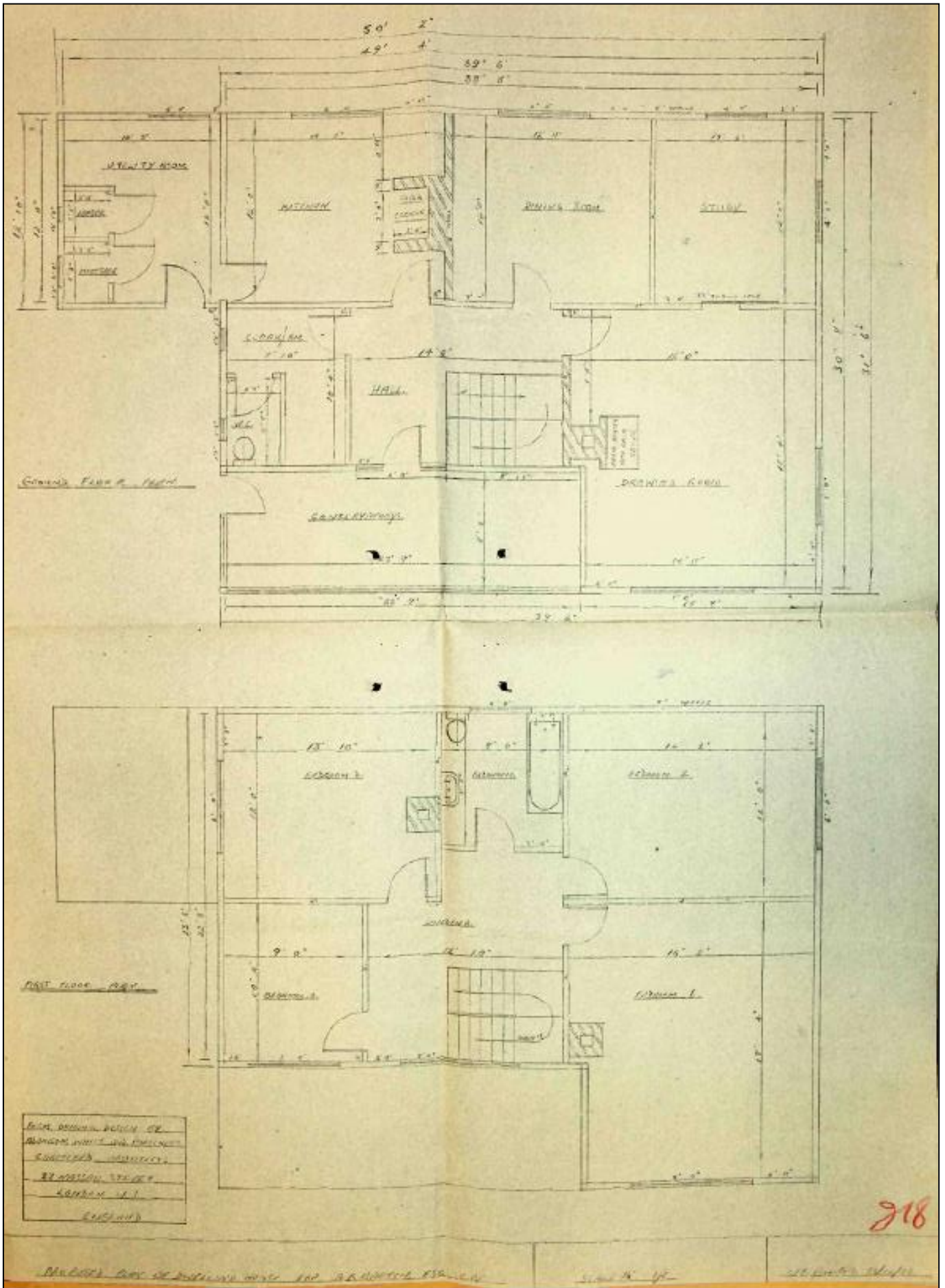
On 21 July 1944 **Michael ROBSON** granted to **John Roach ROBSON** all his right, title and interest in Lot 12 in Section 1 bounded "On the North by Fitzroy Road 139 1/6 links; on the East by Lot 11 726 links; on the West by Villiers Street 726 links; on the South by Davis Street 139 1/6 links; together with the dwelling house known as "Rosemont House", fences and all other erections thereon or thereto belonging" for £250. [BUG-REG-11; 388]

On 28 July 1944 **George ROBSON** granted to **John Roach ROBSON** all his right, title and interest in Lot 12 in Section 1 bounded "on the North by Fitzroy Road 139 1/6 links; on the East by Lot 11, 726 links; on the West by Villiers Street 726 links; on the South by Davis Street 139 1/6 links; together with the dwelling house known as "Rosemont House", fences and all other erections thereon or thereto belonging" for £30. [BUG-REG-11; 391]

John Roach ROBSON died 18 March 1950 and in his will dated 4 August 1944 left all of his property, including Crown Grant 37, to his wife, Laura, during her lifetime, then equally to his children **James Timothy Roach ROBSON**, **Robert Lionel ROBSON**, **George John ROBSON**, **Rose Ellen SLADE** and **Patricia Laura ROBSON** with the proviso that none of his children could sell, exchange or give their share to any person other than their siblings. [BUG-REG-11; 392] Laura died 5 September 1957.

In November 1963 an application by A G BARTON on behalf of J D BARTON of Teal Inlet to erect a dwelling house on the corner of Fitzroy Road and Villiers Street was approved.





The FI Monthly Review of 4 May 1964 recorded that *“Work has commenced on the erection of the framework of the house being built for Mr A G Barton at the bottom of the paddock where Rosemont House used to Stand”*. **Arthur Grenfell BARTON** was married to **Dorothy Iowa FELTON** whose mother was **Winifred ROWEN**. The new house was named Rowen House and to date still belongs to the Barton family.

In April 1976 what remained of Rosemont House was in the process of being dismantled.



Rowen House - JCNA