

William Collins

1760 to 1819

Hobart Town's first Entrepreneur

Naval Career 1768 to 1802



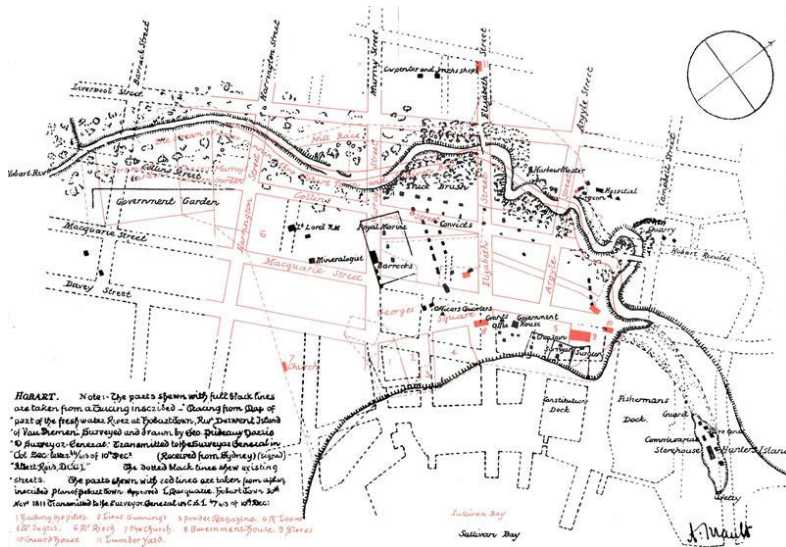
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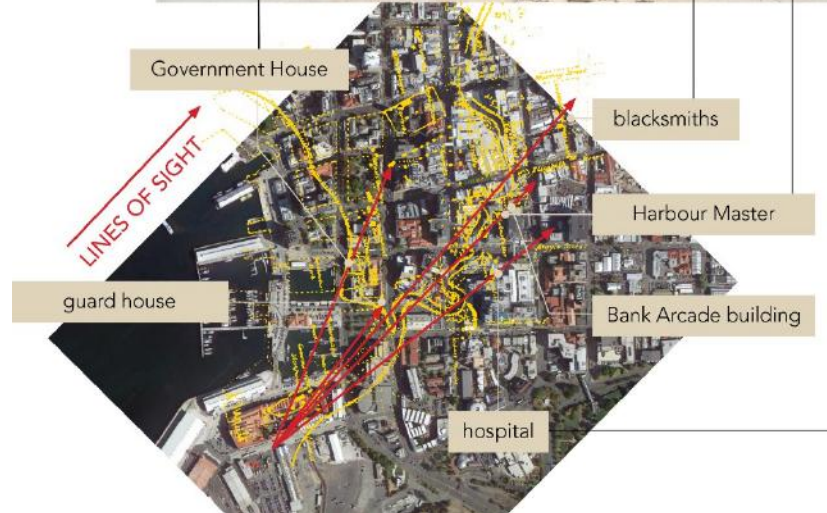
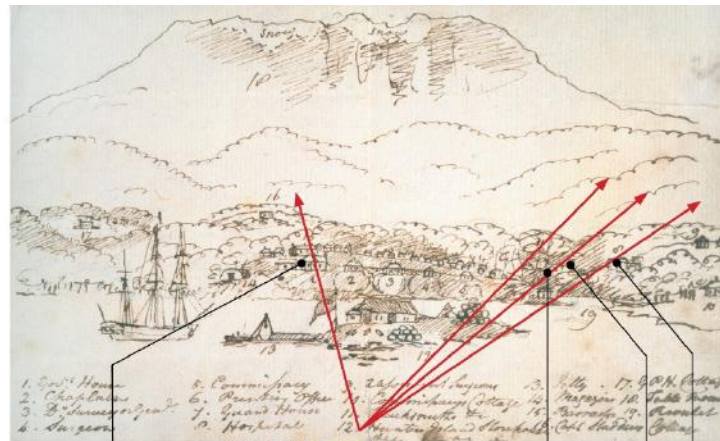


The Derwent

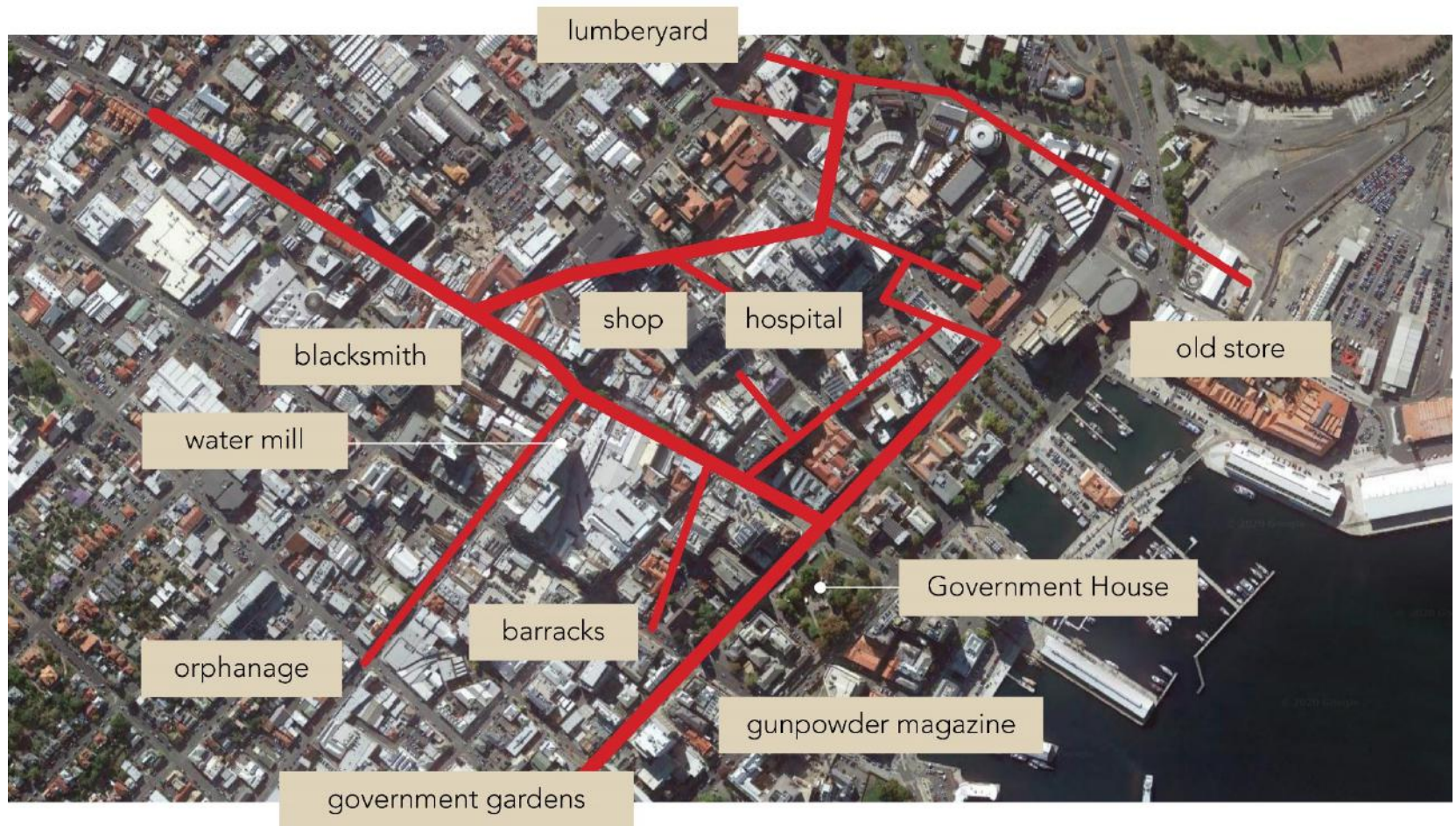
- William Collins was appointed Harbour Master on 02/04/1804. In this capacity he designed the first stone building built in Hobart in 1804, the dome roofed gunpowder store.
- He resigned late August. He then pursued commercial interests, including importing goods from Port Jackson and elsewhere, establishing whaling stations and processing facilities including a cooperage.
- 03/08/1805 he opened the first private shop in the colony.

Mault and Harris

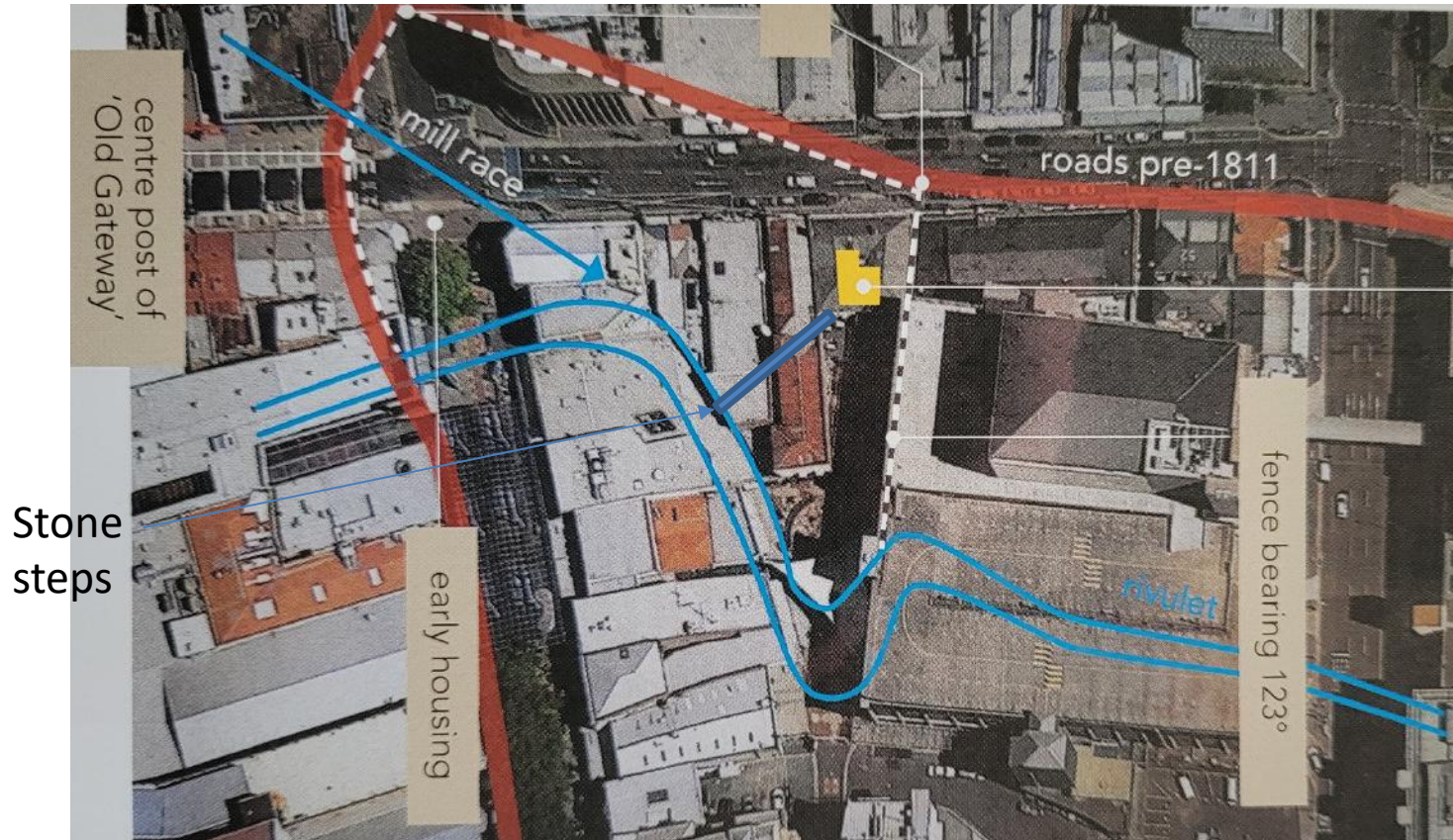




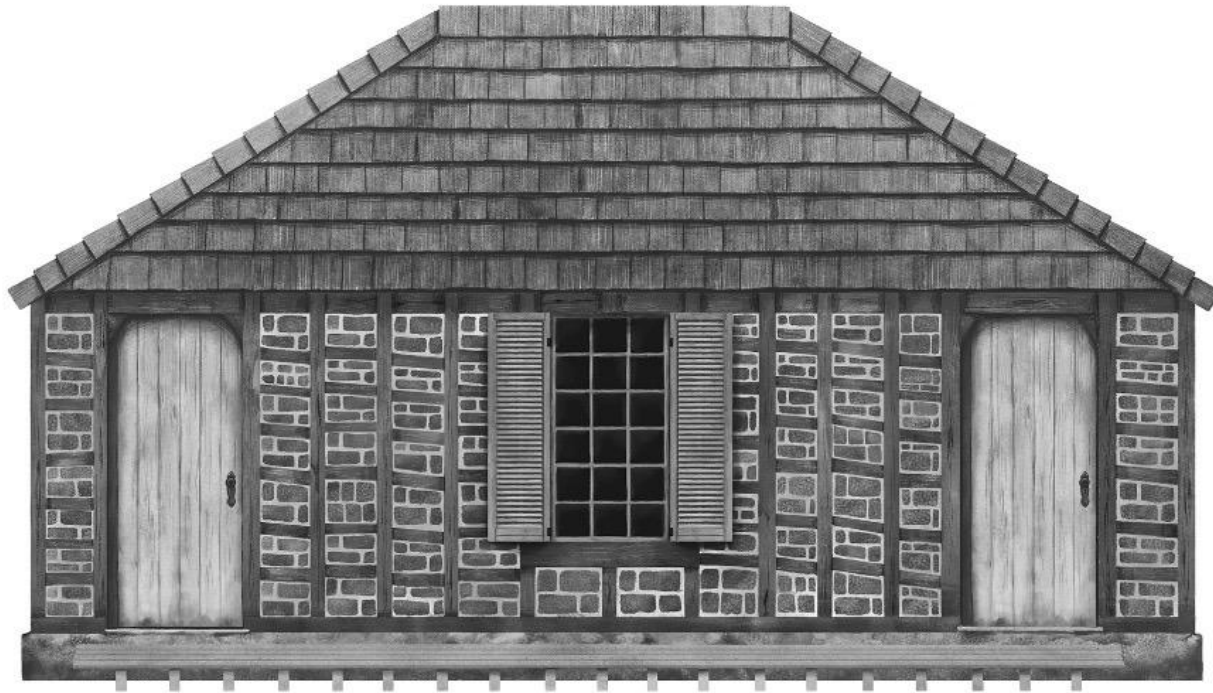
Hobart 1811



William Collins 1804 to 1810



1805 to 1806 Detail



Floor

Floorboards



Floor Joists



Floor Joist Nails

“wrought nails: pointed, not blunt ended; rotated down spur heads with no sharp arises” Dr. Chris How





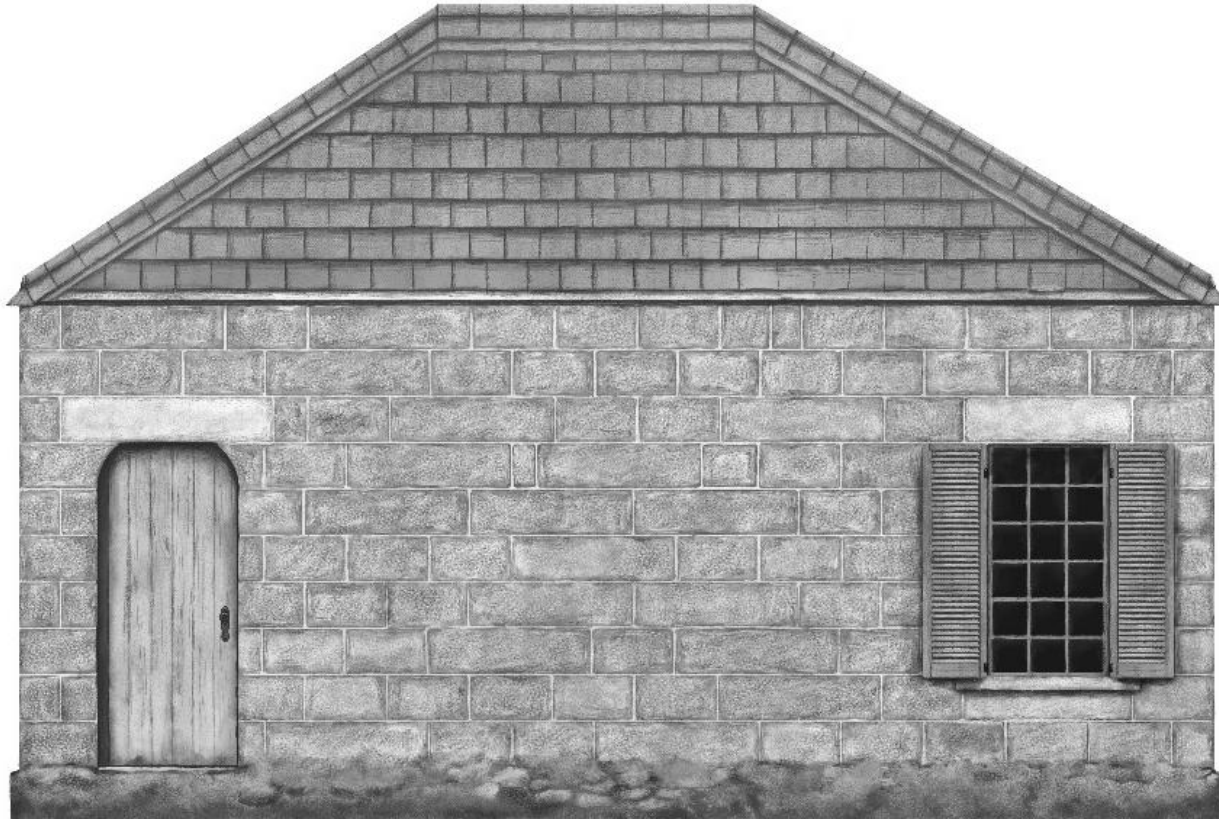
Working with Robert Campbell, by 1805/6
Collins was dealing in transactions worth
thousands of pounds involving whale oil, seal
skins and general goods.

Reverend Knopwood - May 1806

UTAS Rare and Special Materials Collection

Sunday C. L. Mandfield	h	and the Man very old driving Service could not be performed this morn Joseph & John again about there with the Game Warden. That was sent down to look at Mr Collins.
Monday C. L. Wx bridge	6	am. The day showing very fair and snow at intervals my Men went up the River to gather a Pigeon of Wilkes
Tuesday C. L. Wycombe	6	am. This morn I heard the General back lay a case to work at my place my having been promised him a quantity of one thousand a fortnight back by Mr. G. and himself. But he has not done work at Mr Collins for 2 days only and was kept by Mr. C. there at work for a fortnight last 2 days.

May 1806



Entrance



Wall



Window



A Different View of Hobart

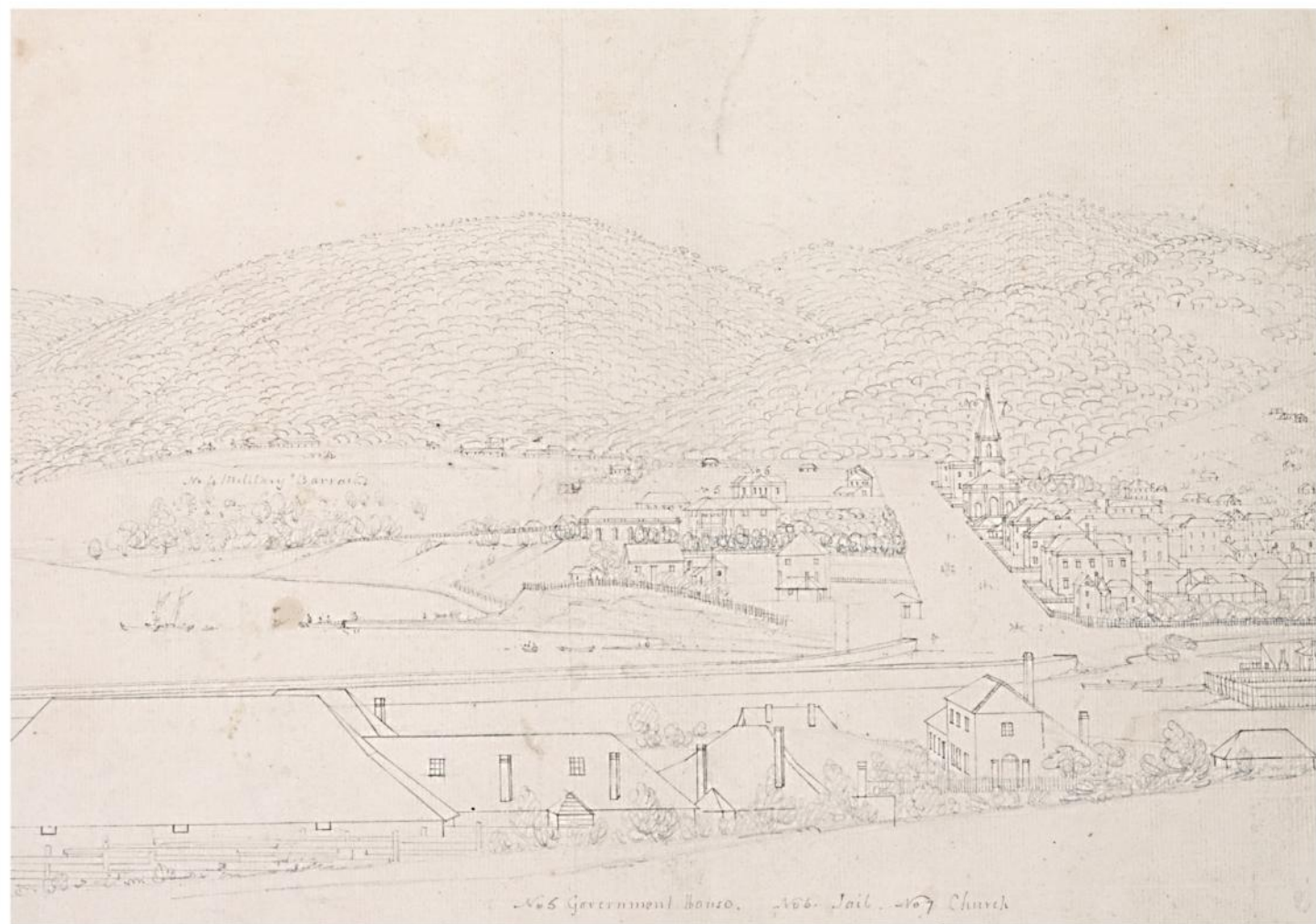


- 11/05/1807 was appointed Naval Officer and Inspector of Public Works
- In 1809 he was noted by William Bligh as building the first water driven mill on the Hobart rivulet and owning a shop with Edward Lord.
- In November 1809 he left the Derwent, smuggling James Hobbs away from Bligh who was blockading the river in the *Porpoise*.

William Collins

Entrepreneur - Land

- In May 1809 he owned 105 acres at Forcett
- From 1810 he lived at the quarry near the Theatre Royal site.
- 24 January 1810 purchased land in Launceston
- Owned land at Risdon settlement site (1811) and between Government House and the Commissariat.
- From 1812 he worked with Palmer & Co. Was a ship's captain. He borrowed money from Palmer & Co to purchase property. It was a profit sharing partnership.
- Purchased Thomas Hayes and Henry Hayes 100 acre New Town grants in 1814.
- From 1814 he lived at Macquarie Point with his family on a lease held since 1805 which originally held a basic warehouse.

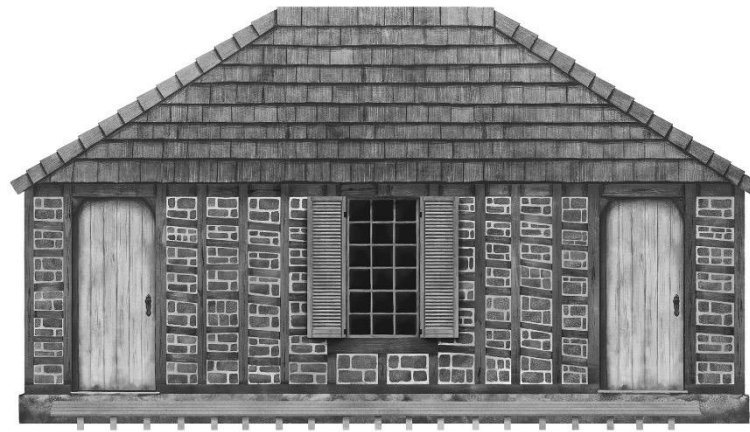


Business Ventures

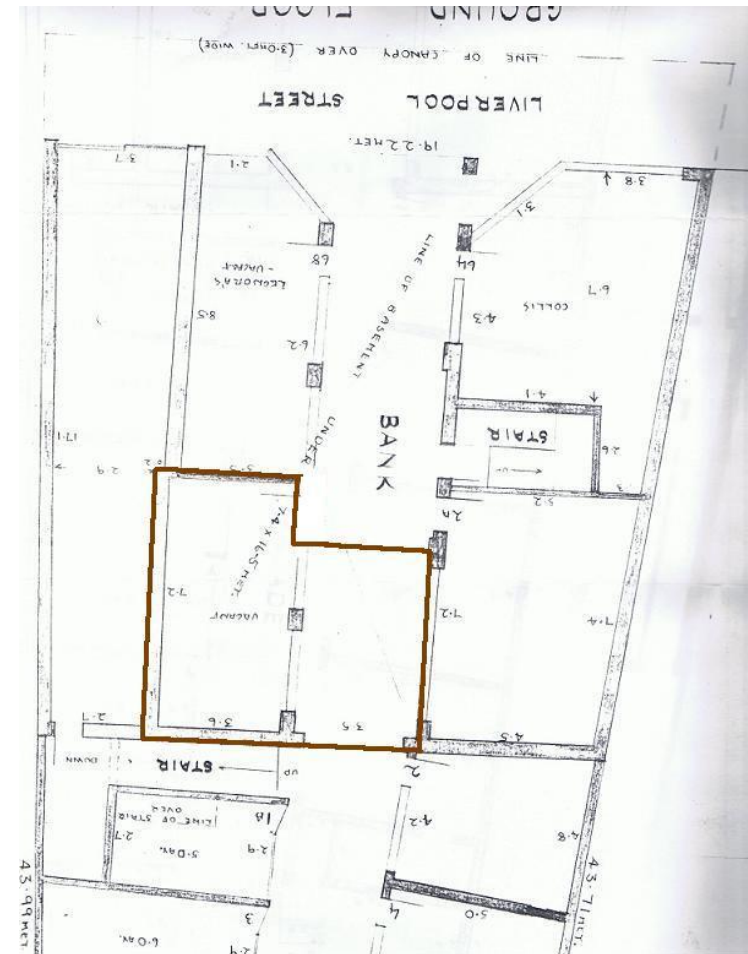
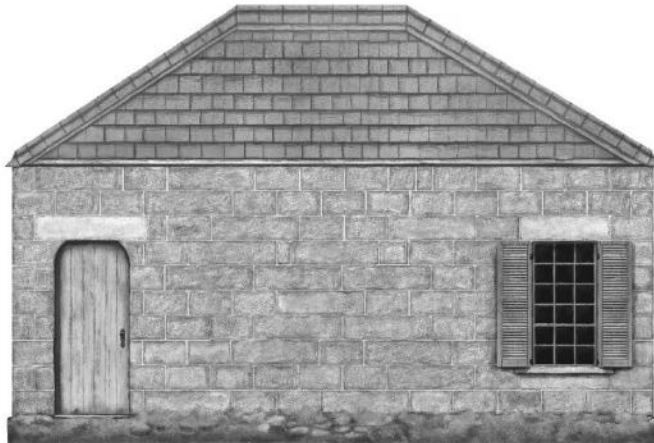
- 1813 he was importing wine and spirits from Cape of Good Hope.
- September 1813 was exporting 1800 spars
- 1817 was seeking permission to extract tannin from wattle bark for tanning leather.
- 1819 12 cattle and 1200 sheep live export
- 06/07/1819 died in Batavia after travelling there on his ship *Duke of Wellington*.

An entrepreneur undertakes a business,
with a chance of profit or loss.

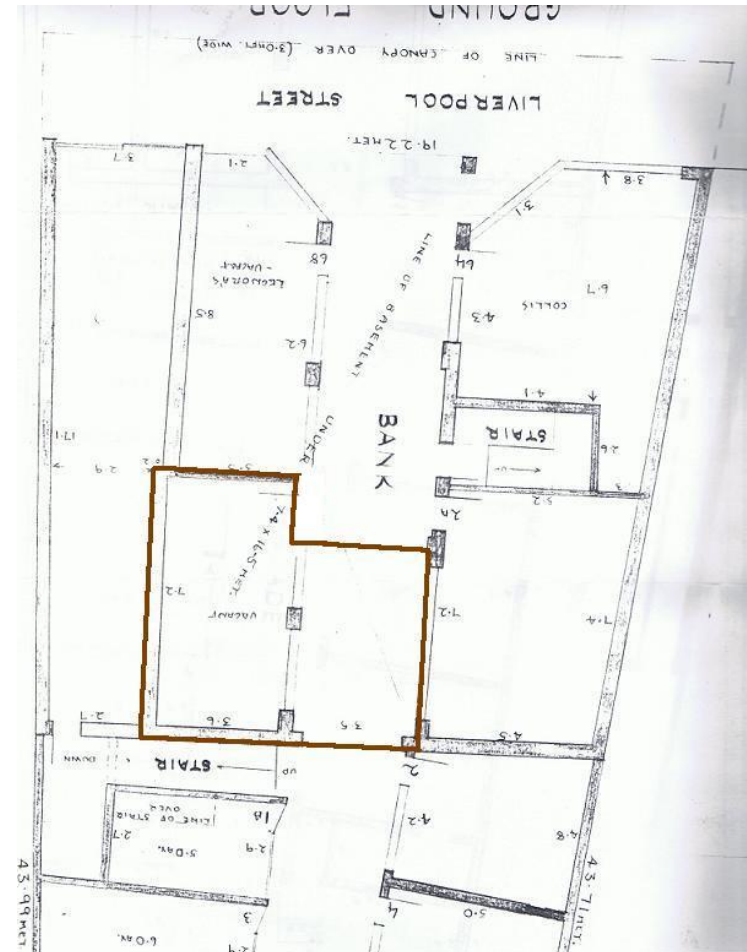
1805 to 1806



May 1806



C1812 to 1835



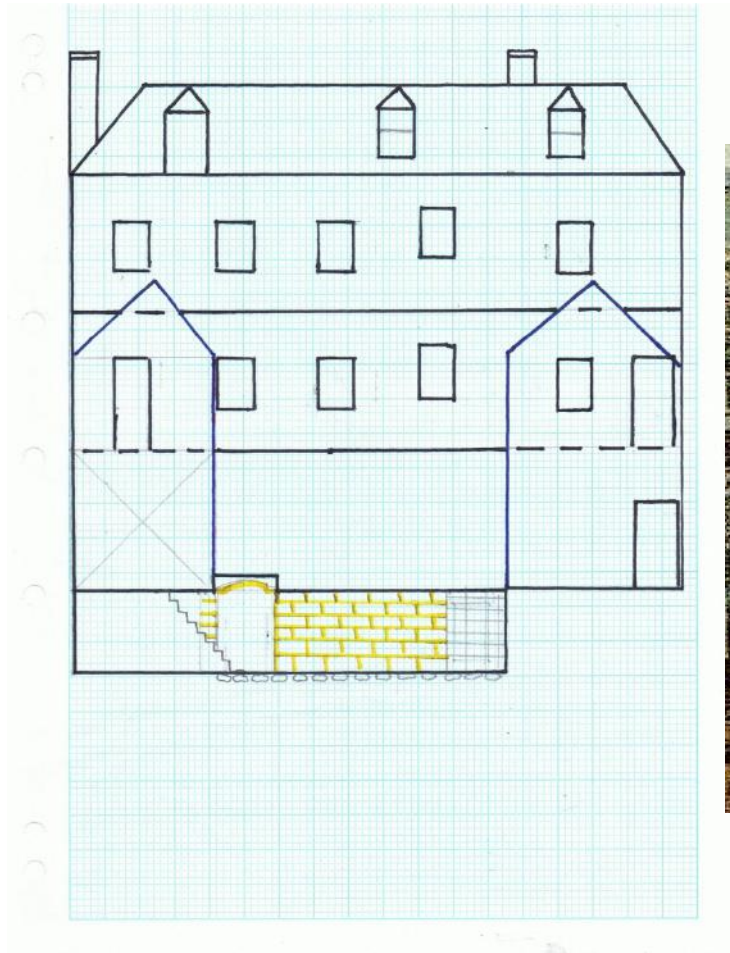
1835 to 1859



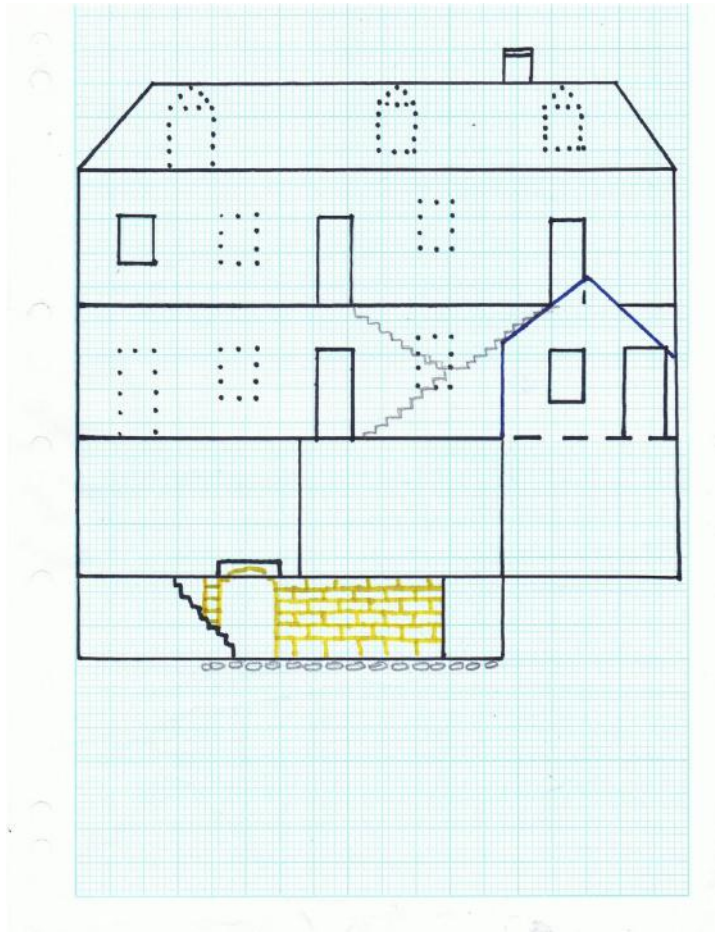
1835 to 1859



1860 to 1957



1958 to 2023



1923

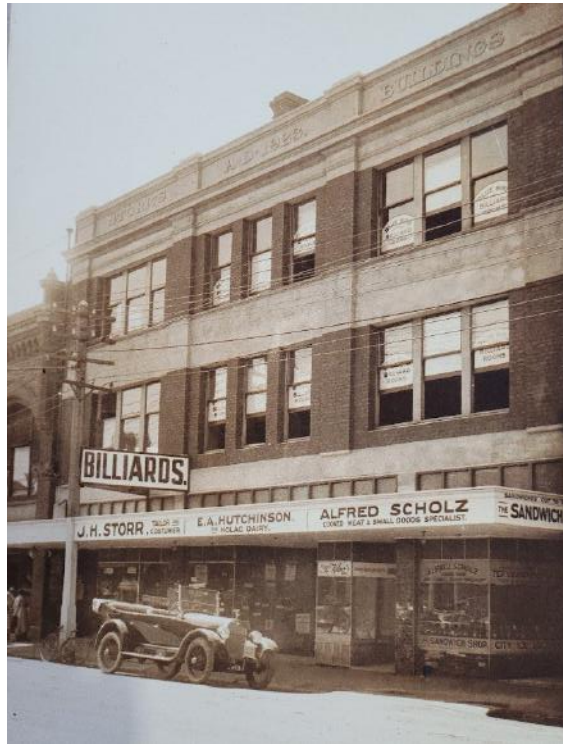


1860 - 1923



Bank Arcade building

1923



2023



Owners from 2023 to 1804

- Hector and Florence McGown (+ family) 1955 to 2022
- Palfreyman Brothers (+ family) 1922 to 1955
- John Storr 1923 to 1928
- James Whitesides (+family) 1849 to 1922
- James Brown and Richard Bent 1832 to 1848
- Martin Timms and Mary Frost 1821 to 1832
- John Pearsall 1816 to 1821
- William Sherrard 1810 to 1815
- William Collins 1804 to 1809

