SAN CARLOS NORTH, SMYLEYS VILLAGE, CAPE DOLPHIN, ELEPHANT BEACH AND MOSS SIDE

(sections making up Port San Carlos farm: 23, 36, 37, 40, 42, 45 & 53)

Cape Dolphin was named after the frigate HMS *Dolphin* which was part of a British squadron sent to survey the Islands, arriving in 1765. San Carlos is thought to have been named after the Spanish sloop *San Carlos* which visited in May 1768. Port San Carlos was originally known as San Carlos North with **John BONNER**'s portion known as San Carlos South. This often caused confusion and later colloquially San Carlos North was known as KC after **William Keith CAMERON**. The name was later changed to Port San Carlos. Smyley's Village/Creek, etc, were named after **Captain William Horton SMYLEY**, an American sealer, who frequented the Falkland Islands from the late 1820s onwards.

1842 Apr 14

Lieutenant MOODY reported to **Lord STANLEY** that "The San Carlos River falls into the Straits a little to the eastward; and at a short distance up the river, about six miles from Fanning's Harbour, is Port San Carlos, a secure and well-sheltered port, with deep water, but rather small*. The south arm is in the same neighbourhood and is also an excellent harbour. *(adapted for coasters and small craft generally). [Colonization of Falkland Islands, pg 19]

1860 Feb 09

Sections 23 & 19

Having paid into the Colonial Treasury an occupation fee of £1 per district (total £2) **Andrez PETALUGA** is granted permission to enter at once upon the occupation of unsurveyed Crown Lands, being the district on the western shore of the entrance of Port Salvador, and also, of the unsurveyed crown lands at Fannings Harbour, under the Proclamation of 3rd July 1847. [BUG-REG-2; pg 91]

1861 Nov 07

Andrez PETALUGA granted a licence to occupy a station at Fannings Head. By 1865 he had surrendered the licence to Government. [D12; desp 64,133]

1865 Mar 22

Section 36

Andrez PETALUGA granted a licence for £5 to occupy a station at Middle Point. 6,000 acres bounded "On the East by a line running South 4 miles from the entrance at Elephant Creek, on the South by a line West 2 ½ miles to Smyley's Creek, on the South West by Smyley's Creek, on the West by Middle Bay and on the North by Foul Bay, Falkland Sound." [BUG-REG-2; pg 151]

1865 Sep 06

A PETERSON, master of the schooner *Enterprise*, wrote from Port San Carlos 8 September 1865 advising that they had lost a man by the name of **John WHEREMAN** overboard in the act of reefing the mainsail on the night of 6 September 1865 at 10.45pm off Macbride Head. Due to the heavy sea they were unable to launch their boat. They assumed that he went straight down as they did not see or hear anything after he fell off the boom. [H23]

1866 Apr 03

Section 42

José LLAMOSA granted a licence to occupy a Station South of Elephant Creek for £5. 6,000 acres bounded "on the North by Elephant Creek to the fresh water, on the East by a line running South four miles, on the South by a line running West three and a half miles and on the West by Station Middle Point in the occupation of Antonina Roxa." [BUG-REG-2: pq 172]

1866 Apr 25

Section 36

Antonina ROXA granted a licence to occupy a station at Middle Point for £5. 6,000 acres bounded "On the East by a line running South 4 miles from the entrance of Elephant Creek, on the South by a line West 2 ½ miles to Smyley's Creek, on the West by Middle Bay and on the North by Foul Bay, Falkland Sound." [BUG-REG-2; pg 161]

1866 Apr 25

Section 37

Andrez PETALUGA granted a licence to occupy a station at Port San Carlos for £5 bounded "On the North by Smyley's Creek 4 ¼ miles, on the West by a line running South to San Carlos River, on the South by the River San Carlos to the 59° Longitude, and on the West by a Government Reserve." [BUG-REG-2; pg 162]

1866 Nov 30

Section 40

Andrew PETALUGA granted a licence to occupy Station 40 Cape Dolphin for £5 bounded "On the North by the sea, on the south west by Foul Bay, as far as Elephant Creek, and on the East by a line running due North from the entrance of Elephant Creek to the North Shore." [BUG-REG-2; pg 169]

1867 Apr 26

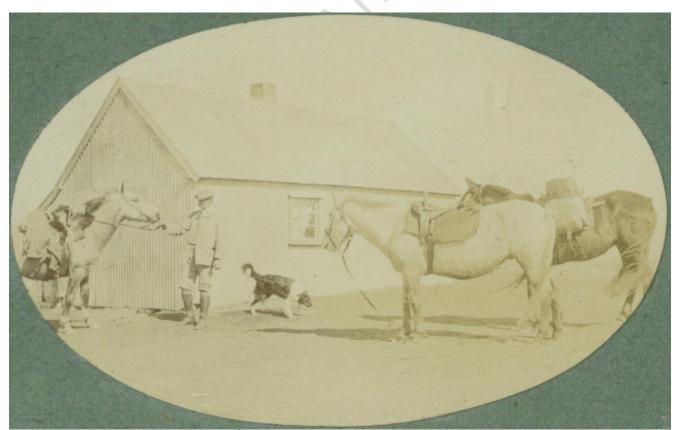
Section 36

Antonina ROXA granted a lease of her station at Middle Point for a term of 10 years at a rent of £10 per annum, payable in advance. She has built a house on the Station and stocked it in accordance with the Proclamation dated 4 April 1861. Bounded "On the East by a line running South 4 miles from the entrance of Elephant Creek, on the South by a line West 2 ½ miles to Smyley's Creek, on the South West by Smyley's Creek, on the West by Middle Bay, and on the North by Foul Bay." [BUG-REG-2; pg 173]

1867 May 27

Section 37

Andrez PETALUGA granted a lease of his station for a term of 10 years at a rent of £10 per annum, payable in advance. He has built a house on the Station and stocked it in accordance with the Proclamation dated 4 April 1861. Bounded "On the North by Smyley's Creek 4 ¼ miles, on the East by a line running South to San Carlos River, on the South by the River San Carlos to the 59° Longitude, and on the West by a Government Reserve." [BUG-REG-2; pg 175]



Sea View Cottage (1st house), Cape Dolphin – Cameron album, JCNA

1868 Jan 16

Section 40

Andrew PETALUGA granted a lease of his station at Cape Dolphin for a term of 10 years at a rent of £10 per annum, payable in advance. He has built a house on the Station and stocked it in accordance with the Proclamation dated

4 April 1861. Bounded "on the North by the sea, on the South West by Foul Bay as far as Elephant Creek, and on the East by a line running due North from the entrance of Elephant Creek to the North Shore." [BUG-REG-2; pg 184] The house was a single roomed shanty known as Sea View and was later used (20th century) as a hen house and stable.

1868 Apr 06

Section 42

José LLAMOSA granted a lease of his station for a term of 10 years at a rent of £10 per annum, payable in advance. He has built a house on the Station and stocked it in accordance with the Proclamation dated 4 April 1861. Bounded "on the North by Elephant Creek to the fresh water pass. On the East by a line running South four miles, on the South by a line running West three and a half miles and on the West by Station in the occupation of Antonina Roxa." [BUG-REG-2; pg 189]

1868 Jul 06

Section 45

Andrez PETALUGA granted a licence to occupy a Station at Elephant Creek for the sum of £5. Bounded "on the North by the Sea from Little Limpet Creek to the outlet of Lorenzo Lagoon. On the East by a line from the outlet aforesaid drawn South 3 miles to the head of Lorenzo Lagoon. On the South by a line drawn West from the head of Lorenzo Lagoon two miles to the head of Elephant Creek, and thence from the North Shore of Elephant Creek to the boundary of Station No 40; and on the west by Station No 40, to the starting point on the Sea Shore." [BUG-REG-2; pg 199]

1869 Feb 14

Section 36

Antonina ROXA died and her lease transferred to her husband **Pedro VARELA** soon after. At some point before 13 October 1870 he must have transferred the lease to **Jose LLAMOSA** (*no record found*).



Old Elephant Beach House, Davy Stewart - Cameron album, JCNA

1869 Jul 06

Section 45 **Andrez PETALUGA** granted a lease of Station 45 for a term of 10 years at a rent of £10 per annum, payable in advance. He has built a house on the Station

and stocked it in accordance with the Proclamation dated 4 April 1861. Bounded "on the North by the Sea from Little Limpet Creek to the outlet of Lorenzo Lagoon. On the East by a line from the outlet aforesaid drawn South 3 miles to the head of Lorenzo Lagoon. On the South by a line drawn West from the head of Lorenzo Lagoon 2 miles to the head of Elephant Creek, and thence from the North Shore of Elephant Creek to the boundary of Station No 40; and on the west by Station No 40 to the starting point on the Sea Shore." [BUG-REG-2; pg 226]

1869 Jul 06

Section 53

Andrez PETALUGA granted a licence of Section 53 Salt Lagoon for £5. Bounded "on the North by the Sea from Station 41 to 45; on the West by Station 45; on the South by a line running East 5 miles from the South East Angle of Station 45 to the South West Angle of Station 41 and on the East by Station 41." [BUG-REG-2; pg 227]

1870 Apr 27

Section 23

Richard PETALUGA is granted a licence to occupy a station at Fannings Head for £5. Bounded "on the North by Middle Bay. On the West by Falkland Sound. On the South by Port San Carlos and on the East by a line drawn from Port San Carlos due North to the mouth of Smyley's Creek Middle Bay". [BUG-REG-2; pg 249]

1870 Oct 13

Section 36

Jose LLAMOSA was holding a Crown Lease of Section No 36 known as Middle Point and bounded "On the East by a line running South four miles from the entrance of Elephant Creek on the South by a lone running West 2 ½ miles to Smyley's Creek; on the South West by Smyley's Creek; on the West by Middle Bay; and on the North by Foul Bay." He applied for a new lease under Ordinance No 6 of 1870 and a new lease was promised (not issued until 19 August 1879, see below). [BUG-REG-2; pg 408]

1871 Jun 13

Section 23

Andrez PETALUGA, who holds a Licence granted to Richard PETALUGA and dated the 13th June 1870 to occupy a Section at Fanning Head, 6,000 acres bounded "On the North by Middle Bay; on the West by Falkland Sound; on the South by Port San Carlos; and on the East by a line drawn from Port San Carlos due north to the mouth of Smyley's Creek Middle Bay", is granted a twenty one year lease at an annual rental of £6 per annum for the first ten years and £10 per annum of the remainder of the term, payable in advance. He has built a house on the section and stocked it. [Bug-Reg-2; pg 396]

1871 Jul 06

Section 45

Andrez PETALUGA is granted a 21 year lease of Station 45 at an annual rental of £6 per annum for the first ten years and £10 per annum of the remainder of the term, payable in advance, for a term of ten years at a rent of £10 per annum, payable in advance bounded "On the North by the Sea from Little Limpet Creek to the outlet of Lorenzo Lagoon. On the east by a line from the aforesaid outlet drawn South three miles to the head of Lorenzo Lagoon. On the South by a line drawn West from the head of Lorenzo Lagoon two miles to the head of Elephant creek, and thence from the North shore of Elephant Creek to the boundary of Station No 40; and on the West by station No 40 to the starting point on the sea shore. Containing 6000 acres." [BUG-REG-2; pg 374]

1878 Mar 16

Section 37

A 21 year lease granted to **Andrez PETALUGA** at an annual rental of £10, payable in advance. 6,000 acres more or less bounded "On the North by Smyley's Creek, 4 ½ miles, on the East by a line running South to San Carlos

River, on the south by the River San Carlos and on the West by Station No 23 known as Fanning Head." [BUG-REG-2; pg 400]

- 1878 Jun 16 Andrez PETALUGA died intestate and on 30 July 1878 Letters of Administration were granted to his widow, Margaret PITALUGA. [BUG-REG-2; pg 416]
- 1878 Sep 17 Margaret PETALUGA gave a power of attorney to William Keith CAMERON with regards to the lease of Cape Dolphin, Elephant Creek, Salt Lagoon, Cape Bougainville, San Carlos, Fannings Head and Limpet Creek.
- 1879 Apr 30 Margaret PITALUGA died intestate and on 30 May 1879 Letters of Administration were granted to Alexander McIntosh PITALUGA, eldest son of the late Andrez PITALUGA and of his wife the late Margaret PITALUGA.

 [BUG-REG-2; pg 416]
- 1879 Aug 19

Section 36

As **Jose LLAMOSA** has been occupying and paying rent for said lands he is granted a 21 year lease of Section 36, known as Middle Point, from 13 October 1870 at an annual rental of £6 per annum for the first ten years and £10 per annum of the remainder of the term, payable in advance. Bounded "On the East by a line running South four miles from the entrance of Elephant Creek on the South by a lone running West 2 ½ miles to Smyley's Creek; on the South West by Smyley's Creek; on the West by Middle Bay; and on the North by Foul Bay." [BUG-REG-2; pg 408]

1879 Aug 19

Section 42

As **Jose LLAMOSA** has been occupying and paying rent for said lands he is granted a 21 year lease of Section 42, known as Elephant Creek, from 13 October 1870 at an annual rental of £6 per annum for the first ten years and £10 per annum of the remainder of the term, payable in advance. Bounded "On the North by Elephant Creek to the fresh water pass: on the East by a line running South four miles: on the South by a line running West 3 ½ miles: and on the West by Station No 36 in the occupation of Jose Llamosa." [BUG-REG-2; pg 410]

- **1879 Sep 27 Jose LLAMOSA**, farmer of Stanley, appoints James Felton his attorney. By September 1882 he is recorded as being "late of Stanley". [Pg 133, Land Registers: Volume II 1875 to 1887]
- 1879 Sep 11

Section 40 Alexander PITALUGA granted a lease of Cape Dolphin for a term of 21 years commencing on 7 November 1871 at an annual rental of £10 per annum, payable in advance bounded "on the North by the sea, on the South West by Foul Bay as far as Elephant Creek, and on the East by a line running due North from the entrance of Elephant Creek to the North Shore." [BUG-REG-2; pg 417]

1879 Sep 11

Section 53

Alexander PITALUGA granted a lease of Salt Lagoon for a term of 21 years commencing on 22 October 1870 at an annual rental of £6 per annum during the first ten years and of £10 per annum for the remainder of the term, payable in advance bounded "on the North by the sea, on the South West by Foul Bay as far as Elephant Creek, and on the East by a line running due North from the entrance of Elephant Creek to the North Shore." [BUG-REG-2; pg 419]

1883 Apr 04

Section 36

Jose LLAMOSA transfers his lease through his Attorney of Section 36, known as Middle Point, to **Timothy ROBSON**. Bounded "On the East by a line running South four miles from the entrance of Elephant Creek on the South by a lone running West 2 ½ miles to Smyley's Creek; on the South West by Smyley's

Creek; on the West by Middle Bay; and on the North by Foul Bay." [BUG-REG-2; pg 409]

1883 Apr 04

Jose LLAMOSA transfers his lease through his Attorney of Section 42 to **Timothy ROBSON**. Section No 42 known as Elephant Creek bounded "On the North by Elephant Creek to the fresh water pass: on the East by a line running South four miles: on the South by a line running West 3 ½ miles: and on the West by Station No 36 in the occupation of Jose Llamosa." [Pg 410 – BUG-REG-2]

1883 May 21

Section 36

Timothy ROBSON transfers his lease of Section 36 to Andrew PITALUGA. Section No 36 known as Middle Point bounded "On the East by a line running South four miles from the entrance of Elephant Creek on the South by a lone running West 2 ½ miles to Smyley's Creek; on the South West by Smyley's Creek; on the West by Middle Bay; and on the North by Foul Bay." [BUG-REG-2; pg 409]

1883 May 21

Section 42

Timothy ROBSON transfers his lease of Section 42 known as Elephant Creek to **Andrew PITALUGA**. Bounded "On the North by Elephant Creek to the fresh water pass: on the East by a line running South four miles: on the South by a line running West 3 ½ miles: and on the West by Station No 36 in the occupation of Jose Llamosa." [BUG-REG-2; pg 410]

1884 May 31

Section 23

Alexander PITALUGA transferred Lease of Section 23 Fanning Head to William Keith CAMERON. 6000 acres bounded "On the North by Middle Bay; on the West by Falkland Sound; on the South by Port San Carlos; and on the East by a line drawn from Port San Carlos due north to the mouth of Smyley's Creek Middle Bay, is granted a twenty one year lease at an annual rental of £6 per annum for the first ten years and £10 per annum of the remainder of the term, payable in advance. He has built a house on the section and stocked it." [BUG-REG-2; pg 397]

1884 May 31

Section 36

Alexander PITALUGA transferred Lease of Section 36 Middle Point to William Keith CAMERON for the remainder of the unexpired term of the 21 year lease, bounded "On the East by a line running South four miles from the entrance of Elephant Creek; on the South by a line running West 2 ½ miles to Smyley's Creek on the South West by Smyley's Creek; on the West by Middle Bay and on the North by Foul Bay containing 6,000 acres more or less." [BUG-REG-2; pg 409]

1884 May 31

Section 37

Alexander PITALUGA transferred Lease of Section 37 William Keith CAMERON. Station bounded "On the North by Smyley's Creek, 4 ½ miles, on the East by a line running South to San Carlos River, on the south by the River San Carlos and on the West by Station No 23 known as Fanning Head and containing 6000 acres, more or less." [BUG-REG-2; pg 401] William built the manager's house in the early 1880s. [Jane Cameron]

1884 May 31

Section 40

Alexander PITALUGA transferred Lease of Section 40 to **William Keith CAMERON**. Station bounded "on the North by the sea, on the South West by Foul Bay as far as Elephant Creek, and on the East by a line running due North from the entrance of Elephant Creek to the North Shore." [BUG-REG-2; pg 417]

1884 May 31

Section 42

Alexander PITALUGA transferred Lease of Section 42 to William Keith CAMERON. Station bounded "On the North by Elephant Creek to the fresh water pass: on the East by a line running South four miles: on the South by a

line running West 3 ½ miles: and on the West by Station No 36 in the occupation of Jose Llamosa." [BUG-REG-2; pg 410]

1884 May 31

Section 45 Alexander PITALUGA transferred Lease of Section 45 to William Keith CAMERON. Station bounded "On the North by the Sea from Little Limpet Creek to the outlet of Lorenzo Lagoon. On the east by a line from the aforesaid outlet drawn South three miles to the head of Lorenzo Lagoon. On the South by a line drawn West from the head of Lorenzo Lagoon two miles to the head of Elephant creek, and thence from the North shore of Elephant Creek to the boundary of Station No 40; and on the West by station No 40 to the starting point on the sea shore. Containing 6000 acres." [BUG-REG-2; pg 375]

1884 May 31

Section 53

Alexander PITALUGA transferred Lease of Section 53 to **William Keith CAMERON**. Station bounded "on the North by the sea, on the South West by Foul Bay as far as Elephant Creek, and on the East by a line running due North from the entrance of Elephant Creek to the North Shore." [BUG-REG-2; pg 419]

SECTION	OWNER 1868	OWNER FEB 1899
	(per map PRO)	(per map ARCHIVES)
23 - Fanning Head	Govt Reserve	William Keith CAMERON
36 – Middle Point	Pedro VERELA	William Keith CAMERON
	(actually Antonina ROXA)	
37 – Port San Carlos	Andrez PETALUGA	William Keith CAMERON
40 – Cape Dolphin	Andrew PETALUGA	William Keith CAMERON
42 – Limpet Creek	Jose LLAMOSA	William Keith CAMERON
45 – Elephant Creek	Didn't exist	William Keith CAMERON
53 – Salt Lagoon	Didn't exist	William Keith CAMERON

During the peat slip on the night of 2 June 1886 **Patrick KEATING** (*KATEON*), age 54 and late in the employ of San Carlos North, disappeared. He had been staying at **J PISTORI**'s Boarding House. His body was eventually recovered and he was buried 18 July 1886 in Stanley Cemetery. [H41; pg 11]

On 18 June 1889 the houses recorded as being on San Carlos North Station were:

- A house valued at £40 occupied by W K CAMERON, sheep farmer; J G CAMERON, assistant: W H GOSS, cook: and Claro SUAREZ, cooks assistant.
- Carpenter's house valued at £30 and occupied by James HUBBARD, carpenter, wife and six children.
- Cook House valued at £18 and occupied by Charles JACOBSEN, general labourer; James WELSH, general labourer; Hector McDONALD, shepherd; Adam SMITH, labourer; Arthur WOOD, labourer; and William HERKES, cook.
- Moss Side House valued at £18 and occupied by John McLEOD, shepherd, wife and two children.
- Elephant Beach House valued at £18 and occupied by **James REYNOLDS**, shepherd; and **Peter SUAREZ**, shepherd.
- Cape Dolphin House valued at £12 and occupied by Robert SHARP, shepherd; and John ROWLANDS, shepherd.



Old Moss Side House - Cameron album, JCNA



Manager's house San Carlos North circa 1900 - Cameron album, JCNA

John KING, age 54 and a shepherd at Cape Dolphin, died 13 July 1890 and was buried there.

On 26 February 1891 **John ROWLAND** was in a dinghy alongside the *Edith Waldron* fixing the rudder when he fell overboard. He was seen floating astern with his head under water but he sank before a boat could reach him. His body was eventually recovered 7 April 1891 and was immediately interred in San Carlos North cemetery. [FIM Mar 1891; Misc corr]

On 6 June 1891 **James HUBBARD**, the carpenter at Port San Carlos, left the *Hengist* after 4pm "the worse of drink" in a dinghy. The dinghy was found some distance to the leeward of the jetty with one paddle, the other paddle being found on the beach nearer the jetty by about 300 yards. The Falkland Islands Magazine of reported "Roland R Hubbard left the "Hengist" at 4pm June 6th and is supposed to have fallen out of the dinghy while sculling her ashore, as he has not been seen since." His body was later found and buried in the San Carlos North cemetery. [Misc corr; FIM Jun 1891]

In 1893 a tryworks was built at San Carlos. The engineer, **Joseph E TAIT**, departed San Carlos for London, England on board the *Hengist* 5 June 1893. [FIM Jun 1893]

HMS *Swallow* left Stanley on 27 February 1898 for a cruise around East Falkland, arriving at San Carlos North on 28 February 1898. The officers had shooting and fishing on the Los Picos Lagoon and San Carlos River. A party also visited Campo Verde Creek. A seining party also landed outside Careening Cove and obtained several mullet. [FIM Mar 1898]



Jim Robertson & others outside 2nd house at Cape Dolphin – Cameron album, JCNA

Circa 1900 a three-roomed shooting lodge was built at Cape Dolphin. It was later altered to a four-roomed house.

On the evening of 28 September 1900 a ball was held at San Carlos North. At 8pm the Station band paraded and assembled the guests escorting them to the cookhouse. [FIM Dec 1900]

William HAMIL committed suicide in the San Carlos North cookhouse Sunday 10 February 1901 at 11.30am. He was buried in Port San Carlos cemetery. [Account of suicide FIM Mar 1901]

On 17 September 1909 a partnership was started up between **William Keith CAMERON** and **George GREENSHIELDS** to carry on a business of meat canning at San Carlos. The cannery was closed in 1915 chiefly due to lack of shipping due to World War I.

On 7 June 1912 **Thomas F OLDFIELD** had a heart attack while going to work. Thomas had lived at San Carlos North for the past 10 years and had also worked there previously. Tom, who had first come to the Falkland Islands about 30 years ago, was buried 10 June 1912 in San Carlos North cemetery. [FIM Aug 1912]

In 1916 the telephone line to Teal Inlet was started. The line was to be continued to San Carlos North via Douglas Station. [FIM Apr 1916]

On 29 January 1918 the cemetery at San Carlos North was consecrated by the Bishop of the Falkland Islands. [FIM Mar 1918]

One of the crew of the ss *Falkland*, **Henry Albert PAULINI** (*PAULINE*) drowned at San Carlos North 27 July 1921. His body was recovered 19 August 1921 and he was buried in San Carlos North cemetery.

On 20 January 1930 it was announced that the settlement which had in the past gone under the name of San Carlos North would be in future known as Port San Carlos. [Penguin 20 Jan 1930]

On the morning of Tuesday 5 January 1937 **Norman Keith CAMERON** left Stanley for Port San Carlos in the plane belonging to HMS *Ajax*. The usual track was over 70 miles long and normally took about fourteen hours on horseback. The distance "as the crow flies" was about 45 miles and was expected to take about ¾ of an hour. The plane passed over Teal Inlet 20 minutes after leaving Stanley. [Penguin 5 Jan, 6 Jan]

In September 1943 a survey was done for a proposed road to Port San Carlos. [TRN/LAN/4#3]

A Swedish pre-fabricated wooden shepherd's house was bought 11 October 1949 for £800 and shipped to the Falkland Islands. The house was built at Cape Dolphin 1950/51. The total cost for the new house, including labour and furniture, was £2,685-11-2.

In 1957 **Norman Keith CAMERON** built a new manager's house and pulled down the house that his father had built in the early 1880s.

In 1959 the cookhouse burnt down. A new cookhouse was built on the site of the old one in 1960.

The Falkland Islands Government purchased Port San Carlos 14 April 1989 for £552,000. The farm was sub-divided into 5 sections: Cape Dolphin 21,800 acres; Elephant Beach 19,025 acres; Mosside 37,375 acres; Smylies 28,400 acres; Race Point 23,525 acres. The sections were sold in 1989 on a 10% deposit with a 25% zero interest loan and the remainder on mortgage. If the subdivision holders met their repayment schedules after 5 years freehold grants were issued.