

### 3 VILLIERS STREET; HILL HOUSE

On 3 November 1858 Crown Grant 126 was issued to **Thomas HAVERS** for £5 being Lot 13 in Section I containing one acre in the suburbs of Stanley (*West of Villiers Street; originally fronting to Drury Street to north*). [CG 126]

On 13 November 1858 James Lane, colonial Manager of the Falkland Islands Company Ltd wrote to the London office stating "*Mr Havers is erecting a House which he says will be completed in 6 weeks & he will then remove.*" [FIC/E1; 2, par 14]

On 2 February 1861 **Thomas HAVERS**, gentleman of Stanley, and **Mary Clare HAVERS**, his wife, granted to **Jacob Napoleon GOSS**, publican of Stanley, Lot 13 in the suburbs of Stanley containing one acre "*together with the dwelling houses thereon erected, situated between the Pensioners Garden Allotments and Villiers Street*" for £120. [BUG-REG-1; 221]

On 4 November 1862 **Jacob Napoleon GOSS**, publican of Stanley, and **Ann GOSS**, his wife, granted to **Isaac SMITH**, carpenter of Stanley, Lot 13 in the suburbs of Stanley containing one acre "*together with the dwelling houses thereon erected, situated between the Pensioners Garden Allotments and Villiers Street*" for £120. [BUG-REG-1; 241]



1863 - House top left

On 15 March 1865 **Isaac SMITH**, carpenter of Stanley, granted to **Thomas ALDRIDGE**, publican of Stanley, Lot 13 in the suburbs of Stanley containing one acre "*with the Messuage and erections thereon*" for £120. [BUG-REG-1; 277]

Thomas, age 42 and a hotel keeper, died 16 July 1873 in Stanley from paralysis of the insane. In his will dated 8 October 1871 he stated that his business was to be continued on until his youngest child reached 21 or married then his estate was to be divided with his wife having two

shares and his children to have the remaining shares divided equally between them. [BUG-REG-1; 353]



1875 - House top left - FIC Collection, JCNA

The property appears to have eventually passed to Thomas' youngest daughter **Alice Marian ALDRIDGE**. Alice was married to **Alfred KING** on 22 February 1906. On 4 April 1921 **Alfred KING** granted to **George Bennet SMITH**, Lot 13 in the suburbs of Stanley containing one acre "with the buildings fences and erections thereon, boundaries are as follows:- On the East by Villiers Street, On the South by Davis Street, On the North, land owned by Mrs Elizabeth Wilson, On the West, land owned by Mr Edward Wilson and land owned by the Estate of J C Aldridge" for £800. [BUG-REG-8; 388]

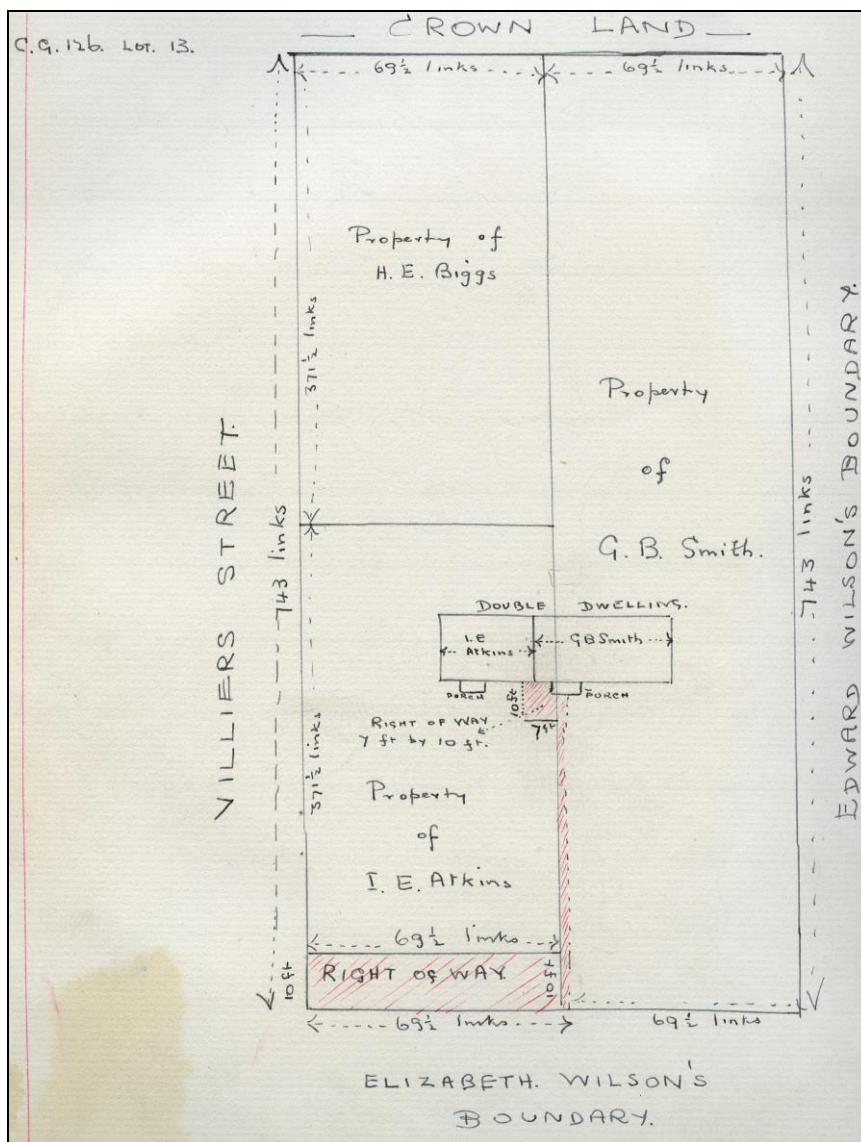
**George Bennet SMITH**, a widower, died 26 August 1927. Hill House was left equally to his three children **George Douglas SMITH**, **Hilda Evangeline SMITH** and **Isabel Evelyn SMITH**.

On 23 February 1934 in consideration of £600 paid by **George Douglas SMITH** for repairs of their joint property known as Hill House, an agreement was made with **Hilda Evangeline BIGGS** (née **SMITH**) and **Isabel Evelyn ATKINS** (née **SMITH**) that the property would be divided up as follows "that George Douglas Smith be granted the West Section of Double dwelling thereon, extending as far as the partition of West end of the East section of Double dwelling: we further agree the meets and bounds of such portion of land to be as follows:- Bounded on the North by Elizabeth Wilson 69 ½ links, on the West land in occupation of Edward Wilson 743 links, on the South by Govt Road 69 ½ links, and on the East by a portion of the same allotment 743 links. It is further agrees that quiet enjoyment shall be allowed of any further portion of land that either of the present Double dwelling occupies and including a small portion of ground in front of the west Porch door extending 7 feet to the East of George B Smith's boundary and 10 feet from the main building wall to the North on the East section of the 2<sup>nd</sup> lot. It is further agreed that the remaining portion of the plot now termed the 2<sup>nd</sup> lot of land



and the other portion of Double dwelling and out houses thereon shall be the property of Hilda E Biggs (née Smith) and Isabel E Atkins (née Smith) in joint ownership, metes and bounds of above named 2<sup>nd</sup> lot as follows:- On the North by land in occupation of Elizabeth Wilson, 69 ½ links, on the West by portion of the same allotment 743 links, on the South by Govt Road 69 ½ links, on the East by Villiers Street 743 links. It is further agreed that a Right of Way be reserved on the North of 2<sup>nd</sup> lot to be entered from Villiers Street 10 feet wide North and South and 69 ½ links East and West.” [BUG-REG-10; 390]

On 24 February 1934 Hilda Evangeline BIGGS (née SMITH) and Isabel Evelyn ATKINS (née SMITH) Heirs of the late George Bennett SMITH, granted to George Douglas SMITH, “All that parcel of land in the Town of Stanley being the Western portion of Crown Grant 126, No 13 bounded on the North by land belonging to Elizabeth Wilson 69 ½ links on the South by Crown Land 69 ½ links on the west by land belonging to Edward Wilson 743 links on the East by part of the same lot 13, 743 links together with part of Double dwelling thereon extending from West end of Building as far as the partition of the West end of attached East dwelling with quiet enjoyment of any further portion of land that the building stands on, also to include a portion of the Eastern portion of the same Lot No 13, 7ft to east of G B Smith’s building by 10ft from main building wall to the North, to allow entrance to present front door, together with all fences and erections whatever now existing upon same. It is further agreed that a Right of way be reserved at the North boundary of Eastern lot, 10ft wide North to South by 69 ½ links East to West to allow entrance from Villiers Street to the western portion of Lot No 13.” for £600 and all his share of the eastern portion of Lot 13. [BUG-REG-10; 316]



On 24 February 1934 **Hilda Evangeline BIGGS** (née **SMITH**) granted to **Isabel Evelyn ATKINS** (née **SMITH**) "*All that parcel of land situated in the Town of Stanley being the Northern portion of East section of Crown Grant 126, No 13. Bounded on the North by land belonging to Elizabeth Wilson 69 ½ links on the South by part of same lot No 13, 69 ½ links, on the west by land owned by George Douglas Smith 371 ½ links on the East by Villiers Street 371 ½ links together with the East portion of Double dwelling thereon including all outbuildings and erections of any kind whatsoever now existing upon the same. Right of way to be reserved at the North boundary of this plot 10ft wide from Elizabeth Wilson's land to the South and 69 ½ links from East to West to allow entrance from Villiers Street to Western portion of No 13 property of George Douglas Smith*" for £200 together with all her share of the North half of Eastern Portion Lot 13. [BUG-REG-10; 316]



1936 - House centre right - FIC Collection, JCNA

On 28 February 1936 **George Douglas SMITH** granted to **Martin William Henry BIGGS** (husband of Hilda) "*All that parcel of land in the Town of Stanley, being a strip of the West portion of Crown Grant No 126 No 13. Bounded on the North by part of the same allotment 16 links land belonging to George Douglas Smith, on the South by Crown Land 16 links on the East by land belonging to Hilda Evangeline Biggs 371 ½ links, and on the West by land belonging to George Douglas Smith 371 ½ links*" for £10. [BUG-REG-10; 399]

On 28 February 1936 **Isabel Evelyn ATKINS** (née **SMITH**), through her attorney Vincent Arthur Henry BIGGS, granted to **Alfred John BLYTH** of Stanley "*All that parcel of land in the town of Stanley, being the Northern portion of East section of Crown Grant 126 No 13 Bounded on the North by land belonging to Elizabeth Wilson 69½ links on the South by part of same lot No 13 69½ links, on the West by land owned by Ernest Robert Bond Paice 371½ links, on the East by Villiers Street 371½ links together with East portion of Double Dwelling thereon including all outbuildings and erections of any kind now existing upon the same. Right of Way to be*



*reserved at the North boundary of this Plot 10ft wide from Elizabeth Wilson's land to the South and 69 ½ links from East to West to allow entrance from Villiers St to Western portion of No 13 property of Ernest Robert Bond Paice" for £625. [BUG-REG-11; 40]*

On 23 June 1942 **George Douglas SMITH** of Johnsons Harbour granted to **Ernest Robert Bond PAICE** of Stanley the western portion of Crown Grant 126 together with all buildings thereon and bounded "*On the North by land in the holding of Elizabeth Wilson 69 ½ links, on the East by part of the same Lot 13, 371 ½ links in the holding of Martin William Henry Biggs and 371 ½ links in the holding of John Blyth, on the South by Crown Land 53 ½ links and on the West by land in the holding of Edward Wilson 743 links. A Right of Way is reserved at the North Boundary of the Eastern Lot No 13, measuring 10 feet wide North to South by 69 ½ links East to West to allow entrance from Villiers Street" for £650. [BUG-REG-11; 295]*

On 3 June 1943 **Alfred John BLYTH** of Stanley granted to **Keith Ronald HUTCHINSON** of Stanley the northern portion of the east section of Crown Grant 126 bounded "*on the North by land belonging to Elizabeth Wilson 69 ½ links, on the South by part of same Lot No 13, 69 ½ links on the West by land owned by Ernest Robert Bond Paice 37 ½ links, on the East by Villiers St 371 ½ links together with the East portion of Double Dwelling thereon including all Outbuildings and erections of any kind now existing upon the same. Right of Way to be reserved at the North boundary of this plot 10 ft wide from Elizabeth Wilson's land to the South and 69 ½ links from East to West to allow entrance from Villiers St to Western portion of No 13 property of Ernest Robert Bond Paice" for £650. [BUG-REG-11; 336]*

On 28 January 1956 **Markham James LUXTON** of Stanley granted to the **Falkland islands Government** the eastern portion of Crown Grant 126 containing quarter of an acres more or less and bounded "*on the North by Lot No 15 in the holding of Terence William Binnie 69 ½ links; on the West by part of Lot No 13 in the holding of Victorina Energy Paice 37 ½ links; on the South by part of Lot No 13 in the holding of Martin W H Biggs 69 ½ links; on the East by Villiers St 371 ½ links; together with dwelling house and all erections thereon free from all encumbrances. A Right of Way of 10 feet wide on the Northern boundary to be reserved to give access from Villiers Street to the land in the holding of Mrs V E Paice" for £650. [Vol XIV; pg 137]*



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