

**16 DRURY STREET OR 1 LOWER ROW - NOW 1 BRISBANE ROAD.  
STAR HOTEL LATER ROSE HOTEL**

The north part of the Rose Hotel was one of the original *“two roomed kit houses worth £50 each”* that were shipped down on board the *Victory* which arrived in Stanley 13 October 1849. Twelve cottages were built on Drury Street (*or Lower Row as it was originally called*) for the military pensioners who also arrived on the same ship. This house was originally 1 Lower Row and was allotted to **Thomas GILMORE**, a corporal and military pensioner from England, who had arrived with his family 13 October 1849 on board the *Victory*.

On 12 July 1856 Crown Grant 90 was issued to **Thomas GILMORE** for services performed, being Pensioners Cottage Allotments 1 containing 24 poles and measuring 60 links x 250 links. [CG 90]

On 6 February 1857 **Thomas GILMORE**, Pensioner of Stanley, and **Eliza GILMORE**, his wife, granted to **Thomas DOWERS**, Pensioner of Stanley, *“All that parcel of Land in the Falkland Islands situate in the Southern Suburbs of Stanley containing Ten acres and numbered Nine in Pensioners Special Allotments ... and/or any such other allotments or Land in lieu thereof or addition thereto as the said Thomas Gilmore may become entitled to in the said Islands by any future order or Grant of her Majesty’s Government **And also** all that Lot or parcel of Land situated in the Suburbs of Stanley containing Twenty four Poles and Numbered One in Pensioners Cottage Allotments...**And Also** all houses outhouses walls fences and erections fixtures water Butts and one half of the crops and produce of any kind whatsoever now existing upon the said Lands and premises and all allowances in materials or money or otherwise that may hereafter be made or granted by Her Majesty’s Government in respect to the lining of Land houses or any of them”* for £110. [BUG-REG-1; 157]

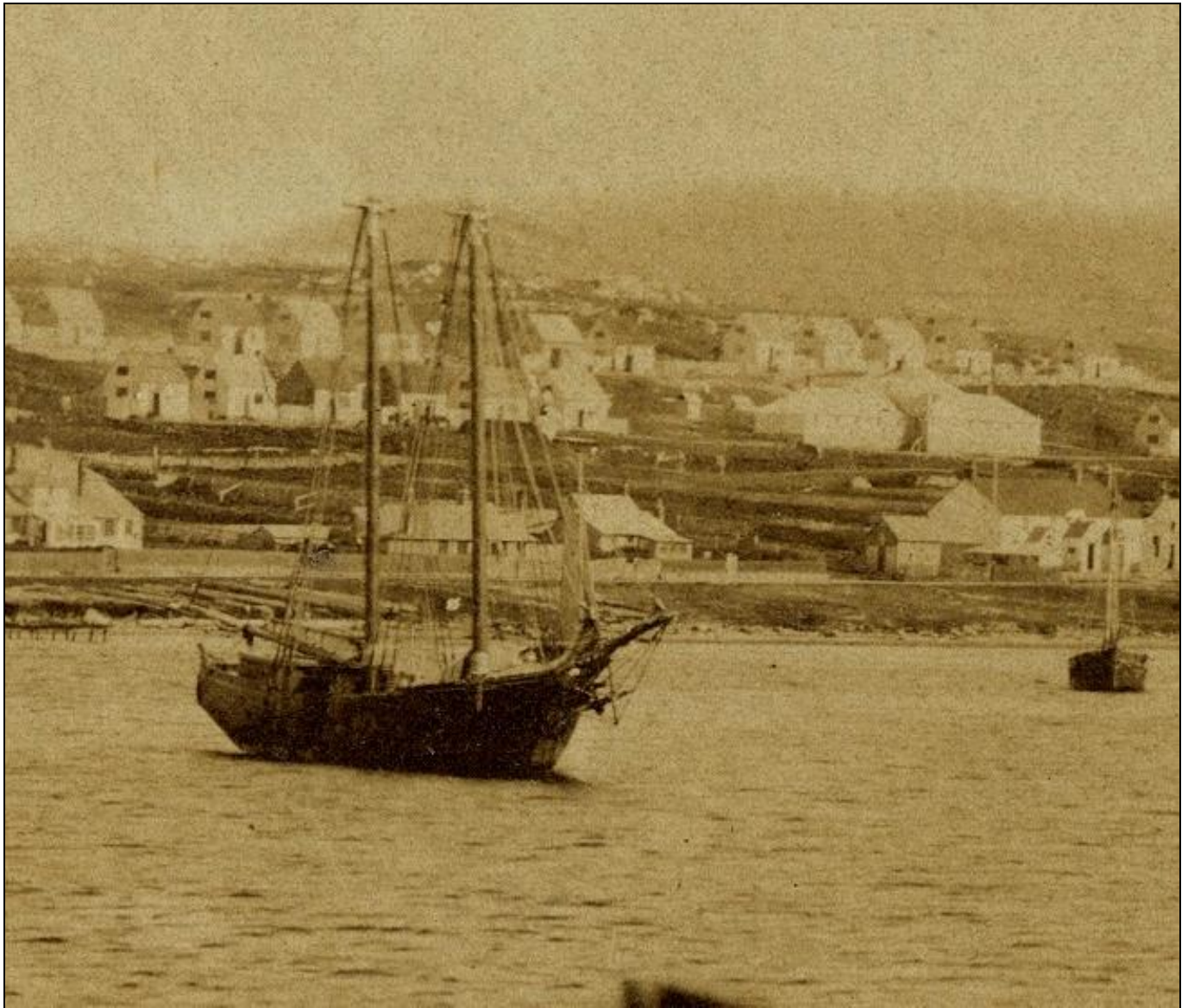
On 29 June 1857 **Thomas DOWERS**, Pensioner of Stanley, and **Ann DOWERS**, his wife, granted to **Thomas HAVERS**, gentleman of Stanley, No 1 Pensioners Cottage Allotments containing 24 poles *“And also all houses outhouses walls fences and erections and fixtures within and without of the same including water butts and all allowances in materials or money or otherwise that may hereafter be made or granted by Her Majesty’s Government in respect to the lining of said house or any of them”* for £112. [BUG-REG-1; 175]

On 1 November 1858 **Thomas HAVERS**, gentleman of Stanley, granted to the **Falkland Islands Company Ltd**, No 1 Pensioners Cottage Allotments containing 24 poles *“And also all houses outhouses walls fences and erections and fixtures within and without of the same including the water butts and all allowances in materials or money or otherwise that may hereafter by made or granted by Her Majesty’s Government in respect to the lining of said houses or any of them”* for five shillings. [BUG-REG-1; 192]

In September 1859 James Lane advised that he had *“let Gilmore’s Cottage to Mr Havers for 5 weeks at 10s/- a week & when he gave it up, a Soldier, Doolan, took it, with the garden for £1-5-0 a month.”* [FIC/E1; desp 31]

On 8 October 1864 the **Falkland Islands Company Ltd** granted to **Thomas ALDRIDGE**, licensed victualler of Stanley, No 1 Pensioners Cottage Allotments containing 24 poles *“together with the Cottage and all Erections thereon and rights and privileges thereto belonging”* for £112. [BUG-REG-1; 278] On 22 December 1864 Thomas applied at a meeting of the Magistrate’s Court for a licence to keep the Star Public House. Lieutenant Elliott opposed the granting of a licence but Thomas, who was exceedingly deaf, did not hear him and was surprised when his application was refused by a majority of 3 to 2. Due to the good character of Thomas he was

later granted a licence the following year. The premises were briefly known as the Star Hotel but soon became known as the Rose Hotel which was the name of the public house that Thomas had previously run since 1862 in a house he rented on the corner of Drury Street and Villiers Street. [H21:D11]



**1863 – First house on left middle row**

Thomas, age 42 and a hotel keeper, died 16 July 1873 in Stanley from paralysis of the insane. In his will dated 8 October 1871 he stated that his business was to be continued on until his youngest child reached 21 or married then his estate was to be divided with his wife having two shares and his children to have the remaining shares divided equally between them. [BUG-REG-1; 353] His widow, Marian, went to England sometime after his death and was married to **Mr WILLANS**, shipwright, in England before 21 October 1874. The WILLANS left Liverpool 21 October 1874; going on to Stanley on board the *Black Hawk*. [FIC: C1 – 478]

In January 1885 the Rose Hotel was recorded as being owned by **Mrs WILLANS** with an annual value of £65 and tax assessment of £1-1-8 and the licence issued to Thomas and Marian's third son **Richard Henry ALDRIDGE**.

In the Executive Council meeting of 9 March 1888 it was recorded that Crown Land was being encroached on by the proprietor of the Rose Hotel and it was decided that he was to either pay £5 for the land or remove the building and fence erected thereon. On 17 March 1888 Crown Grant 322 was issued to **The Heirs of Thomas ALDRIDGE**, deceased, for £5, containing 4 perches and bounded *on the north by Drury St 10 links, east by a public road 250 links, on the south by a public road 10 links & on west by Pensioners Special Cottage Allotments No 1 by 250 links.* [P2; 347: CG 322]

On 31 August 1890 **Richard Henry ALDRIDGE** was awarded a retail licence for the Rose Hotel and on 7 December 1890 a billiard and bagatelle licence. [FI Gazette 29 Jan 1891]

On 15 March 1910 **Clarence ELLIOTT**, a visiting horticulturist wrote: *“From the outside the Rose is an appalling looking little shanty of wood, badly in need of a coat of paint. The roof is of rather rusty corrugated iron, which gives it a still more tumble-down appearance. Inside it is not so bad. There is a drawing room, furnished in the cheap lodging house style, and with, usually, a bottle of whisky or empty beer bottles on the table. Then a dining room, rather similar. Also a large, low, kitchen-living-room, much used, and looks it. Stockings etc, for darning or drying, usually to be found on one or other of the chairs, and all that sort of thing.*

*My bedroom is a fair size, with a low ceiling sloping at many unaccountable angles. By keeping to the centre I am able to stand upright. It rocks a good deal in a high wind, and the paper on the walls billow like a sail from the wind outside. It contains two large feather beds, various chairs, most of which are strong enough to bear the weight of my clothes when I go to bed. Also two minute windows, one of which I have succeeded in partially opening. But the whole house, if primitive and more or less untidy, is reasonably clean, and I am quite comfortable.*

*The landlord, old Jack Aldridge, is an old native of Stanley. I like him a good deal. He is a shrewd, hard-bitten, little old fellow, very civil and friendly. I have my evening tea meal with him, and afterwards, usually spend my evenings with him and his family round the fire in the kitchen-living-room. His family consists of about 11 children, ten of whom are at home. He lost his wife a short time ago. The whole house is run by the two eldest girls, aged I suppose, about 17 and 19 or 20. They are decent sort of girls, and work like galley slaves, and are always cheerful.*

*My first meal that Tuesday evening consisted of a snipe, a teal (a small wild duck), tea, bread, butter, jam and cake...”* FI Journal 1995.

**Marian WILLANS**, age 77, died 29 February 1912 in Stanley and was buried 3 March 1912 in Grave D742. Thomas and Marian's older son, **John George “Jack” ALDRIDGE**, ran the Rose Hotel from 1894 until his death 26 January 1920. The Estate of the late **Mrs WILLANS**, including the Rose Hotel and goodwill, was advertised for sale in the Falkland Islands Magazines of May and June 1920. The Rose Hotel was re-opened 1 November 1921 under the management of **Mr Albert HARDY**. [FIM Oct 1921]

On 10 July 1934 **Joseph ALDRIDGE**, as agent for the **Estate of Marion WILLANS and Thomas ALDRIDGE**, granted to **Albert P HARDY** Pensioners Cottage Allotments Nos 1 and 1A containing 28 square rods more or less and bounded *“on the North by Drury Street 70 links on the East by Brisbane Road 250 links on the South by Moody Street 70 links and on the West by land in the holding of Mrs George Short 250 links together with the building known as the “Rose Hotel” and all other erections thereon with the rights and privileges thereto belonging”* for £1,500. [BUG-REG-10; 339]



Part of the Rose Hotel; the original cottage on Drury Street



Late 1940s – Large L-shaped building on left, top row

On 12 May 1943 **Albert Percy HARDY** granted to **Axel Richard August PETERSSON** Pensioners Cottage Allotments Nos 1 and 1A containing 28 square rods more or less and bounded "*containing twenty-eight square rods more or less and numbered 1 and 1A in Pensioner's Cottage Allotments bounded on the North by Drury Street 70 links on the East by*

*Brisbane Road 250 links on the South by Pioneer Row 70 links and on the West by Land in the holding of Frederick Short 250 links together with the building known as the "Rose Hotel" and all other erections thereon" for £1,600. [BUG-REG-11; 325]*



**George Bowles and Axel in the Rose Hotel Bar –Joe King Collection, JCNA**

**Axel PETTERSSON**, age 48 and a publican, drowned in the Murrell River 17 April 1949. He left half of the Rose Hotel to his wife Beatrice and the other half to their two children **Velma** and **Tony PETTERSSON**. Under the terms of the will when Beatrice remarried in 1952 her half share passed equally to Velma and Tony.

In the late 1950s/early 1960s when **Velma** and **George MALCOLM** renewed the side room chimney all of the roof timbers were still in an excellent condition and the original wooden shingles were still under the roof tin. There was a 6 foot high loft

On 11 September 1961 **Charles William PHILLIPS** of Cantera, granted to **Estate Axel Richard August PETTERSSON**, No 2 Pensioners Cottage Allotments, containing 24 perches and bounded "*on the north by Drury Street 60 links, on the east by land in the holding of the Estate Axel Richard August Pettersson 250 links, on the west by land in the holding of Annie Paice 250 links and on the south by Pioneer Row 60 links*". [BUG-REG-17; 197]

**Velma MALCOLM** closed the Rose Hotel at 10pm on 22 December 1986 and in 1987 **Estate Axel Pettersson** sold the combined properties to **John** and **Ellen BERNTSEN** who reopened in April 1987.

**Ellen BERNTSEN** sold the property to **James "Jimmy"** and **Ginny WALLACE** in 1989 who introduced dark red paintwork, false-beamed ceiling and a large bay window into the bar.

On 5 February 1998 the approximate dimensions of the Rose Hotel were as follows:

**GROUND FLOOR:**

- Public bar 20' x 30'
- Side room 16' x 18'
- Bar entrance 6' x 10'
- Ladies toilet 12' x 12'
- Gents toilet 12' x 12'
- Stockroom (L shaped) 6' x 12'
- Glazed porch 6' x 8'
- Hall and stairs 8' x 18'
- "Deep Freeze" room 12' x 18'
- Master bedroom 12' x 17'
- Small adjacent room 6' x 7'
- Office 7' x 8'
- Lounge/sitting room 17' x 17'
- Toilet 4' x 6'
- East-west passage 3' 6" x 18'
- Kitchen 10' x 24'
- Bathroom 8' x 1'

**FIRST FLOOR**

- Landing 9' x 18'
- East bedroom 15' x 18'
- West bedroom 18' x 18'
- North end bedroom 10' x 10'
- Bedroom above freezer room 10' x 14'
- Shower room 15' x 16'
- Upper passage and stairs 6' x 18'
- East left hand bedroom 10' x 14'
- South bedroom 18' x 18'

All of the upstairs bedrooms have ceilings with steep slopes to the roof line

In 1998 ownership passed to **Trevor and Joan BROWNING**. The Rose Hotel was then sold to **Robert "Rag" and Tracy McASKILL** in 2003 who closed briefly to redecorate, reopening on 5 October 2003. They eventually divided the property and sold the Rose Hotel and the land it stood on to **Sheila HARVEY** in 2015.



From north-east - the original cottage jutting out to the right



1993 - From the south showing the different roof lines and dormers

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