

34 ROSS ROAD – QUEENS ARMS HOTEL/BEACH COTTAGE

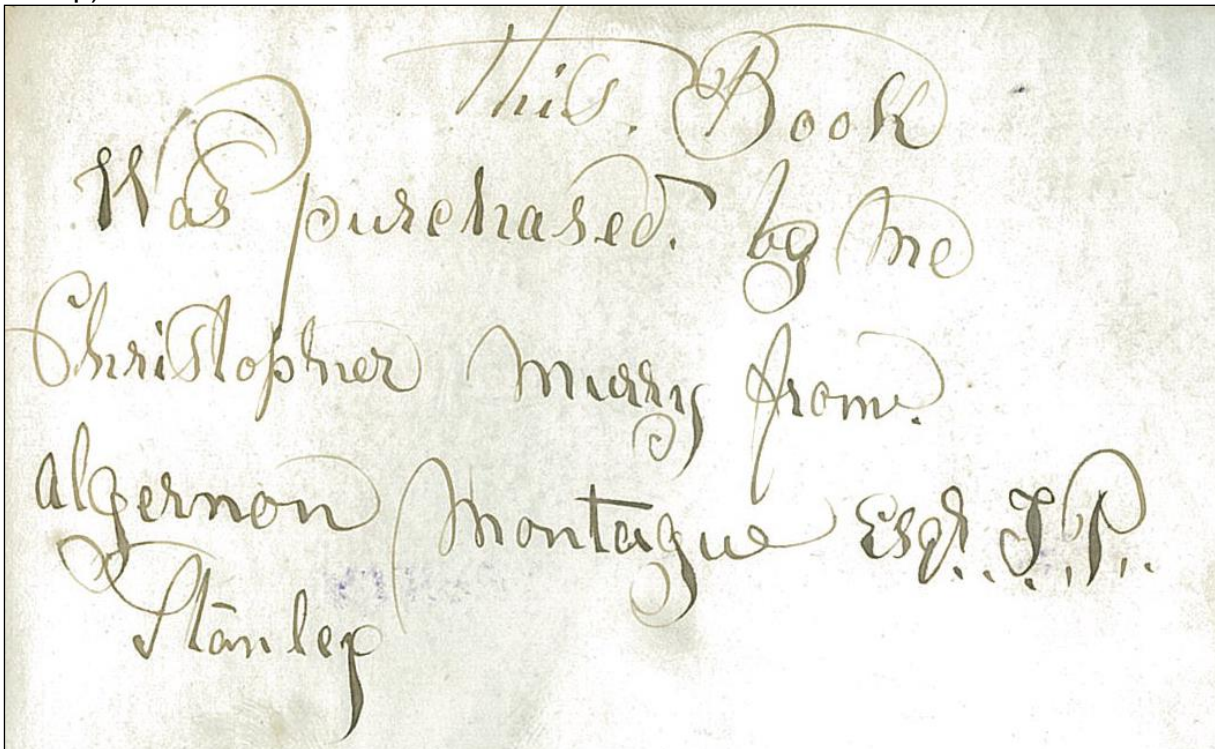
The original stone-built part of 34 Ross Road dates back to circa 1845. Now used as the premises of the Gift Shop with accommodation upstairs it has had many uses over the years including private house, public house and offices, as well as being the site of a violent murder.

On 16 July 1844 Crown Grant 7 being lot 14 was granted to **John SCULLEY** containing in front to Ross Road 66 feet in the rear to John Street 66 feet and in depth from front to rear on the East and West Sides 330 feet. On 10 July 1845 John paid £50 for Crown Grant 7.

On 4 October 1845 John sold a portion of Crown Grant 7 to Antonina Roxa for £5-8-4 being *in the front 33 feet in the rear to John Street 33 feet and in depth from front to rear in the East and West sides 66 feet bounded on the North by the rest of said Town Lot Number 14 in the possession of said John Sculley on the South by John Street on the East by Town Lot Number 15, and on the West by another portion of said Town Lot Number 14 in possession of said John Sculley.*

On 1 December 1847 John, a farmer of Sparrow Cove, sold Town Lot 14, less the portion sold, and Town Lot 15 (Crown Grant 9), with all buildings erected thereon (with the exception of the beef house which he was going to remove) to **Christopher MURRY**, headkeeper, for £200. From 1853 to 1858 Christopher Murry was recorded as a publican and storekeeper on his children's birth certificates.

On 27 August 1858 Christopher murdered his wife Mary and she was buried in Stanley Cemetery 31 August 1858 in Grave E433. On 16 September 1858 Christopher was charged with the wilful murder of his wife. He pleaded not guilty and on 20 September 1858 was sentenced to transportation for 14 years for the manslaughter of his wife. His five children were placed under the guardianship of their uncle, Jergen Dettleff, by the Supreme Court (Jergen was the publican of The Harp).



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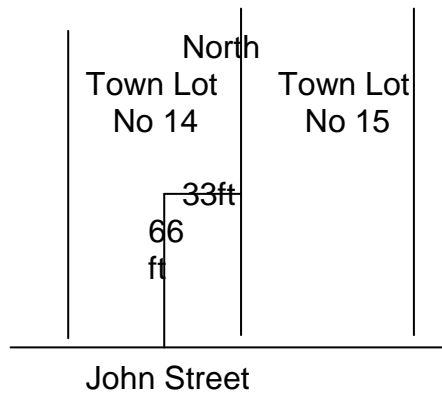
Christopher Murray's writing circa 1854 in "Compendium of Mercantile Law by John William Smith, 1848", which then passed to T Warwick Brooke and is now owned by the Archives.

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On 16 June 1859 James Lane, Colonial Manager of the Falkland Islands Company Ltd wrote to his London Office stating that *“The “Queens Arms” Public House fronting the Harbour & in the best situation here, with a Town Lot adjoined with some Wooden Buildgs upon it and good gardens, are for sale - £600 is asked, but less wd be taken. The Public House alone, is let at £50 per an: increasg to £60. It wd be advantageous to the Company to have such a property”*. On 21 October 1859 he further wrote *“The “Queens Arms” I find is in the hands of the Crown for the life of their late Owner, now a convict & is not therefore to be bought.*

From at least 18 May 1859 until at least December 1862 Henry Felton was recorded as the licensed victualler and publican at the Queens Arms.

On 29 July 1859 Antonina Roxa sold her portion of Crown Grant 7 to William Shailer for £25 and on 30 October 1863 he sold the same to Jergen Dettleff for £12.



On 25 September 1860 Christopher Murray was prepared for transportation to England and on 30 September 1861 he was one of 306 convicts transported on the *Lincelles* to Western Australia from the UK.

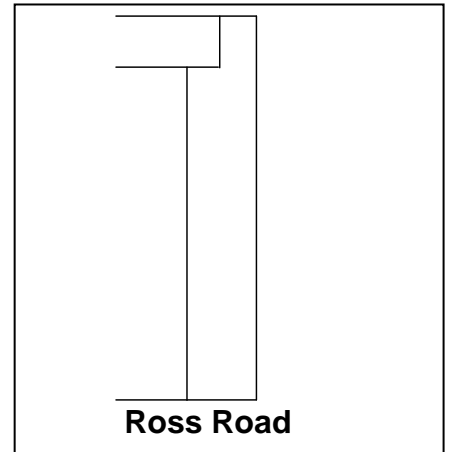


**34 Ross Road with no front porch
(L-R 34 Ross Road, small lean-to house; Orchid Store, Church House, Exchange Building)
1870s –Blake Album**

On 20 March 1875 **Ellen MURRAY** wrote to the governor from Cappielie Del Senor, Buenos Ayres about her deceased father’s estate and requested that it was sold and the proceeds owing

to her and her brother **Thomas MURRAY** be sent to them. She advised that her brother **Christopher MURRAY** had gone to the Falkland Islands and that he considered himself the sole heir of their father's estate. [H32] On 8 February 1883 **Christopher MURRY** (junior) sold Crown Grant 7 containing half an acre and a dwelling house and erections to **Jergen Christian DETTLEFF** for \$940 in gold. [Reg: Vol II, pg 165]

On 23 August 1884 Jergen Dettleff, farmer of Stanley, sold a portion of Town Lot No 14 to J M Dean & Sons for £400 being *bounded on the West No 13 three hundred and thirty feet On the North by Ross Road seventy feet 66 feet On the East by allotment No 15 Two hundred and sixty four feet and on the South by a line running West from the South end of the East boundary sixty one feet and then running South sixty six feet to John Street. On the South by John Street nine feet from Starting Point as per Diagram on back of Deed comprising in all nineteen thousand and seventy four feet.*



On 17 August 1887 J M Dean & Sons, merchants of Stanley, sold their portion of Town Lot No 14 to George Turner, carpenter of Stanley for £650. By 1891 George was calling the property "Beach Cottage".

On 8 November 1934 Estate George Turner sold Town Lot No 14 to **James W Miller** for £2,000 being *bounded on the west by No 13 (three hundred and thirty feet) (330), in the holding of Messrs T & N Binnie, on the North by Ross Road, seventy (70) feet, on the East by allotment No 15, three hundred and thirty (330) feet in the holding of Miss F Kirwan and Estate Louis Williams, on the South by John Street seventy feet with all erections thereon.*

In January 1938 the Agricultural Department moved from office in the Town Hall to Mr J W Miller's stone house on Ross Road.



**Pre 1944 showing the addition of a porch
(L-R Ross House, 34 Ross Road with wooden lean-to; 33 Ross Road, Orchid Store,
Hambledon House (partly obscured), Exchange Building) – FIC album**

The Falkland Islands Government purchased Crown Grant 7 being 34 Ross Road from the Estate J W Miller (junior) after his death in August 1953 and in 1956 converted the house from a downstairs and an upstairs flat into one upstairs flat and two downstairs flats.



Circa 1950s



1988

The house was sold back into private ownership in 2000 and despite additions and modernisation the original stone part is still recognisable.