

DOUGLAS OR HOWGATE STATION, WHITINGTON'S RINCON, PIEDRA SOLA, NORTH OF SAN CARLOS RIVER EAST, SOUTH OF LORENZO LAGOON, RINCON DEL MORO, BOMBILLA AND HORSESHOE BAY

NB: various spellings of names, etc are as written in the records.

Whittington's Rincon was named after **John Bull WHITINGTON**. Howgate Station was named by **Robert GREENSHIELDS** after his place of birth.

On 6 July 1868 **Edward R GRIFFITHS** was granted an occupation licence for £5 of a station at Whittington Rincon containing about 6,000 acres bounded "*on the South East by a line running from Vere Creek, in the direction of 12 o'clock Hill 4 miles, on the North East by a line running North West 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles. On the North West by a line running South West to Rabbit Pass and on the South and South East by the shore of St Salvador to the starting point at Vere Creek.*" [BUG-REG-2; pg 198]

On 4 August 1868 **Robert GREENSHIELDS** was granted an occupation licence for £5 of a station north of San Carlos River and south of Stations 36 and 42 bounded "*on the West by the East boundary of Station No 37, on the South by the River San Carlos, on the East by a line running North from a point $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile to the East of the 3rd Corral $\frac{3}{4}$ miles to the South boundary of Station No 42, and thence on the North by a line running West 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles along the Southern boundaries of Stations Nos. 42 and 36.*" [BUG-REG-2; pg 205]

Robert GREENSHIELDS applied for a licence to occupy land in the name of his 13 year old son **James GREENSHIELDS** and on 4 August 1868 was granted an occupation licence for £5 of a station at Piedra Sola bounded "*on the South by a line running 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles from Piedra Sola to Bull Hill: on the North East by the boundary of Station No 9, on the East by a line running North along the Government Reserve 4 miles from the West angle of Station No 9. Thence on the North by a line running West 4 miles to the North East angle of the Station No 48 in the occupation of Robert Greenshields on the West by the Eastern boundary of the Station No 48 last referred to: and internally on the West, North, and East by the River San Carlos from a point $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile to the East of 3rd Corral to the Starting point at Piedra Sola.*" [BUG-REG-2; pg 206]

As he has built a house on Station 47 Piedra Sola and stocked it **James GREENSHIELDS** was granted a lease 4 August 1869 for 10 years at an annual rent of £10 bounded "*on the South by a line running 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles from "Piedra Sola" to Bull Hill. on the North East by the boundary of Station No 9, on the East by a line running North along the Government Reserve 4 miles from the West angle of Station No 9. Thence on the North by a line running West 4 miles to the North East angle of the Station No 48 in the occupation of Robert Greenshields. On the West by the Eastern boundary of the said Station No 48 last referred to: and internally on the West, North, and East by the River San Carlos from a point half a mile to the East of 3rd Corral to the Starting point at "Piedra Sola.*" [BUG-REG-2; pg 229]

As he has built a house on Station 48 North of San Carlos River and south of Stations 36 and 42 and stocked it **Robert GREENSHIELDS** was granted a lease 4 August 1869 for 10 years at an annual rent of £10 bounded "*on the west by the East boundary of Station No 37, on the South by the River San Carlos, on the East by a line running North from a point $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile to the East of the 3rd Corral $\frac{3}{4}$ miles to the South boundary of Station No 42, and thence on the North by a line running West 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles along the Southern boundaries of Stations Nos. 42 and 36.*" [BUG-REG-2; pg 230]

Robert GREENSHIELDS applied for a licence to occupy land in the name of his 9 year old son **Thomas GREENSHIELDS** and on 18 December 1869 was granted an occupation licence for £5

of a station South of Lorenzo Lagoon bounded “*on the North by the South boundary of Stations 45 and one at Lorenzo Lagoon, in the occupation of Andrez Petaluga, on the West by the East boundary of Station 42. On the South by a line drawn East from South East angle of Station 42 2¾ miles to the edge of the Government Reserve. On the S E by the edge of the Government Reserve 1¾ miles and thence on the East by a line drawn North 4 miles to the salt water at the head of Salt Lagoon.*” [BUG-REG-2; pg 234]

On 18 December 1869 **Robert GREENSHIELDS** was granted an occupation licence for £5 of a station south of Station 41 bounded “*On the west by the East boundary of a Station in the Occupation of Thomas Greenshields lying East of 42. On the North by Salt Lagoon and the South boundary of 41. On the East by a line running South from the South East Angle of Station 41 to Port Salvador, and the South by the shores of Port Salvador, and the edge of Government reserve 5 ⅛ miles to the boundary of the station occupied by Thomas Greenshields.*” [BUG-REG-2; pg 235]

On 8 November 1870 **Robert GREENSHIELDS** was granted two Stations at Rincon del Moro, and one Station South of Piedra Sola. [BUG-REG-2; pg 290]

On 15 April 1871 **Robert GREENSHIELDS** was granted an amalgamated lease, Lease 70 Howgate Station containing 42,000 acres more or less, comprising of seven stations: 47 Piedra Sola; 48 North of San Carlos River East of No 36; South of Lorenzo Lagoon; South of No 41; two stations at Rincon del Moro; and a station south of Piedra Sola. The lease was granted in accordance with the Amalgamation Ordinance of the Leases of Crown Lands in the Falkland Islands No 6 of 1870 for 21 years at an annual rent of £42 for the first 10 years and £70 for the remainder of the lease. [BUG-REG-2; pg 290]

On 9 August 1872 **Robert GREENSHIELDS** was granted an occupation licence for £10-18-9 of a station at Whittington’s Rincon containing 13,127 acres more or less bounded “*On the North West by Station No 33 three miles; on the North East by land in the occupation of Messrs Sharpe & Robson five and a half miles to Twelve O’clock Hill; on the South East by Station No 14 three and three quarters miles to the St Salvador Road; and on the South West by the said Road to the North East arm of St Salvador and the North shore of St Salvador to the starting point in Horse Shoe Bay...together with Green Island*”. [BUG-REG-2; pg 289]

John DICKSON, shepherd for Mr Greenshields, wife and four children, left London June 1872 on board the *Blanch* and arrived in Stanley 31 August 1872. Their passage of £75 was pre-paid for them. [FIC C1 – desp 436]

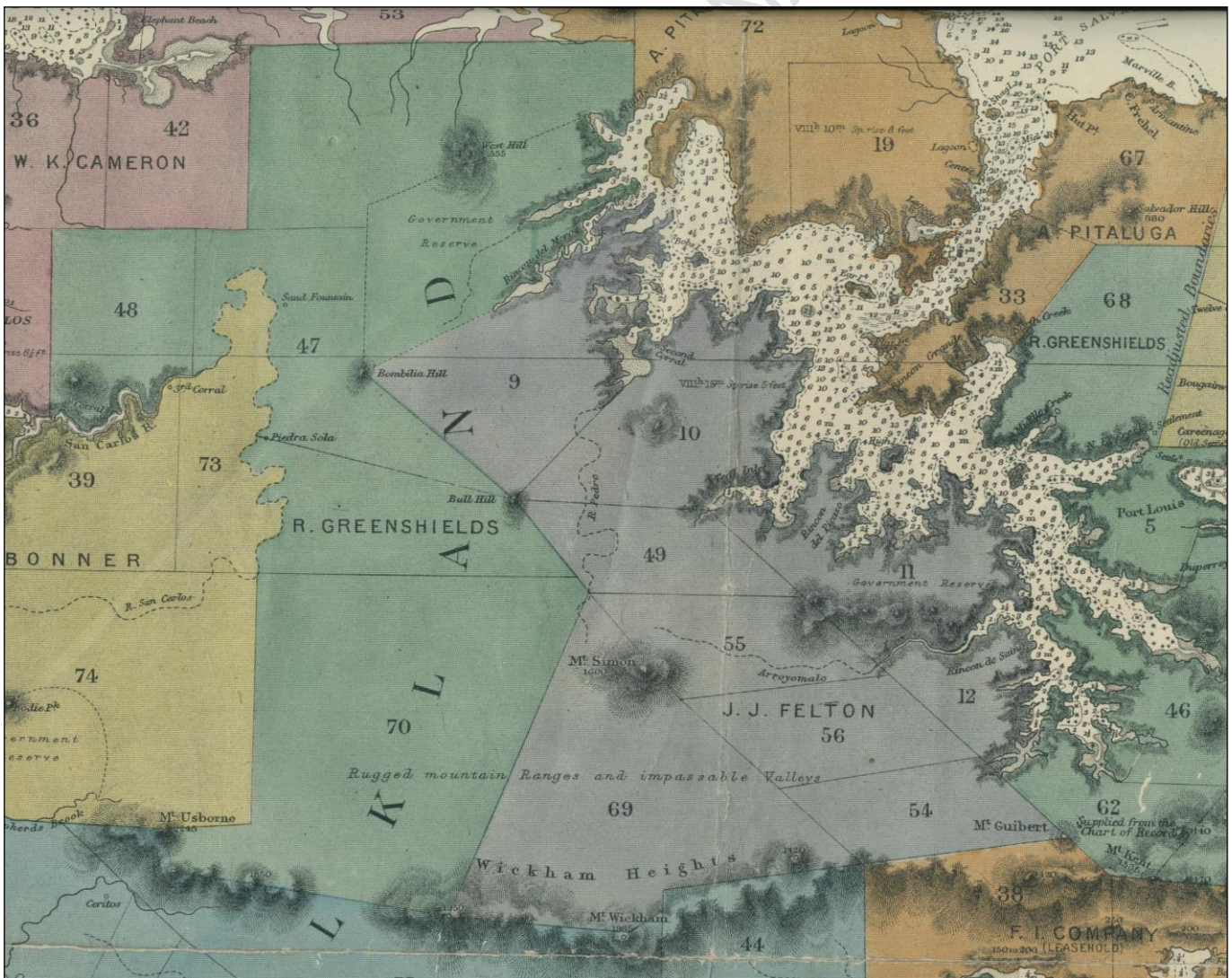
As he has built a house on the Station North of Whittingtons Rincon and stocked it **Robert GREENSHIELDS** was granted a lease 9 August 1874 for 21 years at an annual rent of £13-2-6 for the first ten years and £21-17-7 for the remainder. Bounded “*On the North West by Station No 33 three miles; on the North East by land in the occupation of Messrs Sharpe & Robson five and a half miles to Twelve O’clock Hill; on the South East by Station No 14 three and three quarters miles to the San Salvador Road; and on the South West by the said road to the North East arm of San Salvador and the North shore of San Salvador to the starting point in Horse Shoe Bay... including Green Island.*” Containing 13,127 acres more or less. [BUG-REG-2; pg 334]

As he has built upon Station 70 North of Wickham Heights and stocked it **Robert GREENSHIELDS** was granted a lease 20 August 1874 for 21 years at an annual rent of £42 for the first ten years and 70 for the remainder. Bounded “*Starting from Shepherd’s Brook is bounded on the North by the southern boundary of Bodie Peak Station five miles; on the Eastern boundary of the said Bodie Peak Station six miles and again on the North by the southern boundary of Station South of Piedra Sola eight miles on the East by a line running ten*

miles forming the Western boundaries of Sections in the occupation of James Felton; on the South by Station No 44 in the occupation of the Falkland Islands Company and thence by the Wickham Heights sixteen miles passed Mount Osborne and a line running up to Shepherd's Brook, the starting point." Containing 42,000 acres more or less. [BUG-REG-2; pg 342]

On 20 August 1872 **Robert GREENSHIELDS** was granted an occupation licence for £35 for a station north of Wickham Heights containing 42,000 acres more or less bounded "On the North by the Southern boundary of Station South of Piedra Sola. On the East by the Western boundary (running ten miles) of Land in the occupation of James Felton. On the South by the Northern boundary of Station No 44 in the occupation of the Falkland Islands Company and also by the Wickham Heights. On the West by a line running south six miles from the South West corner of Station South of Piedra Sola". [BUG-REG-2; pg 344]

On 10 March 1876 **Robert GREENSHIELDS** transferred 21,000 acres more or less of the station north east of Wickham Heights to **Messrs Felton Turner & Co** bounded "On the East by Sections Nos 55, 56 & 54 in the occupation of James Felton; on the South by a line running due west nine and a half miles along the Northern boundar of Section No 44 and continued to the mountain marked 1950 ft on the Nautical Chart of the Island. On the West by a line running North six miles till it cuts the Western boundary of Section No 55 to the North of Mount Simon. On the North by the said Sections in the occupation of the said James Felton." [BUG-REG-2; pg 391]



Farm boundaries 1883 – part of Hudson Chart, JCNA

Crown Grant 280 dated 8 September 1885 was issued to **Robert GREENSHIELDS** being the compulsory purchase of 560 acres on Station 70 North of Wickham Heights for £112. [CG 280]

Crown Grant 281 dated 8 September 1885 was issued to **Robert GREENSHIELDS** being the compulsory purchase of 350 acres on Station 68 North of Whittington's Rincon for £70. [CG 281]

Crown Grant 291 dated 11 November 1885 was issued to **Robert GREENSHIELDS** being the compulsory purchase of 1,120 acres on Howgate Station for £112. [CG 291]

On 18 June 1889 the following houses were on Douglas Station:

HOUSE	VALUE	DETAILS
Douglas Station house	£50	James Greenshields, sheep farmer; John Greenshields, assistant; Edwin J Betts, cook
Carter's house	£20	Robert Hutchinson, carter; wife and 3 children
Cookhouse	£18	William Campbell, general labourer; John Davis, general labourer; John Johnston, cook
Carpenter's house	£20	Joseph Porter, carpenter; wife and 8 children
Horse Shoe Bay house	£18	George Rae, shepherd
Muddy Creek house	£12	Alfred King, shepherd
Elephant Creek house	£10	George Phillips, shepherd
Saria Montevideo house	£12	John Blackley, shepherd; wife and child
Ponds house	£10	George H Clark, shepherd
Bombillia house	£12	Alexander Martin, shepherd
Rabbit Mountain house	£10	James Doherty, shepherd

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Docherty's Shanty, Douglas Station – Clement Albums



Douglas Big House 1952 – Hamilton Collection, JCNA

In 1894 Whittingtons Rincon Station was surrendered for sale under the third section of the Land Ordinance No 9 of 1882. **Henry MANNAN** and **George HURST** were selected to value the improvements of the station before it was put up for auction. [P3; pg 242; 244; 245]

Section 68 Whittington's Rincon originally leased as 13,127 acres 26 January 1895 was found after survey to contain some 17,777 acres and as the original intention of the ordinance was to introduce small farms it was put up as two lots, Lot A 8,889 acres at 4/- £1,777.16 and Lot B 8,888 acres at 4/ ¼ £1,786.17-2. [P3; pg 254; 256:CG 281]

The date for the sale of Whittington's Rincon was set for 26 January 1895. **James GREENSHIELDS** purchased both plots of Whittington Rincon at the upset prices. The £70 paid under CG 281 was refunded to Mr Greenshields 11 April 1896. Crown Grant 365 was issued for the station. [P3; pg 257:CG 281: FIM Mar 1895: P4; pg 76]

On 13 November 1895 a Crown Lease was issued to **Elizabeth Patterson GREENSHIELDS** and **James GREENSHIELDS** for Howgate Station comprising of: 47 Piedra Sola; 48 North of San Carlos River East of No 37; South of Lorenzo Lagoon; two stations at Rincon del Moro; South of Piedra Sola; and Bob's or James' Island in Port San Salvador; containing 42,000 acres more or less. [P4; pg 158]

On 13 November 1895 a Crown Lease was issued to **Elizabeth Patterson GREENSHIELDS** and **James GREENSHIELDS** for Station 70 North of Wickham Heights containing 21,000 acres more or less. [P4; pg 158]

In 1907 **George GREENSHIELDS**, on behalf of himself and the other shareholders in the Estate Robert Greenshields, applied to purchase under Land Ordinance 1903 the leased lands known as Howgate Station and Wickham Heights, a total of 63,000 acres less the 1,680 acres compulsorily purchased under Crown Grants 291 and 280. The purchase price was £9,198 being 61,320 acres at 3/- with 10% to be paid 1 January 1908 and the balance to be paid by 30



instalments. Sections 6, 13, 21, 47, 48, 70, 71, 71b. [P4; pg 158]

Old house at Horseshoe Bay in 1996 – JCNA

A new house was built at Horseshoe Bay in 1956.

In November 1958 Horseshoe Bay was sold to the Falkland Islands Company Ltd and became part of Green Patch Farm.

Harland GREENSHIELDS sold Douglas Station in the 1970s.

Douglas Station was purchased by the **Falkland Islands Government** from **Mr CAMM** 1 April 1988 for £300,000 and sub-divided into four sections: Lorenzo 28,500 acres; New House 18,000 acres; Home Flock 14,500 acres; and Bombilla 33,000 acres.

SOME PEOPLE ON DOUGLAS STATION

BIRTHS TO 1917:

- 1875 May 21: **George GREENSHIELDS** born on Douglas Station to Robert GREENSHIELDS and Elizabeth GREENSHIELDS formerly PATERSON. His father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer.
- 1877 Nov 16: **Alexander GREENSHIELDS** born on Douglas Station to Robert GREENSHIELDS and Elizabeth GREENSHIELDS formerly PATERSON. His father's occupation was recorded as sheep farmer.
- 1878 Sep 03: **Mary Ann PORTER** born on Douglas Station to Joseph PORTER and Elizabeth PORTER formerly WILLIAMS. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter.
- 1879 Nov 14: **Rosa PORTER** born on Douglas Station to Joseph PORTER and Elizabeth PORTER formerly WILLIAMS. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter.
- 1881 Nov 04: **Florence PORTER** born on Douglas Station to Joseph PORTER and Elizabeth PORTER formerly WILLIAMS. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter.
- 1882 Apr 29: **Richard Daniel ATKINS** born on Douglas Station to Richard Jesse ATKINS and Isabella Atkins formerly WINGROVE. His father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
- 1883 Mar 10: **George PORTER** born on Douglas Station to Joseph PORTER and Elizabeth PORTER formerly WILLIAMS. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter.
- 1884 Oct 26: **Arthur PORTER** born on Douglas Station to Joseph PORTER and Elizabeth PORTER formerly WILLIAMS. His father's occupation was recorded as carpenter.
- 1886 Mar 21: **Alice PORTER** born on Douglas Station to Joseph PORTER and Elizabeth PORTER formerly WILLIAMS. Her father's occupation was recorded as carpenter.
- 1890 Jul 31: **Robert Thomas HUTCHINSON**
- 1892 Aug 18: **John Henry Archibald CLARKE**
- 1904 Sep 08: **Leslie Edward BIGGS**
- 1906 Nov 3: **John CURRAN**
- 1912 Aug 22: **Marjorie SHORT**
- 1913 Nov 18: **Caroline Ellen SHORT** born on Douglas Station to Richard Francis SHORT and Helen SHORT formerly GLEADELL. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
- 1916 Nov 08: **Mary McLEOD** born on Douglas Station to John McLEOD and Nellie McLEOD née SHORT. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd.
- 1917 Jun 02: **Laura Winifred PERRY**
- 1917 Jun 30: **Dorothy Minnie PHILLIPS** born 30 June 1917 to Albert James PHILLIPS and Elliot Fell PHILLIPS née COUTTS. Her father's occupation was recorded as shepherd/
- 1917 Dec 04: **Milly BIGGS** born on Douglas Station to Albert Edward BIGGS and Edith Alice BIGGS née KELWAY. Her father's occupation was recorded as farm hand.

MARRIAGES:

- 1881 Sep 14: **William DOUGLAS**, a Scottish stock hand living at Bodie Creek, was married to **Jane GREENSHIELDS**, living at Douglas Station, at Douglas Station by Governor's licence according to the Presbyterian form Anthony German Minister. The witnesses were James Greenshields and W K Cameron. William's father was recorded as John Douglas, gentleman farmer, and Jane's father was recorded as Robert Greenshields, gentleman farmer.
- 1917 Jun 27: **Frederick HENRICKSEN**, shepherd, was married to **Edivie Margaret HARRIES** at The Moro, Douglas Station by Governor's Licence by C McDonald Hoble, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Joseph Harries, Henry Henricksen and Mary Harries. Frederick's father was recorded as Henry Henricksen, deceased carpenter, and Edivie's father was recorded as Joseph Harries, mariner.
- 1919 Aug 20: **Alfred HOOKINGS**, cook, was married to **Cecilia Mary BOYER**, widow, at Douglas Station, East Falkland by Special Licence by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Henry George Jennings and Lillie Short. Alfred's father was recorded as John Hookings, gardener, and Cecilia's father was recorded as Emilie Francis Boyer, carpenter.
- 1924 Oct 08: **Arthur NOBLE**, wool classer, was married to **Ellen Annie WALLIS** at Douglas Station, East Falkland by Governor's Licence by J Stanley Smith, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Marjorie Short, Walter Newing and R Greenshields. Arthur's father was recorded as Edwin Noble, deceased warp dresser, and Ellen's father was recorded as Frederick William Wallis, deceased cloth finisher.
- 1929 Nov 20: **George Henry SHORT**, cook, was married to **Christina MORRISON** at Douglas Station, East Falklands by Special Licence by S E E Aylward, Clerk in Holy Orders. The witnesses were Robert Greenshields and Isabella Morrison. George's father was recorded as Charles Henry Short, capitaz, and Christina's father was recorded as Finlay Morrison, deceased.

DEATHS:

- 1884 Jun 29: **William GREENSHIELDS** died age 16 from consumption.
- 1895 Dec 03: **Harriet Anne PERGOLIS** died age 32 from an accidental haemorrhage.
- 1908 Aug 24: **Alice Amelia BIGGS** died age 2 hours from prematurity.