

14 ST MARY'S WALK – BUNGALOW NO 1 CROWN GRANT 426 (PART LOT 4, SECTION E)

In an open letter dated 30 March 1922 and published the September issue of the Falkland Islands Magazine, the Falkland Islands Reform League pointed out that there existed a pressing need for the erection of dwelling houses in Stanley and about sixteen families were seeking tenements. They also stated that the most practical method would be the erection of cottages by the Government to be let with an option to purchase and that Douglas Cottage on St Mary's Walk was a suitable model.

The official reply in the same issue stated that the Governor had been collecting information on the type and cost of suitable houses and that if the Government did erect houses it was essential that the type of building was of good design, permanent nature and economical design. The editor commented that the matter of building shouldn't be left to Government alone and that the Falkland Islands Company Ltd could at least build cottages for their own employees on the same terms.

In 1922 five cottages were ordered from various suppliers and shipped on the RMS *Oropesa* May 1923. The FIM of June 1923 reported "*We are glad to know that the Oropesa brought five new houses to be erected in Stanley by the government...*" The buildings were erected in an endeavor to relieve the shortage of housing in Stanley and were to be offered for sale or rent at terms that the ordinary artisan or workman could afford. With this in mind the Tender Board was to give preference to the most deserving applicant.

Work on construction commenced February 1923 and by the end of 1923 £5,882-4-1 had been spent.

Bungalow No 1—14 St Mary's Walk (Crown Grant 426)

On the 27 February 1923 a timber house, design No 1, was ordered from Arthur Thornborough Ltd, Tottenham. The total cost, including shipping, of 59 packages delivered to Liverpool was £553-6-11.

By 17 October 1923 the total cost of the house was about £914 with a further £77 estimated to finish the courtyard and back entrance.

On 27 November 1923 a public notice was issued offering the house for £950. When offered for sale it was described as situated between St Mary's Walk and Allardyce Street to the east of Douglas Cottage, built in 1923 from wood with a roof covered with "Poilite" tiles and brick flues for all fireplaces. The building contained a living room, kitchen, small scullery, three bedrooms and porches at front and back entrance. The property also consisted of a peat shed 27 foot from the main building and built from timber with a corrugated iron roof, privy and ash pit. The water came from two 400-gallon tanks and the land with the house was approximately 660 square yards.

The property was purchased by **Edward Noah SUMMERS**, sanitary carter for the Government, for £950 on 1 January 1924 and insured for £1,000. He had offered to deposit £250 and pay off the rest at £5 per month. His purchase was approved on the terms offered except that instead of monthly payments of £5 he would make annual payments of £60 or more. The interest rate was 3 per cent and the term of the mortgage 14 years. [BUS/JAM/1#2]

On 10 January 1929 Edward, the Government sanitary carter, wrote to the Government stating

that he had been advised that his daughter needed a change of climate and that he wished to sell the property and move to England. At that point he had been in Government service for some 18 years, 13 years on sanitary work. [BUS/JAM/1#2]

On 4 June 1930 **Edward Noah SUMMERS** granted to **George SCOTT**, of New Island, '*All that parcel of land of .137 (point one three seven) of an acre being part of lot Four Section E, including the building known as Bungalow No 1 (number one) Saint Mary's Walk, Stanley together with all the erections on the said land. The boundaries of the said land being:- On the north by St Mary's Walk 118½ (one hundred and eighteen and one half) links; on the South by the same measurements on Allardyce Street; on the East by land in the occupation of V Morales 116 (one hundred and sixteen) links; and on the West by the same measurement by land in the occupation of Mrs E Smith.*' for £680. [BUG-REG-8; 169]

George SCOTT died 5 May 1952.

On 7 May 1957 an application by **Clara E McRAE** to install a bathroom and flush toilet was approved. The existing toilet was in the peat shed which opened onto Allardyce Street. Clara was the eldest step-daughter of **George SCOTT**.

On 6 June 1996 an application by **Mr V BERNTSEN** for an extension to the porch was approved.

On 10 April 2001 an application by **Mr V BERNTSEN** for formation of vehicular access and off-street parking was approved.



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