

16 ST MARY'S WALK – BUNGALOW NO 2 CROWN GRANT 462 (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.

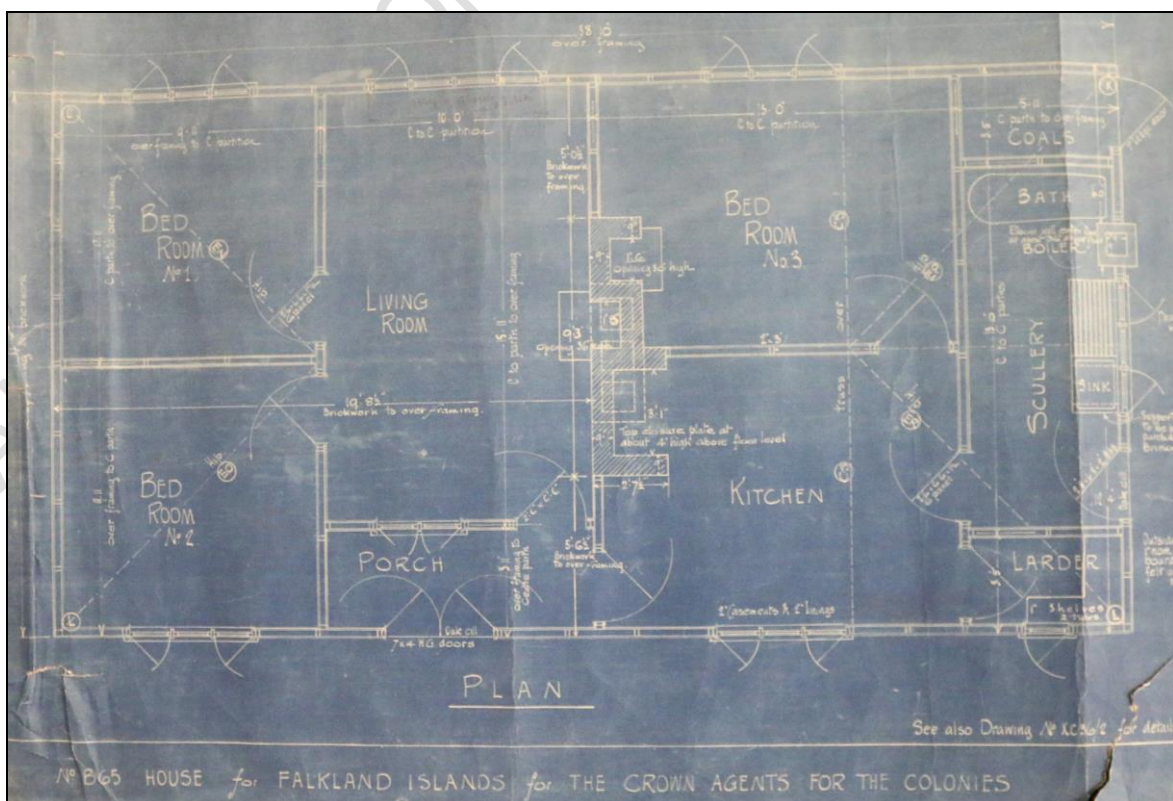
The official reply in the same issue stated that the Governor had been collecting information on the type and cost of suitable houses and that if the Government did erect houses it was essential that the type of building was of good design, permanent nature and economical design. The editor commented 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.

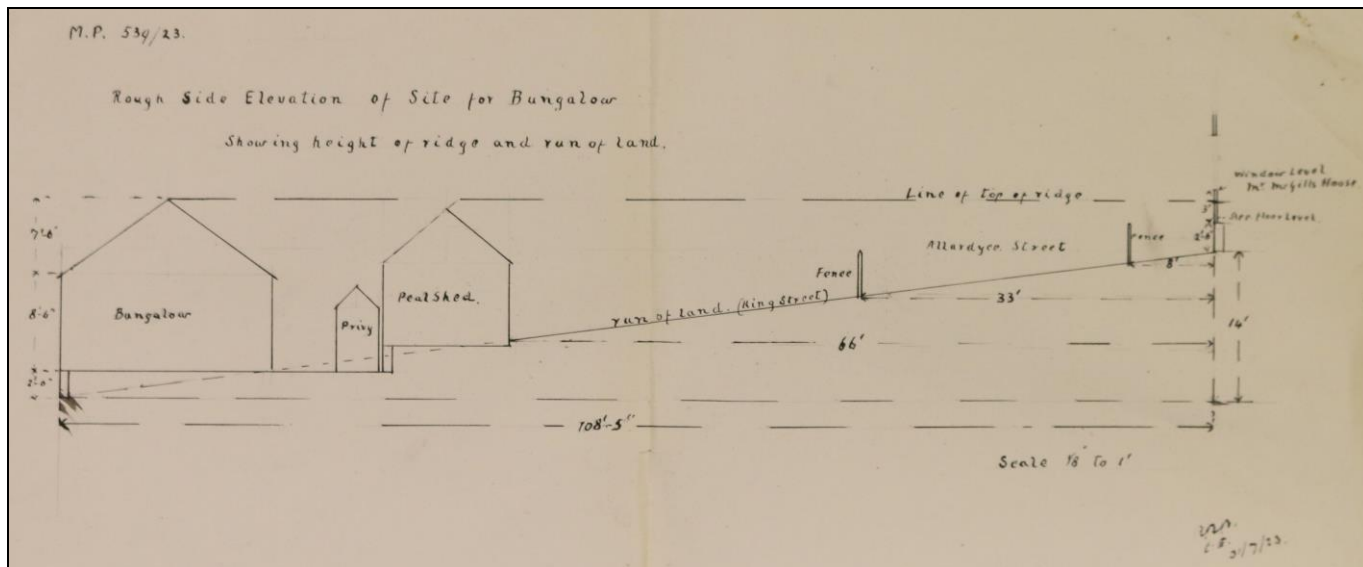
Bungalow No 2—16 St Mary's Walk (Crown Grant 462)

The bungalow was purchased from Boulton & Paul for £337-10-0. The total cost including freight, building and land, came to £980-9-6.



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The property was described as situated between St Mary's Walk and Allardyce Street and 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, four bedrooms and a bathroom. The property also consisted of a peat shed 10 foot from the main building and built from timber with a corrugated iron roof, built on .137 of an acre. [BUS/JAM/1#3]



On 23 July 1923 **Mr John McGILL**, of 14 Allardyce Street, wrote to the Colonial Secretary stating that if the third of the new houses being erected by Government was built where intended that it would shut out his light and lessen the value of his property. He was told that the peat shed was not going at the top of the site and he was satisfied on the seeing the Chief Engineer's plan. [BUS/JAM/1#1]

The house was insured for £1,000 on 2 January 1924.

The property was used as government housing and on 30 November 1929 the current tenant, **Mr BENNETT**, was moved out.

On 5 November 1929 the Falkland Islands Government offered the house for sale to **Valericio MORALES** and the keys were handed over to him Saturday 30 November 1929. He was offered the option of purchasing the property either in a single payment of by a deposit of £150 and the balance to be paid by ten annual instalments of £60 plus interest on the unpaid balances at 4 ½ % per annum. He requested instead that he paid £50 immediately and £50 on the date of signing the contract. This was agreed along with £85 to be paid 31 December 1930 and on 31 December 1931 then eight instalments of £60 per annum thereafter.

The property was purchased by **Valericio MORALES** for £750 on 15 January 1930. He added a small porch and door opening into the room that he was using as a Jewellery & Optical shop. He also added a lean-to at the back, 24' x 8', lined with 3 ply and containing a scullery, bathroom and porch. The peat shed was enlarged another 17' x 10', the sitting room was lined with 3 ply over the old lining and papered and the ceiling paneled. The front room was converted into a shop with plate glass windows and lined with 3 ply over the old lining boards and the ceiling paneled. He had also installed electric light.

On 19 June 1934 the final instalment of the mortgage was made and Crown Grant 462 was issued to **James Willison MILLER** who had taken over the property from **Valericio MORALES**. The property was described as being bounded on the north by St Mary's Walk 119 links, on the south by Allardyce Street 119 links, on the east by King Street 114 links and on the west by

Crown Grant 426, 114 links and containing 21.9 square rods or .137 of an acre. [BUS/JAM/1#3]

James Willison MILLER, age 72 and a sheep farmer, disappeared from the *Fitzroy* at sea on 5 August 1953 between 5.45am & 8.30am. Death was presumed by drowning or he may have died from shock in the water. His body was not recovered.

On 13 August 1956 an application by **S F SUMMERS** to install a flush toilet in the existing bathroom was approved.

On 14 January 1963 an application by **W E SUMMERS** to erect a 9' by 12' garage on the side of the existing peat shed and to improve the roof the peat shed was approved. There was still an outhouse in the peat shed.

On 30 August 1991 an application by **Mr B CLAYTON** to site a Portakabin on the property was approved.



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