

FOX BAY EAST OR PACKE'S FOX BAY, LITTLE CHARTRES AND DUNNOSE HEAD

NB: Various spellings of names are as written in the records

Fox Bay was named after the only quadruped native to the Falkland Islands, the Warrah fox, by **John BYRON**. Chartres River was named after **Dr William CHARTRES**, the surgeon on board the HMS *Philomel* which was surveying in the Falkland Islands 1842 to 1845. The settlements of Chartres and Little Chartres took their names from the river. Dunnose Head was recorded as Dunoze Point in **Lieutenant Thomas EDGAR's** 1797 chart and may have been named after Dunnose Point on the Isle of Wight.

On 24 December 1867 **Edward PACKE** was granted an occupation licence of Station 5 West Falkland for £48-19-0 containing 58,740 acres more or less and bounded "*on the West by a line running in a South Easterly direction from Port Philomel through Mount Philomel, nine and a half miles. On the South East by the South West Arm of the Chartres River, on the North East by the Chartres River, and Christmas Harbour on the North by King George's Bay to Dunnose Head: and on the South West, and South by Queen Charlotte's Bay, and Port Philomel, to the starting point.*" A declaration was to be made every 6 months of the number and description of wild cattle killed by him and payment of 4/- per bull and 16/- for every animal killed for consumption. Any wild cattle captured for taming were free as long as they were branded and a return was made every 6 months of the animals. [BUG-REG-2; pg 181]

On 24 December 1867 **Edward H SCOTT** through his agent **Edward PACKE** was granted an occupation licence of Station 4 West Falkland for £39-8-8 containing 47,320 acres more or less and bounded "*on the North West by a line running North East from the North Arm of Fox Bay 8 ½ miles. On the North East by a line running South East seven miles to the sea. On the South East by Falkland Sound, and on the South by Fox Bay to the starting point.*" A declaration was to be made every 6 months of the number and description of wild cattle killed by him and payment of 4/- per bull and 16/- for every animal killed for consumption. Any wild cattle captured for taming were free as long as they were branded and a return was made every 6 months of the animals. [BUG-REG-2; pg 183]

On 24 December 1868 an extension of the occupation licence of Station No 4 West Falkland held by **Edward H SCOTT** was granted to 24 December 1869 for £78-17-4. [BUG-REG-2; pg 182]

On 24 December 1868 an extension of the occupation licence of Station No 5 West Falkland held by **Edward PACKE** was granted to 24 December 1869 for £97-18-0. [BUG-REG-2; pg 182]

As he has stocked the station and built a house on it **Edward PACKE** was granted Lease 6 West Falkland on 24 December 1869 for 20 years at an annual rent of £97 payable in advance. Containing 58,200 acres more or less and bounded "*On the West by a line running in a South Easterly direction from Port Philomel through Mount Philomel nine and a half miles. On the South East by the South West Arm of the Chartres River. On the North East by the Chartres River and Christmas Harbour. On the North by King George's Bay to Dunnose Head, and on the South West and South by Queen Charlotte's Bay, and Port Philomel to the starting point.*" A declaration was to be made every 6 months of the number and description of wild cattle killed by him and payment of 4/- per bull and 16/- for every animal killed for consumption. Any wild cattle captured for taming were free as long as they were branded and a return was made every 6 months of the animals. [BUG-REG-2; pg 241]

As he has stocked the station and built a house on it **Edward H SCOTT** was granted Lease 7 West Falkland on 24 December 1869 for 20 years at an annual rent of £68 payable in advance. Containing, less an allowance for water, 40,800 acres more or less and bounded "*On the North West by a line running North East from the North Arm of Fox Bay eight and a quarter miles. On*

the North East by a line running South East seven miles to the sea. On the South East by Falkland Sound, and on the South by Fox Bay to the starting point.” A declaration was to be made every 6 months of the number and description of wild cattle killed by him and payment of 4/- per bull and 16/- for every animal killed for consumption. Any wild cattle captured for taming were free as long as they were branded and a return was made every 6 months of the animals. [BUG-REG-2; pg 243]

On 24 December 1870 Lease 6 West Falkland was annulled and **Messrs Packe Brothers** were granted a new lease, under the 5th clause of the Amalgamation Ordinance of the Lease of Crown Lands No 6 of 1870, of the 58,200 acres more or less for 20 years at an annual rent of £97. Bounded “*on the West by a line running in a South Easterly direction from Port Philomel through Mount Philomel nine and a half miles, on the South East by the South West arm of the Chartres River, on the North East by the Chartres River and Christmas Harbour, on the North by King George’s Bay to Dunnose Head and on the South West and South by Queen Charlotte’s Bay and Port Philomel to the starting point.*” [BUG-REG-2; 261]

On 24 December 1870 Lease 7 West Falklands was annulled and **Edward H SCOTT** was granted a new lease, under the 5th clause of the Amalgamation Ordinance of the Lease of Crown Lands No 6 of 1870, of, with an allowance for water, 40,800 acres more or less for 21 years at an annual rent of £40-16-0 for the first 10 years and £68 a year for the remainder. Bounded “*on the North West by a line running North East from the North arm of Fox Bay eight and a quarter miles; on the North East by a line running South East seven miles to the sea; on the South East by Falkland Sound, and on the South by Fox Bay to the starting point including North Flat Island.*” [BUG-REG-2; pg 263]



Farm boundaries 1883 – part of Hudson Chart, JCNA

After leaving school **Russel BUCKWORTH** came out to the Falkland Islands to learn farming with his uncle **Edward PACKE** at Fox Bay. He lived at Little Chartres for some time with **John SMITH** and moved to Dunnose Head when a house was built there. [FIM Dec 1918]

On 6 June 1881 **James McLYMONT** transferred part of Lease 5 West Falkland containing 14,000 acres more or less to **Messrs PACKE BROTHERS** on the condition that they paid in advance a rental of £23-6-8 on 5 February each year for the remainder of the term of the original lease. Bounded "*on the South West by Stations No 4 for 7 miles; on the North West by Station No 5, one miles; on the South East by a stream running South East, 2 miles to a chain of ponds running North East till it cuts the North East boundary which runs in a South East direction to Hill Gap.*" [BUG-REG-2; pg 284]

On 5 February 1889 there were 3 houses in the Fox Bay East settlement containing 8 adults and 6 children. Little Chartres house was on the Chartres River and had 3 adults and 1 child living in it. The Bosom Hills house on was the slopes of the hill and had 2 adults. [H43; 52]

On 26 June 1889 there were two houses in the Fox Bay East settlement. The men's house was occupied by **Otto JONES, J McASKILL, J HARRIS, Ewen McASKILL** and **J GLEADELL**; all labourers, **BRETT**, cook; and **John CHEEK**, carpenter. The manager's house was occupied by **Charles LANE**, the cook, his wife & child; and **Russell H Buckworth**, the manager. The Bosom Hills house was occupied by **G PETERSEN**, shepherd, and wife. The Little Chartres house was occupied by **W ROSS**, shepherd, wife and child. The Gun Hill house was unoccupied. The men from Fox Bay were living in the Dunnose Head cookhouse. [H44; 235]



Second Gun Hill Shanty being built circa 1934 – Clement Albums

On 14 March 1890 **Edward PACKE** sold his four equal eleventh shares of the partnership of **Packe Brothers** to **John Stella GOODHART** for £5,000; the partnership of **Robert Christopher PACKE, Russell Henry BUCKWORTH** and **John Stella GOODHART** to be known as **Packe Brothers & Co.** [BUG-REG-4; pg 188]

On 1 December 1890 **Dame Emilie SCOTT**, widow, transferred under an agreement to that effect Lease 7 West Falkland to **Robert Christopher PACKE**, **John Stella GOODHART** and **Russell Henry BUCKWORTH**, the co-partners in the firm of **Packe Brothers & Co.** [BUG-REG-4; pg 259]

On 7 September 1891 Crown Grant 345 was issued to **Edward H SCOTT** for £109-15-0 being the compulsory purchase of 1,097 ½ acres on Lease No 7. [CG 345]

On 7 September 1891 Crown Grant 346 was issued to **Messrs Packe Brothers** for £156-13-0 being the compulsory purchase of 1,560 ½ acres on Lease No 6. [CG 346]

On 1 March 1892 **Packe Brothers & Co** were granted an occupation licence of Section 6 Dunnose Head at an annual rent of £194 containing 58,200 acres more or less and bounded *“on the West by a line running in a South Easterly direction from Port Philomel through Mount Philomel nine and a half miles, on the South East by the South West arm of the Chartres River on the North East by the Chartres Rover and Christmas Harbour, on the North by King George’s Bay to Dunnose Head and on the South West and South by Queen Charlotte Bay and Port Philomel to the starting point.”* [BUG-REG-2; pg 261]

On 1 March 1892 **Packe Brothers & Co** were granted an occupation licence of Section 7 Fox Bay East at an annual rent of £136 containing, less allowance for water, 40,800 acres more or less and bounded *“on the North West by a line running North East from the North arm of Fox Bay eight and a quarter miles; on the North East by a line running South East seven miles to the sea; on the South East by Falkland Sound, and on the South by Fox Bay to the starting point including North Flat Island.”* [BUG-REG-2; pg 263]

On 19 June 1892 Crown Grant 350 was issued to **Messrs Packe Brothers** for £109-15-0 being the compulsory purchase of 1,097 ½ acres on Station No 7. [CG 350]

In an Executive Council meeting held 6 September 1895 the renewal of Lease 7 East Fox Bay to **Messrs Packe Brothers** was approved with a reservation for a house &c for a resident magistrate. [P4; 276]



Fox Bay Magistrate’s House (later the Post Office) 1930 – Hamilton Collection, JCNA

During 1896 £243-16-5 was spent building Government Quarters at Fox Bay East for the newly-appointed Stipendiary Magistrate and the police. On 6 January 1896 a public gaol and house of correction were established in the building attached to the courthouse of the stipendiary magistrate. On 1 February 1896 **William SAUNDERS** pleaded guilty in the courthouse Fox Bay to having used threatening and abusive language to **Archibald WALDRON** at Port Howard on 25 January. He paid a fine of 20s and 5s costs. The building was destroyed by fire in 1982. [S51: FIM Mar 1896]



The first Post Office (left) and gaol (right) circa 1930 – Hamilton Collection, JCNA

In 1899 **John CHEEK**, a local mason and carpenter, was under contract to build a house, porch and store at Dunnose Head for the sum of £66-10-0. The Post Office at Fox Bay East was opened 1 July 1899.

On 24 October 1911 the application by **Vere PACKE** on behalf of **Messrs Packe Brothers & Co** to purchase their leases of Dunnose Head and Fox Bay was sanctioned with the reservations that:

1. *Notice of a Crown Reserve of 1000 acres at Fox Bay to be published in the Gazette commencing at the point in Latitude 51° 56¼' S, Longitude 60° 1¾' W, marked "Settlement" on Admiralty Chart No 1354A, thence from Settlement (excluding House) true East 1 ⅛ miles (nautical) to the 60th degree of Longitude thence true South to the coast line (approximately one nautical mile) along to 60th degree of Longitude, thence following the Coast line South and West to the point of commencement." (Should the area of the above mentioned Reserve be found on survey to exceed 1000 acres the northern boundary line to be brought nearer the Settlement at Fox Bay).*
2. *Messrs Packe Brothers to select 1097 ½ acres already compulsorily purchased, vide Crown Grant No 350 outside of the above Crown Reserve.*

Lease 7 Fox Bay containing 40,800 acres less the compulsory purchase of 1,097 ½ acres under Crown Grant 350, at 3/s an acre; the purchase price of £5,805-7-6 to be paid by a deposit of 10% and the balance to be paid in 30 instalments.

Lease 6 Dunnose Head Station containing 58,200 acres less the compulsory purchase of 1,566 ½ acres under Crown Grant 346, at 3/- an acre; the purchase price of £8,495-0-6 to be paid by a deposit of 10% and the balance to be paid in 30 instalments. [P5; 116: BUG-REG-9; pg 275]

The Fox Bay Reserve comprising of 1,000 acres was first leased to **Packe Bros & Co** 7 November 1911 for 3 years from 24 December 1911 subject to the reservations and conditions of the Land Ordinance 1903 and with the additional conditions of the Government to have the right to enter and build a wireless station and to take peat and oil. The lease was renewed 21 December 1914, 12 November 1917, 3 November 1922, 25 August 1924, 24 November 1926, 16 November 1929, 13 May 1933 and 28 July 1936. [857/16]

During the early hours of 30 April 1914 the residence of **Maurice** and **Emily BUCKWORTH** at Fox Bay East was totally destroyed by fire in less than 1 ½ hours. The original part of the house was a Crimean hut. [FIM Jun 1914]

In September 1914 **Russel BUCKWORTH** sent two men, **RUDRUM** and **Herbert STOLWORTHY**, out to the Falkland Islands to build the new manager's house, a Boulton & Paul pre-fabricated building, at Fox Bay East. Herbert returned to the UK in November 1915. [FIC/EC/FOE]

The plant for a wireless telegraph station at Fox Bay was imported circa 1913 and on 11 August 1916 approval was given for the erection of the station to be proceeded with. The small Government wireless station was completed at Fox Bay in November 1918. [P6; 138: Annual Colonial Report 1918]



Fox Bay Wireless Station – Una Hurst Albums

On 6 December 1923 **J ROBERTSON** reported on the **Packe Bros & Co** buildings:

Fox Bay:

- Manager's house and outbuildings – in perfect condition
- Cookhouse, store, shanty and woolshed – in good enough order but require painting
- Old woolshed – not worth repairing very much but will last a long time and useful for holding sheep
- Little Chartres house – a very old house but quite alright, would do with a coat of paint
- Gun Hill house – wants a little repairing, and painting badly. Could be made quite comfortable with little expense

Dunnose Head:

- Manager's house – requires the battens pulling off on west as they are causing the boards to rot and covering with flat iron. Requires painting
- Cookhouse & woolshed – needs a little repairing. Both want painting badly
- Shallow Harbour house – new

[N/FAR/FBE/11#7]

73 acres of the Fox Bay Reserve were re-occupied by the Government in 1936 as a Quarantine Station and the area leased to **Packe Bros & Co Ltd** was reduced to 927 acres and the annual rent reduced to £3-17-3. [857/16]

Circa April 1947 a Nissen hut was sent to Fox Bay East to be used as a schoolroom. [249/38]

The **Falkland Islands Government** shipped a building from Stanley to Fox Bay East to replace the Nissen hut and building was begun early 1956 by **John COLLINS** and **Peter LIVERMORE**. On 10 July 1956 workers were clearing away the old school hut. [N/FAR/FBE/5#10]

The Coast Ridge house was built during the summer of 1960/61. It was pulled down in 1995 and re-built in Stanley at 8 McKay Close.

The farm properties of Packe Brothers on West Falkland of **Fox Bay East, Dunnose Head** and **Packes Port Howard** were offered to FIG for £500,000 25 October 1982. The farms were purchased in 1983 and run as one unit by FIG from 30 April 1983 to 30 April 1984. Dunnose Head was sub-divided into four sections: South Rincon; Centre Camp; Cattle Ground Creek; and Little Chartres. Packes Port Howard was sub-divided into two sections: Packes Port Howard South (Bold Cove) and Packes Port Howard North (Manybranch). Fox Bay East settlement was developed as a Government Village after subdivision.



Fox Bay Village – JCNA