

Mr Smith had twelve children to his first wife, **Rachel WILLIAMS** (1808-1882): George, Elizabeth, John, Rachel Jane, William, Joseph, Matilda Mary, Ada, Rowetta, John Henry, Edward James and Christina Grace. Rachel was the daughter of John Williams and his wife Rosanna, nee BROWN, and had arrived from England with her family at the age of four in 1842 on the *Adelaide*. She died at Sawyer's Bottom.
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31-33 LOOK VINTAGE

Touchwood

••Originally Allotment 56, Church Street



History of the Allotment

This is one of the town's oldest surviving, continuously occupied buildings, still containing evidence of its original structure, and possibly dating from 1827 when Stanley was first established by the VDL Company.

Year	Description	Occupant	Owner	Size / Value
1843	Buildings	James BURTON		
	Mr James Edward BURTON married Eliza, nee MOODIE. They had a child in the district in 1844.			
1848	Let as Police Office	SHAW, William, mariner	VDL Company	
<i>Cornwall Chronicle</i> , 18 December 1847: Mr William Shaw of the <i>Mary Jane</i> is having a schooner of about 50 tons built for him in the township. Ticket of leave man, Alexander Dyson, is responsible for the construction, and expects to have it finished in three months. The vessel, intended for the coasting trade, was christened the <i>Joseph Lee Archer</i> in May 1848 and later sailed to Launceston to be surveyed and registered. Mr Dyson, the builder who completed all the work unassisted, received much praise for the finished product. (<i>Cornwall Chronicle</i> , 20 May 1848)				
12.10.1854	Allotment purchased		Henry James EMMETT	¼ acre £10
19.6.1855	Conveyance	From VDL Company	To Henry James EMMETT	
1858	House	HOLMES, Frederick John	Henry James EMMETT	¼ acre
29.6.1858	Conveyance	From Henry James EMMETT	To Peter SMITH	
1861	House	HOLMES, Frederick John	Peter SMITH, Stanley	¼ acre
Mr Frederick John Holmes was appointed Pound Keeper from 1 January 1859 (<i>Launceston Examiner</i> , 15 January 1859), and the position was taken over by Anthony Tatlow in 1863 (<i>Launceston Examiner</i> , 7 May 1863). Mr Holmes moved next door to take over the conduct of the <i>Plough Inn</i> from May 1863.				



Early views of the building, taken in 1858

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1866	House	RUBOK, Andrew	Peter SMITH, Ireland	¼ acre
1871-1874	House	WILKINSON, Frederick B	Edwin MEDWIN	¼ acre

Stanley Meteor, 18 August 1871: Dr Wilkinson, Medical Practitioner, Stanley

Dr Frederick Belmore St George WILKINSON (1807-1883) was born in Middlesex, England and trained as a Surgeon to become a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons. His positions included Staff Assistant Surgeon with the British Army and Staff Surgeon. He married **Emily** (c1813-) on 1 June 1834 and they sailed to New York later that year. They had five children, the first two of whom were born in Canada, the next in America and the last two in England. In 1851 the family was listed as living at Hackney, Middlesex. In 1855, leaving his wife in London, Dr Wilkinson emigrated to Tasmania aboard the *George Seymour* and by late 1857 was practising his profession at Port Frederick [now West Devonport], River Mersey in the district of Torquay. In 1862 he had a son, Henry, with Mrs Margaret, nee DEVLIN, STEPHENSON/DICKEY (1836-). Dr Wilkinson's wife from England reunited with him briefly in 1865, the couple having been separated for 10 years. (*The Mercury*, 5 October 1866) After his time at Stanley, Dr Wilkinson returned to the Torquay district and when he died in 1883, he was described as a Government Medical Officer at Latrobe.