

KEVA COTTAGE OR BENNETT HOUSE 14 ALLARDYCE STREET – CROWN GRANT 369, LOT 11, SECTION E

On 4 August 1911 Crown Grant 369, being Lot 11, in Section E, was granted to **Daniel John SULLIVAN** for £23-7-3. The boundaries of the land granted were:

North	-	Allardyce Street by 66 feet
South	-	Moody Street by 66 feet
East	-	King Street by 149 feet
West	-	147 feet, 8 inches [CG 369]

On 24 September 1912 **Daniel John SULLIVAN**, gaoler of Stanley, granted to **John McGILL**, butcher of Stanley, *'All that parcel of land situated in the Town of Stanley No 11 Sec E bounded on East by a Public Road (King Street) 25 feet in breadth; frontage on same 149 feet, on the North a frontage of 66 feet on Allardyce Street, on the South a frontage of 66 feet on Moody Street, length of Western Boundary 147 feet, 8 inches and more particularly described as to metes and bounds in the Official Plan with all erections thereon'* for £480. [BUG-REG-8; 106]

On 1 July 1914 **John McGILL**, butcher of Stanley, granted to **Ada Marjorie WILLIAMS** *'All that parcel of land situated in the Town of Stanley, No 11 Sec E Bounded on East by a Public Road (King Street) 25 feet in breadth, frontage on same 149 feet, on the North, a frontage of 66 feet, on Allardyce Street, on the South a frontage of 66 feet on Moody Street, length of Western Boundary 147 feet 8 inches and more particularly described as to metes and bounds in the Official plan, with all erections thereon'* for £580. [BUG-REG-8; 169]

On 17 June 1919 **Ada Marjorie WILLIAMS** referred to the house as Keva Cottage. [BUG-REG-8; 304]

On 24 November 1919 **Ada Marjorie WILLIAMS** granted to **John McGILL**, butcher of Stanley, *'All that parcel of land situated in the Town of Stanley No 11 Sec E bounded on East by a Public Road (King Street) 25 feet in breadth, frontage on same 149 feet, on the North a frontage of 66 feet on Allardyce Street, on the South a frontage of 66 feet on Moody Street, length of Western Boundary 147 feet 8 inches and more particularly described as to metes and bounds in the official plan with all erections thereon'* for £750. [BUG-REG-8; 305]

On 3 August 1931, Clovis McGILL, the only child of John and Sarah McGill, age 22 and a clerk, died from tuberculosis. His health had broken down some 3 years before his death and according to oral history, the 'crow's nest' on the front of Keva Cottage was built so that Clovis could sit and look out across Stanley once he was too ill to go out. The current house was also supposed to have been built around the existing house and then the old one pulled down.

On 19 September 1932 **John McGILL**, butcher of Stanley, granted to his wife, **Sarah McGILL** *'All that parcel of land situated in the Town of Stanley, No 11 Sec E bounded the East by a Public Road (King Street) 25 feet in breadth, frontage on same 149 feet, on the North a frontage of 66 feet on Allardyce Street, on the South a frontage of 66 feet on Moody Street length of western boundary 147 feet 8 inches and more particularly described as to metes and bounds in the official plan with all erections thereon and contents of same'* for £1,400. [BUG-REG-8; 169]

On 10 April 1933 **John McGILL** applied to purchase a strip of land to the North of his property for £1, being 1 foot and 4 inches so that he could square his plot and enable him to erect a fence on the north boundary to protect his conservatory. This was approved 25 April 1933. [BUS/ALL/2#19]

John, age 65 and a retired butcher, died 20 March 1950 and was buried 23 March 1950 in Grave L1424. Sarah, age 82 and a widow, died 12 January 1970 and was buried 16 January 1970 in Grave T2148.

On 5 August 1970 the property was conveyed to **Harold BENNETT**. He inherited this property as well as McGill's Butchery and other lands including the Butchery Buildings adjacent to Dairy Paddock and some paddocks to the west of the racecourse. Harold had helped Jack McGill in his butchery as a lad.



Bennett House in 1988 (above) and 1993 (below)

