

THE DEANERY

The house and land was occupied by Colonial Chaplains under lease to the Falkland Islands Government since the appointment of Reverend Moody in 1845. The property originally consisted of two houses which were connected to form one house by Reverend Charles Bull.

A building was constructed by Governor Moody for a school which was opened 1 January 1846. He allowed the Colonial Chaplain (his brother James Leith Moody), who had arrived in October 1845, to use the school house as a dwelling until he could provide for himself elsewhere.

On 16 September 1848 the Colonial Chaplain's Quarter or Schoolhouse was described as *"two distinct buildings placed at right angles to each other and connected by a wooden screen. They are both built of wood shingles outside. The portion looking to the north contains two rooms and a small loft. The longer room is 17' x 15' and has a register stove and black slate mantelpiece, fender and fire irons – there are no other fixtures. The small room measures 10' x 8' 6" it has no fixtures. The portion looking eastward contains also 2 rooms, one used as a kitchen 12' x 12' with a grate, tender and fire irons. A small room 8' x 12' without any fixtures.*

In May 1855 the Deanery was described as a wooden house nearly opposite the guardhouse but on the south side of Ross Road *"It consists of a cottage fronting the Ross Road 28 feet long by 16 feet wide, divided into two rooms and a lobby. To the south at right angles another wooden building is hipped on about 36 feet long and 14 wide containing a kitchen 14 feet square, bedroom 8 x 14 and hall 14 feet x 12. The front is divided into a sitting room 17 feet x 15 ft and bedroom 15 feet by 10 ft. The register stone mantelpiece, fender fire irons and cupboards belong to the Government – the other articles in the house to the present tenant the Revd Mr Faulkner, as also the kitchen grate & fixtures in the kitchen. A small wooden building on the west side of the kitchen detached from the house belongs also to the tenant.*



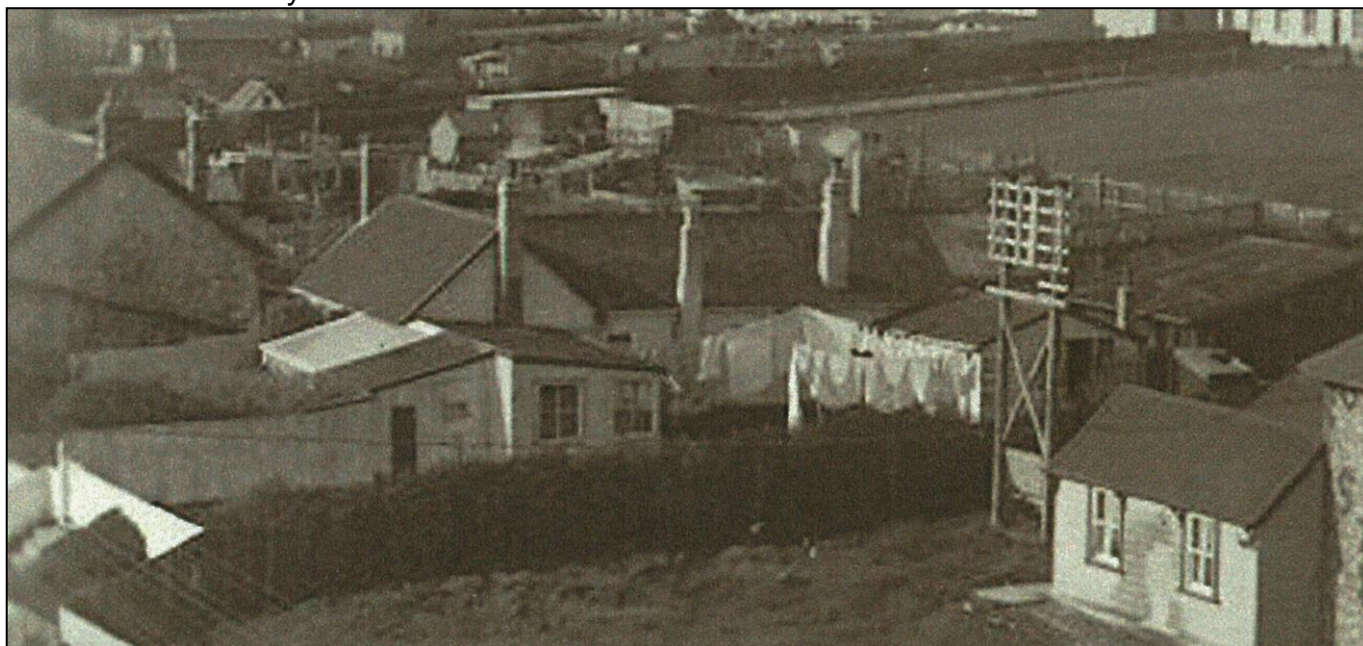
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During his tenure Dean Brandon had a conservatory built, new wall plates, piles, new floor in the kitchen and bedroom. He also match-lined the large bedroom, front hall, kitchen and the attic over the kitchen and fitted new windows. During its demolition a piece of lining board was found above the kitchen with *"lined by James Kelway September 14, 1887 Joseph Lellman Canerator L E Brandon Parson B Whilmore Carpenters Mate"* on it. The Colonial Annual Report for 1887 records *"The parsonage, one of the oldest wooden buildings in the Settlement, was put in complete repair, including new roofing, at a cost of £138."*

On 25 August 1907 the Trustees of Christ Church Cathedral were issued with a 99 year lease of the Deanery.



The old Deanery circa 1932

In April 1928 George Roberts, the acting colonial engineer, estimated the value of the Deanery if sold for pulling down and removal at £100 and the estimated cost of building a new deanery on the existing site at £1,300. He also advised that the Public Works Department would not be in a position to undertake work in connection with a new deanery until early in 1930.

In 1935 the building was condemned, the property sold to the Trustees of Christ Church Cathedral for £150 and demolition started 25 November 1935.

The new kit house arrived 8 January 1936 on board ss *Loriga* and construction of the second deanery by Messrs Thompson and Grierson commenced January 1936. It was a timber building manufactured by William Bain & Co Ltd of Coalbridge, Scotland. The house was 62 foot by 31 foot with a 9 foot wide porch on the front. It also had six fireplaces and a tile roof.



**Second Deanery
1992**

The second deanery was demolished in 1997 to make way for the present Deanery, built in 1997 and also a kit house.