

Part 1927 Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board Plan DP 113

Cathie and Weetman Streets

Petrie Terrace Photo Study

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The area was the subject of a field study undertaken by the National Trust in 1977, suggesting they were active in designating this town planning/development constraint. The BHG Research Library has digitised copies of many of the worksheets for each individual property, and photographic prints of some of the buildings and houses from that time. Rod Fisher and his associates subsequently, during the 1980s, returned and photographed the buildings again.

Forty years later we decided it was time for an update, and this set of street albums provides a snapshot of how the houses, predominantly small lot timber cottages, have been adapted for current day living. The area was predominantly working class in the 1970s, however, as with other older city fringe suburbs this has changed over time. It will primarily be of interest to residents interested in the history of their home, and we would welcome feedback, particularly if you would like to share this information in future updates.

For the albums we have used scanned copies of photographic prints when available, photocopies when not, and digital images for current conditions. A number of the houses photographed in the 1980s included side and rear views which can be made available on request. There appears to have been some renumbering of properties over time – apologies in advance if we have erred.

Your comments and corrections will be appreciated.

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Federal Elections
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BRISBANE DIVISION
TO-NIGHT, AT 8 P.M., AT THE CR.
OF COOPER'S CAMP ROAD AND
JUBILEE TERRACE.
THE HON. E. M. HANLON, M.L.A.,
Minister for Health and Home Affairs,
Will Address
the Electors in Support of the Can-
didature of
MR. G. LAWSON, M.H.R.
Mr. G. Lawson, M.H.R., Mr. F. J.
Waters, M.L.A., and Ald. J. Sharpe will
also speak.
At the CR. OF LONG AND CATHIE
LANES, PETRIE TERRACE, Mr. G.
Lawson, M.H.R., Mr. W. Power,
M.L.A., and Mr. Bert Turner will put
the Policy of Labour before the Elec-
tors of Baroona, at 8 p.m.
Authorised by S. Connell, 9 Hall
Street, Paddington.

The Telegraph 14 October 1937
(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)

Works Committee
NAMING A STREET.
The Works Committee reported that
a suggestion was made by Messrs.
Weetman and Co., Petrie Terrace, that
a small street at the back of their
premises, which is unnamed, be de-
signated Ryan Street. As there were
several Ryan Streets in the city area,
the committee recommended that the
street be named Weetman Street.
HOARDING ON RIVER BANK.

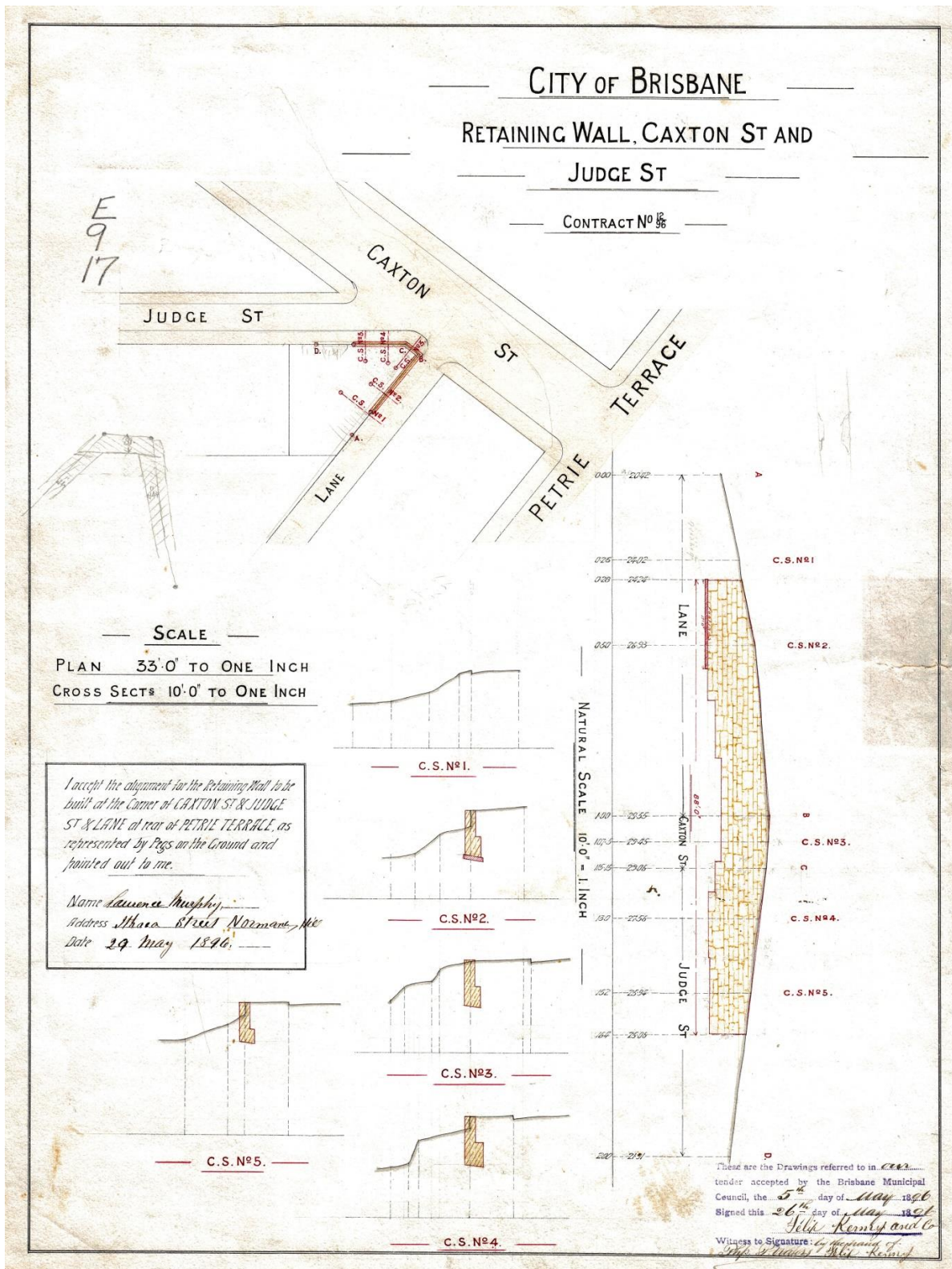
The Telegraph 23 March 1947

STREET NAME CHANGED.
The people who live in what was
called Judge street, Petrie terrace, did
not like that name. They said a
certain amount of opprobrium attached
to it. So they asked the Brisbane
City Council to change it. This has
been done, and from now on it will
be known to the postman and milkman
as Long street, after the alderman
of that name.

The Telegraph 28 April 1925

(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)

Street names that changed over time include Melford (from Bell) and the southern portion of Cathie Lane which became Weetman Street. Less permanent was Judge Street which for a period was renamed Long Street



1896 Retaining Wall Plan E-9-17)
(Brisbane City Archives)



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Weetman Street looking south west

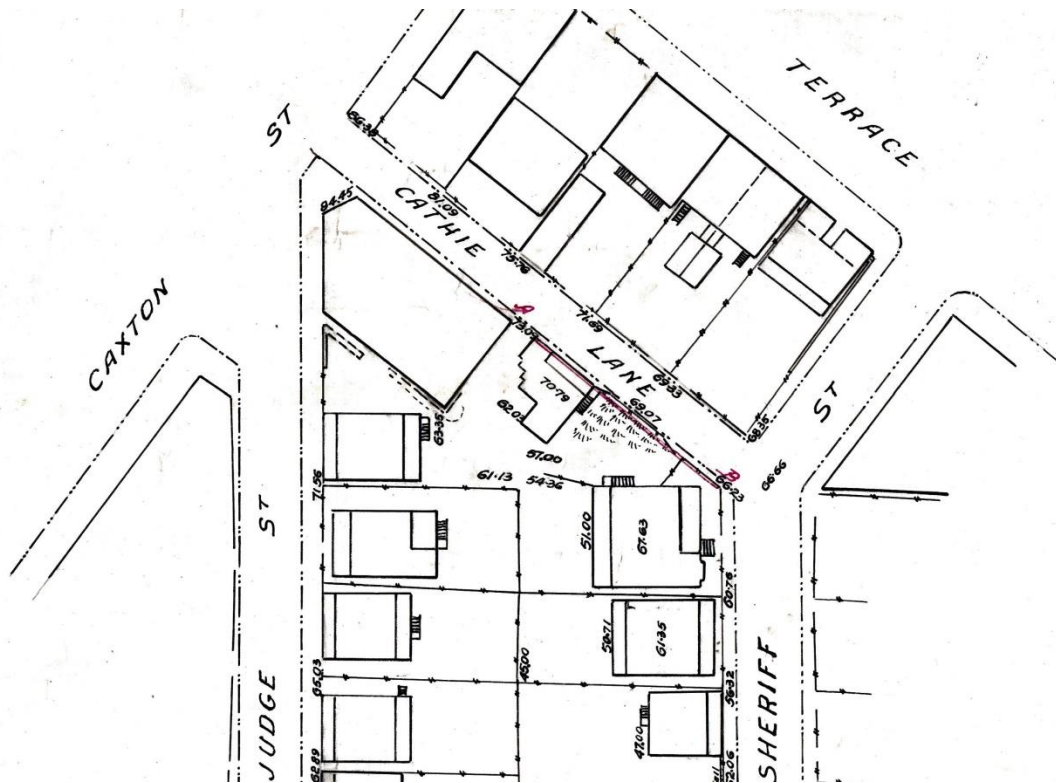


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No 13 Weetman Street



1919 Part Cathie Lane Retaining Wall Plan E-9-37
(Brisbane City Archives)

Courtesy Greg Curtis 2023

Perhaps the first owner of the house at 17 Sheriff Street, corner of Weetman Street (which was formerly named Cathie Lane), was my 2nd great grandfather Robert Cathie after whom the Lane derived its name. Many years later the Council changed that name to Weetman Street.

I can only remember visiting 17 Sheriff Street with my Mum once, and on reflection it may have been after the death of John Francis Carroll (1969) as I would have been only 9 years of age. I can't recall any details of the house except that there was a dirt floor downstairs and a large brick wall on the Weetman Street side which was probably a retaining wall for that street. I can recall seeing Eugene Carroll there and my Mum may have been helping him clean up the house.

The house at 13 Weetman Street, was also home to my great grandparent Thomas Joshua Carroll. By 1905 Robert and Sarah Cathie had moved to Wynnum and the Sheriff Street house was then occupied by their daughter Sarah who had married next door neighbour Thomas Carroll, who had resided there for several years. For over 60 years, members of the Carroll family continued to reside at No 17 Sheriff Street.

(Greg's ancestors resided in both 13 Weetman Street and 17 Sheriff Street)

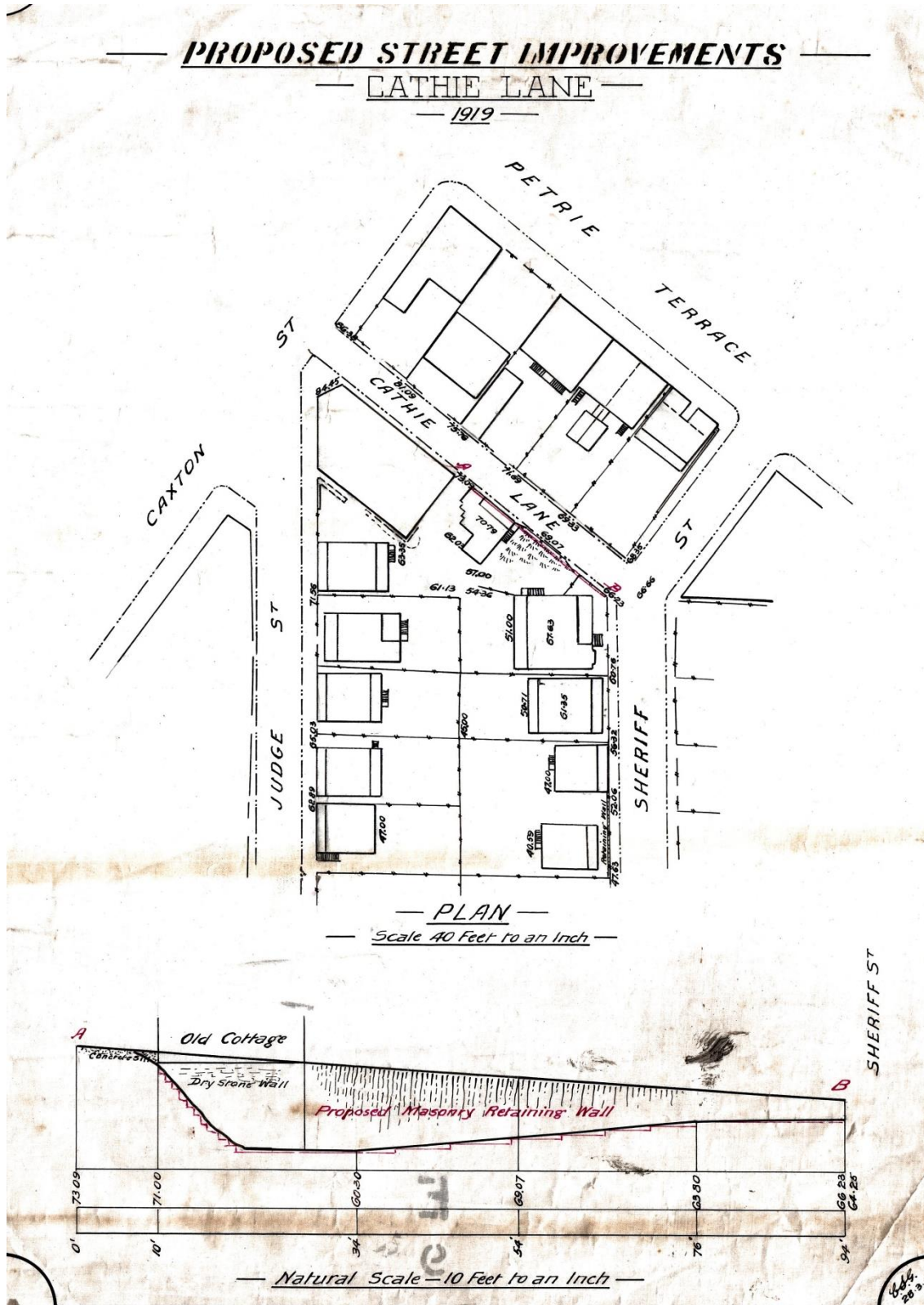


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Weetman Street looking north east



1919 Cathie Lane (Weetman St) Retaining Wall Plan E-9-37
(Brisbane City Archives)



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Cathie Street looking north west



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No 15 Cathie Street (also No 20 Menzies Street)

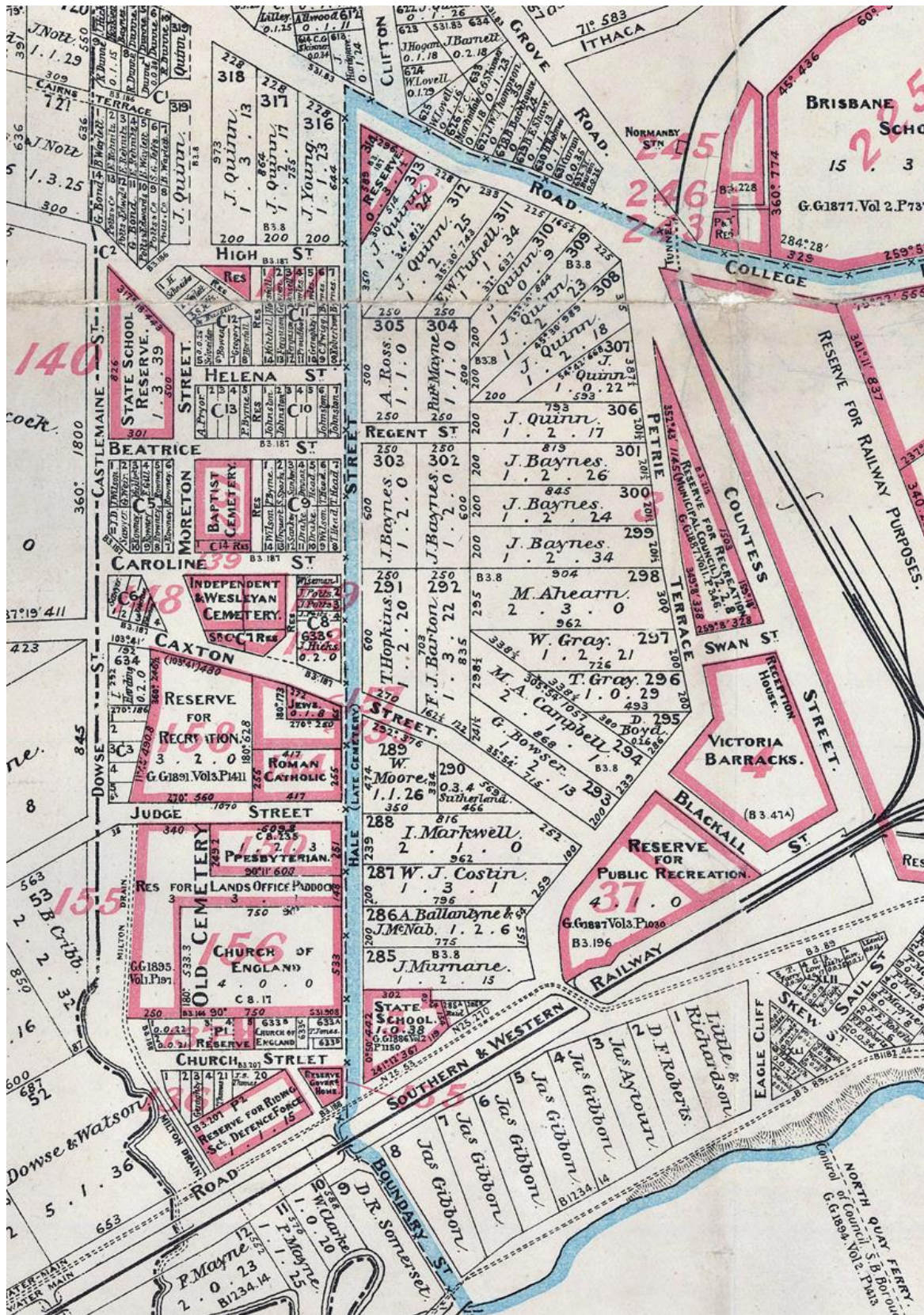


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Cathie Street looking south east



July 1900 Plan of City of Brisbane & Suburbs according to the original land grants
(Surveyor General's Office –State Library of Queensland)



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