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## **Hale Street**

### **Petrie Terrace Housing Photo Study**

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***To enable the construction of the Inner City Bypass the houses  
on the western side of Hale Street had to be removed or demolished  
so this album covers just the eastern side of the street, the 'odd' numbers.  
What information we have on the 'even' side are included in a  
separate Hale Street West album.***

***The street has had three recognised names, initially 'Boundary' being  
the western boundary of the Brisbane Municipality, then 'Cemetery'  
during the active period of the burial grounds before the move to  
Toowong, and finally Hale Street from around 1890.***

***Where noted we have included summaries from the interviews  
and research undertaken by Nathalie Haymann for her book  
'Resumed in protest, the human cost of roads'.  
Copies of which are held in BHG Research Library***

### A NEGLECTED LOCALITY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE BRISBANE COURIER.

SIR,—I have the misfortune to reside in that densely populated and grossly municipally neglected locality, known as "the rear of Petrie Terrace, which, it cannot be denied, receives no other recognition from the collective municipal wisdom or its satellites than what it receives from that punctual little man—the tax collector, to whom I have paid rates during the last two and a half years, to say nothing about a lighting rate (!) charged in the last account. But notwithstanding that, a large amount of money must have been collected as rates in this locality, the whole of the streets, with but two exceptions, are in a state of nature, or worse; and to get a dray to my residence is almost impossible. That portion of Boundary-street, opposite to the Baptist burial ground, is in a most disgraceful and dangerous state. And, further, a most abominable stench, or combination of stench, permeates the atmosphere, and in which the pig-sty element much preponderates.

I have been informed that there really is such an officer as an Inspector of Nuisances, but I fancy my informant must have been in error. If, otherwise, the nasal organ of that functionary must have been reared in lavender, and is not to be inconsiderately thrust into so vulgar a place as a pig-sty, or suffered to sniff the polluted atmosphere of those localities where nuisances do exist; but to be cocked with dignity and safety in more pretentious localities, the residents of which, "having considerable influence," would not tolerate neglect, and would not dream of becoming pig-jobbers.

However, if there is an Inspector of Nuisances, and he is what his title implies, he would do well to take his stand any day at the top of Boundary-street, whence—the wind being favorable—if he follow his nose, keeping it in the "wind's eye," he could not fail ere long to run it into a pig-sty—with "plant" for boiling all sorts of filth—of which there are several hereabouts.

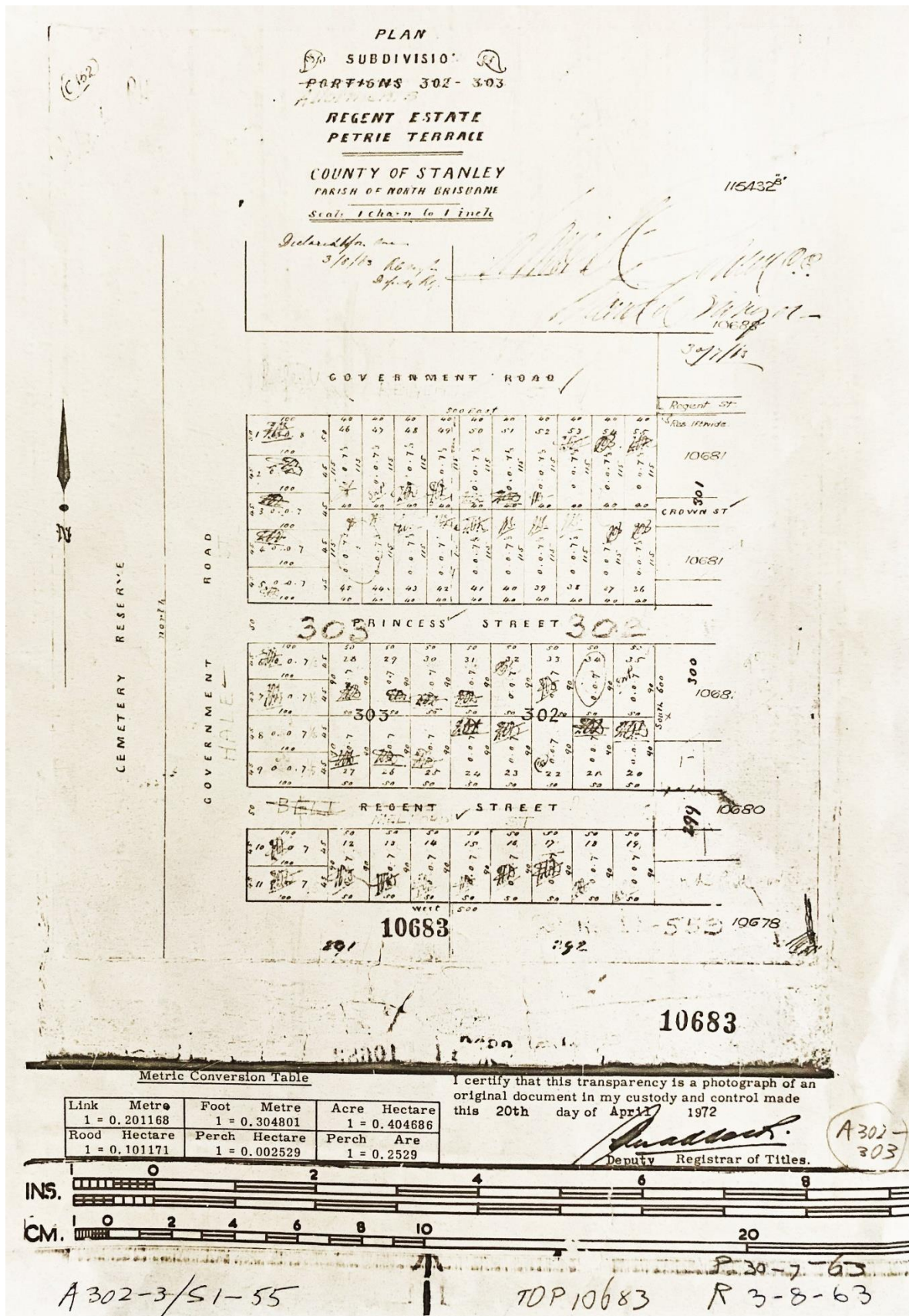
In conclusion, I do think the time fully come when not only the Tax-collector, but the Improvement Committee, ought to visit this locality, and institute some little amendments in evidence that the residents thereof do indeed reside within the metropolis of Queensland.—I am, Sir, yours,

Brisbane, August 14.

TESTIS.

*The Brisbane Courier 19 Aug 1867  
(National Library of Australia Trove digitised newspapers)*





*Original 1863 Subdivision Plan for the 'Regent Estate'*





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**Hale Street looking North**





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**No 1 Hale Street**



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**Nov 2022 (Google street view)**

**No 1 Hale Street (Cont)**



The length is 60 feet by a width of 22 feet, and accommodation is afforded for 108 children at the desks, the desks occupying rather more than one-third of the floor space. The uniformity of the front line is varied by the introduction of a slight break or recess, which being covered by a gabled roof, while relieving what might otherwise be monotonous, materially assists the ventilation. - With the same object the line of roof is relieved by a slight and elegant bell turret and spire. The roof is open-timbered, stained and varnished, such iron work as is required being painted a light blue color. The building is lighted in front by long narrow windows, set in deep reveals and at the back by half-length openings, which, while admitting the light, tend as much as possible to exclude the sun, which is still further shut out by widely projecting eaves. Great attention has been paid to proper ventilation, openings unglazed being left over the windows and along the line of roof, protected by overhanging eaves from the weather.

*New building description from The Queenslander 28 March 1868  
(National Library of Australia Trove digitised newspapers)*



*Part 1874 panorama of Petrie Terrace viewed from the south west  
Note the bell tower and spire on the school roof  
(State Library Queensland))*

### **OLD PETRIE TERRACE SCHOOL 1868 – cnr Hale Street and Milton Road**

*When Petrie Terrace was settled in the 1860s, the large allotment on this corner was reserved for educational purposes. Because of rapid settlement and local demand, the Board of Education established a government school there, which opened its doors at 9.30am on Monday 23 March 1868.*

*During the first year the roll-call total was over 300 children. In 1873 an average of 240 students were crammed into a single 70 x 22 feet schoolroom designed for half that number, with boys and girls departments on either side. Such was the congestion and parental pressure that the district inspector recommended a new school for girls including a room for the 87 infants enrolled. Consequently a larger building was constructed to the north of the first by 1875. Even greater expansion during the 1880s necessitated a completely separate boys' school in 1888 which was built in Moreton Street. Family contraction since the Second World War has brought about the removal of girls and infants to the boys' school, the old school being devoted to special education.*

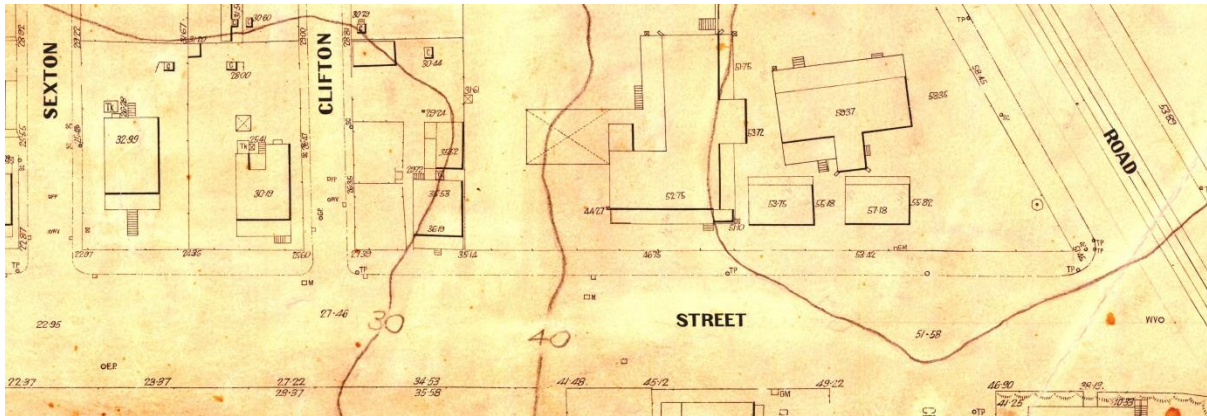
*The person responsible for planning both of the early buildings was Richard George Suter, one of Queensland's most significant school and church architects. In 1873 he specified his intention of designing the new buildings 'in character with the present school', while allowing for 'the great inequality of the site'. Shortly afterwards he also designed old Christ Church on the opposite side of the Cemetery Road, now Hale Street.*

*What Suter planned was a fine pair of Gothic revival buildings, with stone footings, unpainted brick walls, shingle roofs, stone lintels, timber joinery and many decorative details, especially around the windows and eaves. The original impact of this work has been lessened in recent years by unsympathetic additions and overlays for practical purposes. But in its prime the Petrie Terrace school on the hill stood out solidly and architecturally from the timber shacks as a centre of learning and culture.*

*There were, of course, the mundane problems of wet weather and floods, truancy and epidemics, inebriated teachers and tyrannous headmistresses, corporal punishment and protective parents. Cases of vandalism were commonly reported, the most reprehensible being in 'the procuring from some cesspit of about a gallon of human excrement and in filling therewith the school pannikins, the box enclosing the water-tap etc, and in plastering the surroundings thereof with the same material in a most disgusting manner' (1877). The two culprits, who attended no school themselves, were aged 10 and 12, one of whose sisters was a pupil teacher at Petrie Terrace.*

*Nevertheless, until the opening of Caxton Street Hall in 1884, the school functioned as a community meeting-place for gatherings of ratepayers, Oddfellows, Anglicans, cricketers and concert-goers – and neighbours without town water laid on, availed themselves of the school tap. To all of this can be added its enviable reputation as a centre of training and scholarship.*

***Petrie Terrace Brisbane 1858-1988; 'Its ups and downs'***  
***by Steve Woolcock & Rod Fisher***

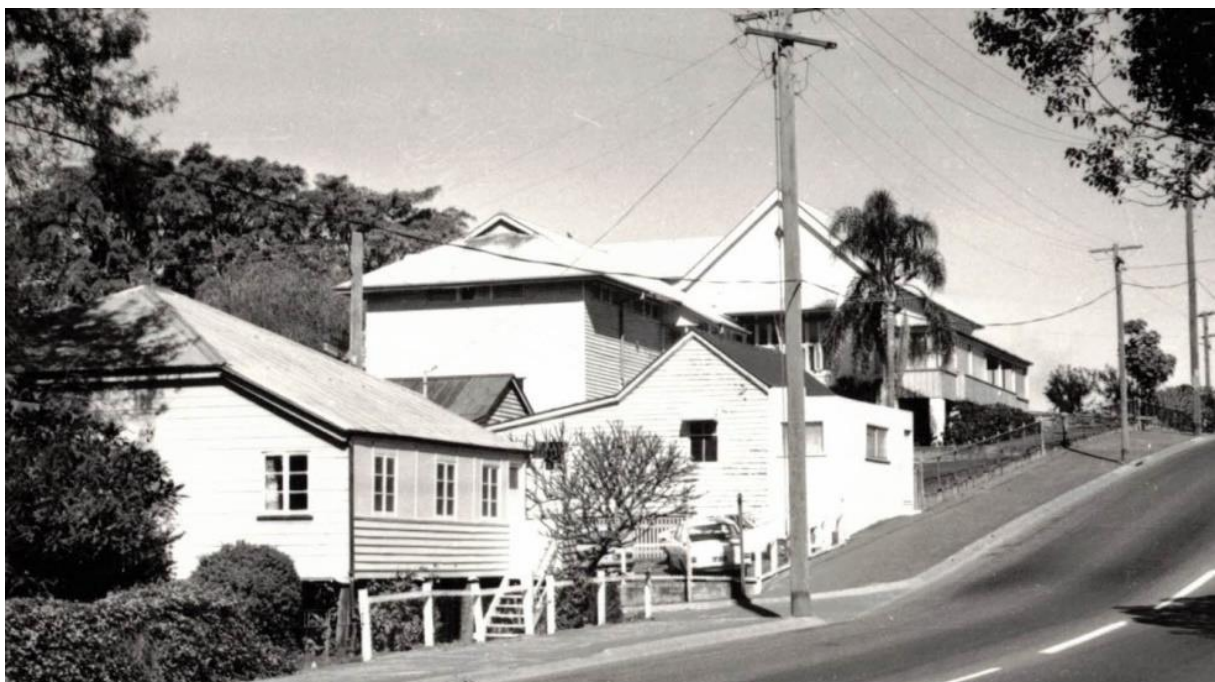


*Part 1927 Metropolitan Water Supply & Sewerage Board Plan 113*

*From the 1890s to at least 1959, members of the Jeacocke family lived next door to the school at No 37 Hale Street. Students at the school knew Mrs Jeacocke as the 'lady who looked after the school'.*

*The following is from her obituary in the Daily Standard 23 Nov 1932:*

*'As a mark of respect the children of the Petrie Terrace Girls and Infants' State School, of which Miss A. Fortescue is principal, formed a guard of honour on each side of Hale Street from the school, through which the cortege passed. This was supervised by the teachers, in token of their respect for Mrs. Jeacocke, who had 42 years' association with the school as caretaker.'*



*1977 Mrs Jeacocke's house next to the school ?*

### **Wartime trenches and cemetery exhumation**

*My sister said during [second World War] air raid drills they had to run out of the bottom gate of the school – not the top gate. They had to run in a diagonal line across the road [Hale Street], climb through the two railed fence and they'd all have to crouch down in the trenches.*

*During the war there was a panic on about split [slit] trenches because Petrie Terrace Girls and Infants School was so close to Roma Street goods yards. This was early in 1942 and they were worried that the yards would be bombed. I was working at the CON on war work at that time. On one weekend I went over to see Dad. My sister was the only one still at school then, and she brought a note home 'if anybody had anyone with experience in trench digging please help out because the school had to have split trenches'.*

*Dad had worked for the Council doing sewerage etc in the early 1930s and he volunteered. He and another man turned up at the school and went down to the bottom playground to start digging, but you needed a jack-hammer. The ground was absolutely rock hard. He approached the head teacher and suggested that it might be better if the trenches were dug across the road in Lang Park. There were several big bunya pines or whatever they were there, but it was mostly overgrown, long grass.*

*She got permission from the Council and it turned out to be a one person job because Dad went over there in his spare time. He pegged the trenches out with what he intended to do. He'd get Mum to roll smokes for him, although she didn't smoke. He'd put them in his chrome-plated Log Cabin tobacco tin. He'd toss a cigarette ahead of him and dig until he got to it and then sit down and have a break.*

*There was always a team of kids jumping over the mounds of dirt, sliding up and down on them. I went over on a very hot morning with a billy of ice-cold water. We sat there for a while and I asked him if it was very hard digging and he said "no, as a matter of fact it's not – there must have been a lot of fill put in here because I haven't struck it really hard since I've started".*

*While we were sitting there a little boy of about nine ran up with a very large piece of the back of a skull, aged and brown with long wisps of black hair hanging off it. The side wall of the trench had fallen in and the boy had slid down into a crypt. Dad had an old lighter with a flame that could have been seen 50 yards away – I've never seen anything like it – a butane lighter. He lit this lighter and you could see remnants of bits of wood and lead and bones. He asked me to go up to the Petrie Terrace Barracks and tell the police. Two policemen came along for a look and shone their torches down and he said "it's just a very old grave Mac, just shore it up, fill it in and forget about it" - so Dad did.*

*During World War One when our Dad was a boy he and his mates went down and watched the exhuming of the bodies [from the cemetery]. Dad said he could recall they had horses and drays. They went to the oldest part of the cemetery, down where the football field actually is – right down in the low part over towards Castlemaine Street where they play football.*

*Dad said they watched while they were excavating and there were many skeletons. He said he would never forget that of a little girl – shreds of a silken dress were hanging off her. The finery – a silken fabric was hanging off the little skeleton as they lifted it up.*

### **Interview with Grace Ludgate's 1992**



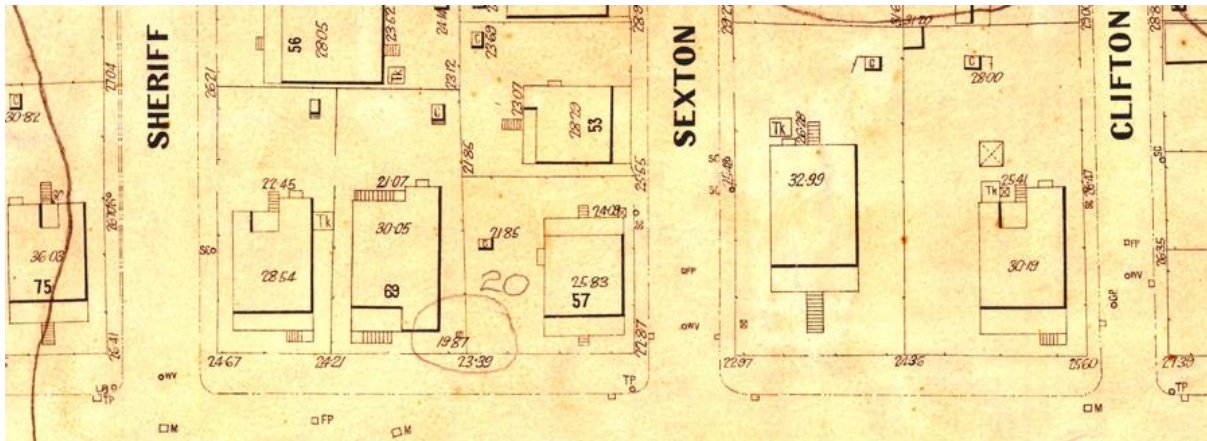


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## No 69 Hale Street (previously No 57)



Part 1927 Metropolitan Water Supply & Sewerage Board Plan 113

### ***Extracts from a La Boite Website article by Christine Comans***

*A box, a theatre in the round; it was an amazing choice. How did it all happen? Although Brisbane Repertory Theatre had been going strong since 1925, it had never had a home of its own. Then Bruce Blocksidge had a good idea: why not convert the Hale Street cottage owned by the theatre into a performance space? And there it was - La Boite - theatre in the box!*

*In June 1967, one of the most significant 'openings' in Brisbane's theatre history took place: the opening of Brisbane Repertory Theatre's first mainhouse production in its own tiny theatre. This first 'La Boite' was an intimate, 70 seat, box-like space created for the purpose of theatre-in-the-round in a converted cottage in inner-city Milton. With its interior walls ripped out and benches placed around the remaining walls, a performance space of exactly 22 feet 3 inches square was created. With the opening of this tiny theatre-in-the-round a dramatic change had taken place for this organisation, and one that set in train a process of experimentation and calculated risk-taking that has continued to characterise La Boite's development ever since.*

*The issue of finding a home of their own had come to a head in early 1967 with news of an impending closure and demolition of Albert Hall, which subsequently occurred in 1969.*

*The first La Boite opened at 57 Hale Street on June 23, 1967 with a production of John Osborne's harshly realistic English drama Look Back in Anger directed by Babette Stephens starring Bille Brown.*

*Except that it did not have an unchanging ensemble of actors and no-one was paid, La Boite began its life very much like a professional English repertory company: it played every week including Christmas and Easter from Thursday to Saturday. When one play was in rehearsal another was in production. Babette Stephens joked that with the demise of the famous Windmill Theatre in London, La Boite could with impunity adopt their famous slogan 'We Never Close'. During the short span of its life (1967 to 1971), thirty-eight productions were mounted in this first La Boite.*



TELEGRAPH

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1971

# LA BOITE IS ON THE UP AND UP

**O**N Monday the foundations for the next chapter in Brisbane Little Theatre's illustrious history will be laid.

Sweat-shirted laborers will move on to barren land in Hale Street, Petrie Terrace, where two weeks ago the Repertory Theatre's La Boite stood.

During the next few months a new La Boite will rise, larger, stylish and setting its sights on becoming Australia's best theatre in the round.

The new theatre, made possible by a \$40,000 grant from the State Government, means an upsurge in the activities and enthusiasm of Repertory members.

Repertory, of course, makes valid claim to be the backbone of our city's little theatre. Founded in 1925 its members started both the Arts and Twelfth Night groups.

Actors such as John McCallum, Leonard Teale and Ray Barrett crossed its boards.

In 1967 it started theatre in the round in one of a group of cottages it owned and used as club premises in Hale Street, opposite Lang Park football ground.

The cottage seated only 60 and cramped into such confines it seemed Repertory was falling behind its offspring with their larger and more lavish buildings.

But the old firm was resting, not retiring backstage, waiting for the day it, too, could build a new theatre.

Now that time has come and not only a new La Boite, but Repertory's renown will be rising again.

The company is getting their new theatre much faster than they expected. They had planned one final play in the old creaking La Boite and one final fling before the old cottage became firewood.

But events overtook them. The firm that will lay the foundations said they wanted to start early and the demolishers were on stage almost before the members had realised the drama had started.

The final play, *Rooted*, started its run on Thursday, housed in a tent hurriedly erected on neighboring land the company also owns. Next door bulldozers already growl away.

The \$40,000 grant announced by State Treasurer Sir Gordon Chalk in his budget speech on September 23 is on a dollar for dollar basis.



Bulldozers clear La Boite site. The tent is behind the tree.

After a fantastic piece of fast financing — itself probably a reflection of the high regard in which professional circles hold the Repertory — the theatre already is assured of its \$40,000 contribution.

This has come from a generous \$30,000 mortgage from the Bank of Queensland spread over 15 years, \$6000 out of kitty and \$4000 either borrowed or guaranteed by the theatre's finance committee.

The original design was a dream theatre to cost \$100,000, but the members are quite happy to defer or change details of their plans to bring them within the \$80,000 bracket.

The new La Boite will seat 200. This and the need for income to accommodate debt charges will mean activities being stepped up.

But already officials say a massive wave of enthusiasm has swept over the members.

They're all hearty down in Hale Street right now. Nobody has any fears that they will not be able to make the company worthy of the superb theatre that is planned.

Repertory has a reputation for careful housekeeping. Since going in the round only one of 42 plays failed to show a profit.

With things booming along so

well, they already are thinking of the day when they can afford to employ a full-time director.

But they are unlikely to complain about their present set-up.

The present honorary director, Jennifer Blocksidge, has high qualifications and experience. She introduced her husband Bruce, a real estate expert, to the theatre and he is now president.

They make a fortunate and formidable team for the present circumstance. Mr. Blocksidge has guided the theatre through the tangled red tape that binds any development plan.

He also has plans to develop the remaining land owned by the theatre once the theatre is erected.

He sees the resulting rents as a way of ensuring La Boite doesn't have to completely concentrate on commercial plays.

"Although we are amateur theatre, Repertory has never allowed any compromise of our standards," Mr. Blocksidge says.

"We aim to be Australia's best theatre in the round."

"The start to the new building, although it upset our plans, has sparked a new enthusiasm among members."

"The \$80,000 budget means certain lighting and sound equipment from the old theatre will be used in the new."

"But the original plan stays much as it was. We have been lucky with finance and are extremely grateful to the State Government and the Bank of Queensland."

"We are asking members to lend us money at 5 percent interest for up to five years. The response again has been magnificent with \$3000 already loaned."

"We hope to raise up to \$15,000 this way in the next two or three months."

"I am sure Brisbane will be proud of the new La Boite."

"The more we raise, the better we can make the facilities in the new theatre."

## Busy times ahead

BRISBANE'S theatre boom goes on and on.

Now the Arts Theatre, Petrie Terrace, is planning performances on six and possibly seven days a week.

On Thursday, November 3, *Wanted — One Body* opens. The following week *Four Seasons* by Arnold Wesker starts.

*Four Seasons* will play the Monday and Tuesday of each week and *Wanted — One Body*, the next.

And on Saturday there will be children's shows.

Any extra demand by patrons will immediately mean Sunday performances.

The idea is to put serious drama on early each week and box office winners at the end.

This way they will cater for all tastes — among both actors and audiences.

(Courtesy La Boite Website)

Petrie Terrace Photo Study — Hale Street v August 2025



**New La Boite may open next month**



**BRISBANE'S ONLY** theatre in the round — Brisbane Repertory Theatre's La Boite in Hale Street, Petrie Terrace — is expected to open in mid-June.

The theatre, opposite Lang Park, is the first to be built in Australia specifically for in the round productions.

Repertory Theatre secretary (Mrs. Jay Butler) said yesterday it would seat 200 people around a 20-foot square stage.

There was also provision for the removal of one bank of seating so that productions could be given on a normal thrust stage.

The \$85,000 complex also contains a small reception room, rehearsal areas, dressing rooms and a terrace foyer.

Construction began in October last year, after the announcement of a State Government grant of \$40,000 on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

Mrs. Butler said the first production in the new theatre would be Rodney Milgate's "A Refined Look at Existence."

The play would probably run for five weeks on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.

She said this was in line with the Brisbane Repertory Theatre's aim of promoting Australian plays.

The theatre has more than 200 members.

About 40 people will be actively engaged in staging the first production.

*(Courtesy La Boite Website)*

*The house on opposite corner of Sexton Street is No 51 Hale Street (now rotated on the block and addressed as No 58 Sexton Street)*





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**No 69 Hale Street (Cont)**





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**No 71 Hale Street**





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**No 75 Hale Street**



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**August 2024**

**No 79 Hale Street**





*Frederick and Annie Clifford had seven sons, all born (from 1905) at their home No 77 Hale Street (now No 79). Annie's parents John and Jane Hall were the original owners of the two storey general store on the opposite side of Hale Street (cnr Charlotte Street).*

*"There were nine people in our house, we had three in a bed. We used to put horses and carts down the side of the house in the back yard. Our fowls used to run across Hale Street into Lang Park for a feed and then come back again. We used to run our horses over there too, but we had to keep watch because the man from the pound would come along and take them away."*

***From an interview with George Clifford early 1990s***



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**July 2023**

**No 83 Hale Street**





**1977**

*Side view of No 83 built circa 1870s, this shows the kind of extensions which could be readily made to an early hip roofed cottage, namely a second hip, front and back verandahs and a semi-detached kitchen house.*

***Walk/Drive Heritage Tour, BHG publication 1989***

*Still vacant this block up from No 83 has been fenced and now has a letter box numbered 62 on the Judge Street frontage.*

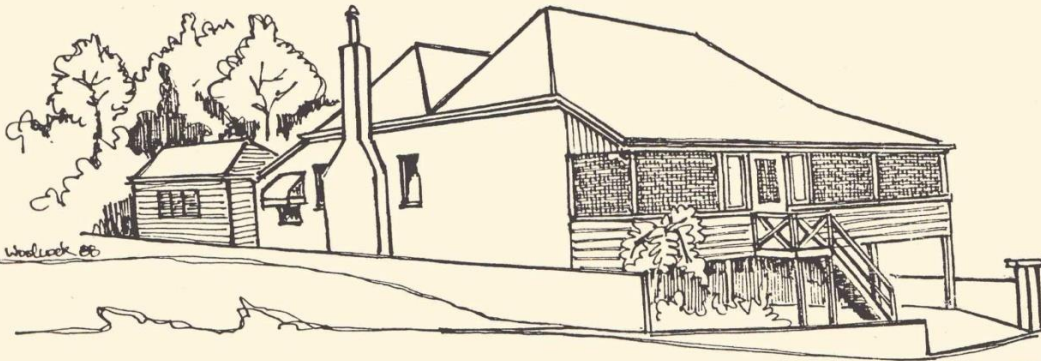
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**April 2023**

**Cnr Hale and Judge Streets (now Judge Street address)**



*(Baptist Assn of Qld Jubilee, Record Vol 1855 – 1905)*

*The Petrie Terrace Baptist Church started in 1867, with a Sunday school and a Band of Hope for young people shunning alcohol, in a Princess Street house. The church was constituted in 1870 following the erection of a small timber building on the slope above Hale Street but facing Chapel Street behind. Known as the Baptist Chapel or Temperance Hall, this was well used by other associations. There was also a night school, which developed into an Educational Institute, conducted by masters from the Grammar School.*

*These developments necessitated a larger church, built at the back of the old chapel but facing Hale Street, and opened in 1895. In later years the hall was removed and the decorative joinery of the church was obliterated. The porch and gable tracery were boxed in with fibro sheeting, but the triform window in the front wall and the rose window in the back suggest that Baptism was not necessarily bare religion.*

*Though many residents saw that this church played a leading role in the community, three persons stand out. William Grimes Snr, an early settler, Queen Street draper and Petrie Terrace inhabitant, commenced the work in his Princess Street house. Over the years Edmund Gregory, a pioneer Baptist and later Government Printer who purchased the large allotment at Milton Road intersection and built 'Tulloona', filled many church offices including treasurer, trustee and conductor.*

*Most of all this was the work of William Moore, one of the original Petrie Terrace landowners and a lay preacher initially. Moore joined with others in forming the church, but provided the land for the first chapel and became its pastor from 1870 to 1886 and 1890 to 1891.*

***Petrie Terrace Brisbane 1858-1988; 'Its ups and downs'  
by Steve Woolcock & Rod Fisher (page 52)***



## New Baptist Church.

### Petrie Terrace.

The Petrie terrace Baptist congregation have moved into their recently completed and larger church in Hale street, and the event was yesterday marked by special opening services. The new building, which is of wood, stands immediately behind the old church, and is approached from Hale street by a flight of steps. It will accommodate about 400 persons, and will cost a little over £400, some £100 of which remains to be liquidated. The new church was designed by the Rev. W. Richer, and built by Mr. J. Scobie. The first service yesterday was a prayer-meeting at 7 o'clock a.m., led by the Rev. John Alexander. The Rev. John Sneyd conducted the 11 a.m. service, and preached a sermon on the birth of Christ from St. John i. 14. A floral service, presided over by the Rev. R. H. Roberts, was held in the afternoon. The president of the Baptist Association, the Rev. W. Whale, took the evening service, and preached from the text, "And He brought us out from thence, that He might bring us in, to give us the land which He swore unto our fathers" (Deuteronomy vi. 23). At the outset he congratulated the congregation on having left Genesis and got into the book of Exodus. At such a time they had to look both back and forward, and it was only just to those who had gone before to acknowledge how very much they owed to them. That they met in such a building and under such conditions was due to those who had laboured in days gone by, some of whom were in heaven, while others were still with them. With such a presentable and comfortable building, the society should be able to meet the wants of the increased population of the district. In the course of an earnest sermon Mr. Whale, referring to the social conditions of the present day, urged young people especially to make themselves acquainted with at least the leading features of history, and particularly those parts which told how they obtained an open Bible and liberty to worship God freely in a way that commended itself to their minds and consciences. The musical portions of the services were led by the choir and orchestra, who also gave several anthems with good effect. The various services were well attended.

*The Telegraph 7 Jan 1895*  
*(National Library of Australia Trove digitised newspapers)*

## INQUIRY INTO LANG PARK.

### "Treated As Rubbish Dump."

**C**OMPLAINTS that Lang Park is being treated as a rubbish dump, rather than as a park, are to be investigated by a special committee, comprising the chairman of the City Council health and parks committee (Alderman O'Brien) and the alderman for the ward (Alderman Crampton).

Yesterday, the health committee received a petition from residents of the locality complaining of the stench from the rubbish dumped on part of the park reserve and of the unsightly appearance of the reserve. The petitioners asked that the scheme of reclamation should be completed and the nuisance abated.

*Daily Standard 5 Feb 1936*

*(National Library of Australia Trove digitised newspapers)*



*1938 View of section of Hale Street taken from the rubbish dump which existed on the opposite side of the road before the Lang Park athletic track was constructed.*

*(State Library Queensland)*

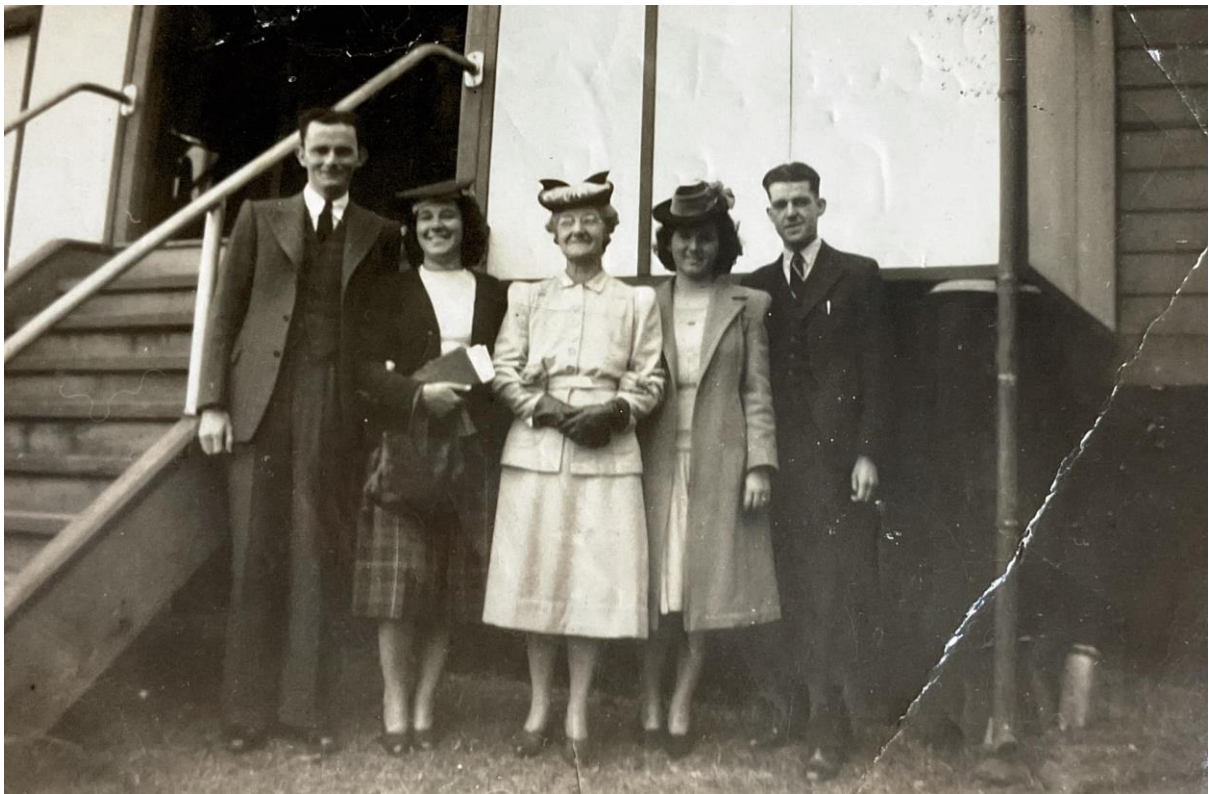


***Bonita Cattell Paddington Then & Now Facebook Post***

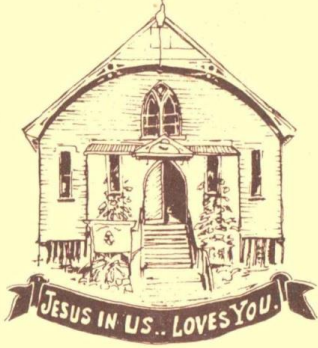
*In 1947 my father Rev Reg Jarrott began his first pastorate at Petrie Terrace Baptist Church. We were living at 16 Walsh Street, Milton. At his welcome there were two people, their dog and family members.*

*On the photograph below (left to right) Thomas Morgan Pryce-Davis, his wife Valmae (nee Jarrott), my grandmother Martha Mary Jarrott (nee Tonges, formerly Tinghes an unacceptable German name) and my parents Alice Jean Jarrott (nee Page) and Reginald Edward Jarrott outside the Petrie Terrace Baptist Church in 1947.*

*Alice's mother was Myrtle May King, part of the family of John King the only survivor of the Burke and Wills expedition. Myrtle was orphaned when her mother, who was carrying her, was walking from a tent on the goldfields at Diamond Valley, Victoria to get help from a doctor for a post-partum haemorrhage. She died along the way.*



# PETRIE TERRACE



# BAPTIST CHURCH

Barry and Helen are available any time day or night to assist you in any way possible, whether your need is spiritual or material, they are trained to help, they can be contacted on 369 6892. Elder Gary Gilmore is also available to assist you and can be contacted on 30 3776.

Pastor Barry will be in the Church Office Mondays, Thursdays, and Friday Mornings.

(The Church Office is located in the front of the Manse, which is behind the Church.)

## The Members and Friends of Petrie Terrace Baptist Church invite You and Your Family to an evening to meet our new Pastor and His Wife, Barry and Helen Gordon.

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Where? Petrie Terrace Baptist Church,  
Cnr Hale & Judge Streets, Petrie Terrace.  
What to Bring: Nothing, the night is provided Free as a Community Service by the Church.

We hope you will take this opportunity to meet Barry and Helen, to hear some excellent Brisbane Music, and to experience this Award Winning Film.

Looking Forward to Meeting You, "THE TERRACE"

## OUR WEEK

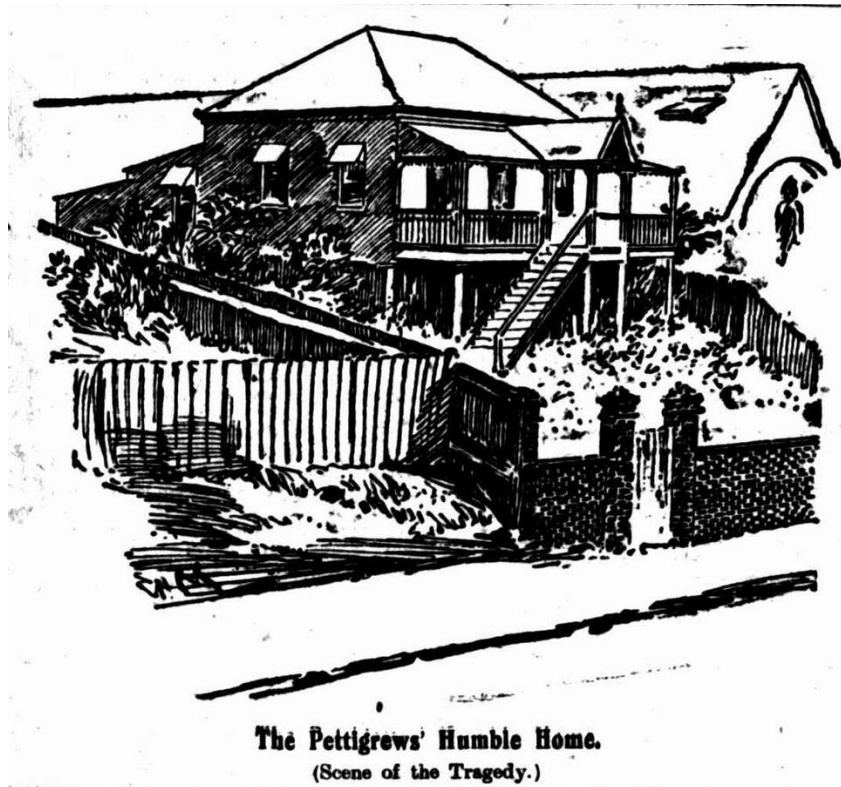
Sunday:	9.30	WORSHIP SERVICE
	10.00	JUNIOR SUNDAY SCHOOL
	10.30	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
	7.00	FELLOWSHIP SERVICE
	8.00	SUPPER
Tuesday:	7.30	BIBLE STUDY
Wednesday:	5.30-6.30	EXERCISE CLASSES (Men & Women) Warning: People with Physical ailments should check with their doctor before attending classes.
Thursday:	10.00	LADIES MORNING FELLOWSHIP (Meets every Second Thursday)
Friday:	7.00	YOUNG PEOPLES NIGHT
Saturday:	7.00	SOCIAL NIGHT (2nd Saturday in the Month)

FOR ANY OTHER INFORMATION PLEASE RING  
369 6892  
or  
30 3776

**1983 Meet the new Pastor leaflet  
(Dated by Baptist Church Archives)**

**The church building was moved slightly closer to Judge Street as part of the redevelopment of the site in the 1990s (Paddington Then and Now Facebook comment by Per Davidsson)**





*Sketch from The Truth 10 May 1903*

*The Pettigrew family lived at No 109 Hale Street (Electoral roll)*

## **Fire at Petrie Terrace.**

### **Destruction of a Dwelling.**

A six-roomed wooden dwelling, situate in Hale street, Petrie terrace, was burnt to the ground at an early hour on Sunday morning. The cottage was occupied by Arthur P. Byrnes, until lately a member of the police force, and his family. It appears that the fire was caused by a bedroom curtain being blown against a lighted lamp. The Central Fire Brigade, together with Milton and Paddington volunteers, assisted in saving the Baptist Church and another adjacent building. The destroyed dwelling was the property of Mrs. Pettigrew, and was the scene of a tragedy in which a railway guard took his own life with a revolver some months ago. The building was insured for £250, and the furniture for £65—both in the New Zealand office.

*The Telegraph 22 Feb 1904*

*(National Library of Australia Trove digitised newspapers)*

**No earlier image (vacant since 1903 ?)**



**July 2023**

**No 105 Hale Street**



# CAXTON STREET, BRISBANE CITY PROPERTY

RE-SUBDIVISIONS ~~TO~~ ~~OF~~ SUBDIVISIONS 1, 2, 3 & 4 ~~OF~~ WESTERN  
SUBURBAN ALLOTMENT 289.  
COUNTY OF STANLEY.

**PARISH OF NORTH BRISBANE.**

**FOR SALE**  
**ON THE GROUND**  
**BY THE FREEHOLD BANK**  
**& BUILDING CO. LTD**

**SATURDAY.**  
**JUNE**  
**8<sup>TH</sup>**  
**1889.**  
**AT 2.30. SHARP.**

**TERMS** 1/10 CASH BALANCE BY  
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33, 36, 39, 42, 45, & 48.  
MONTHS WITH INTEREST  
AT 7 PER CENT  
2 1/2 PER CENT  
DISCOUNT  
FOR CASH.

G.T. BELL,  
Auctioneer

TINDAL P. PORTER  
LIC<sup>d</sup> SURVEYOR

**LOCAL SKETCH.**

WATSON, FERGUSON & CO LITHO. BRISBANE.





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**July 2023**

**No 111 Hale Street**



# SUDDEN PASSING OF FRANK THORN

## Boxer Who Held Three Australian Records

### REMARKABLE RECORD OF FORMER ATHLETE

Frank Thorn, formerly holder of the featherweight, lightweight, and welterweight boxing titles of Australia, died suddenly at his home in Brisbane on Sunday afternoon at the age of 48 years. The older school of boxing followers in Perth remember him well.

Although he was born at Gawler, South Australia, Thorn is claimed by Western Australia because he landed at Fremantle as a small boy and commenced boxing at the Port in 1893. He had an abnormally long record, and at his best was regarded as one of the world's greatest fighters, and although weighing only 8.11 in form, beat even welterweights (up to 10.7). As recently as December, 1929, he outpointed Jerry Gardner in ten rounds, a few months after Gardner had shown in Perth against Jack Dennis, Kid Lewis and others that



FRANK THORN

ers. Before leaving Western Australia Thorn outpointed Ted Savral in 20 rounds at Kalgoorlie and knocked out Bob Flemming, Jack Webster, Jack Cullen and Peter Murphy. He drew with Ed. Jessop in a 20-rounder, and on October 30, 1905, at Kalgoorlie, he drew in a 20-rounder with Dick Cullen.

At Kalgoorlie in 1906 Thorn outpointed Bob Greenshields in 20 rounds and on March 3 suffered his first loss by the knock-out at the hands of Paddy King in six rounds. He was undaunted, however, for in his next fight a month later he knocked out Ed. Jessop in nine rounds. Then came three bouts in Sydney, knocking out Charlie Griffin in one round, beating Ned Murphy in 14 rounds and losing to Bob Turner in 20. On August 29 of that year he returned to Kalgoorlie to win on a foul from Paddy King in three rounds, and the year closed with a win and a loss to Bob Greenshields in Melbourne.

In 1907 he had only one contest in Western Australia when he was knocked out by Paddy King in nine rounds on Boxing Day. That was his last appearance here. In Sydney and Melbourne he beat Charlie Frost, Sid Sullivan, Jack Clarke, Charlie Griffin, Hughie Mehegan, W. Cooper and Tim Hegarty, and lost to Frost and Hock Keys. From that stage his detailed record is:—

#### SINCE 1908

1908.—Won: Hughie Mehegan, 20 rounds; Hock Keys, 25; Hughie Mehegan, 20; Sid Sullivan, 20; Arthur Douglas, 20; Paddy King, 20. Drew: Sid Sullivan, 20; Bob Turner, 20; Arthur Turner, 20; Arthur Douglas, 20; knocked by: Hock Keys, 17 rounds.

1909.—Won: Rudie Unholz, 20 rounds; Paddy King, 20; Sid Sullivan, 20; Tommy Jones, 20; Rudie Unholz, 20. Lost: Tommy Jones, 20; Arthur Douglas, 20; Arthur Douglas, 20.

1910.—Won: Dick Cullen, 20; Herb McCoy, 20; Arthur Douglas, 20. Lost: Hughie Mehegan, 20; Arthur Douglas, 20; Hughie Mehegan, 13; Ray Bronson, 4.

he was a capable performer. Again he returned to the ring against Herb Ackworth in January last year, but this time the veteran had to cry enough before a husky battler young enough to be his son.

After meeting all-comers in Western Australia Thorn went to Sydney in 1906 and created a sensation in his first contest by knocking out the champion of New Zealand, Charlie Griffin, in half a round. He was then acclaimed a potential world-beater by that doyen of fistie writers, the late W. F. Corbett, in the "Referee."

#### DICK CULLEN'S TRIBUTE

Mr. Dick Cullen, well-known boxing referee in Perth, who, by the way, was deemed one of the best lightweights America has sent to Australia, twice met Thorn.

Their first contest in 1905 was a draw, and the second, five years later, ended in a points win for Thorn. That contest has gone down in Australian ring history as the only big fight in which the heavier man was bound to make weight under forfeit of the whole of his share of the purse, win, lose or draw. Mr. Jack Gell, writing in the "Referee" a few months ago, recalled how Cullen so enfeebled himself by reducing to make the weight at the ringside that he was barely able to box. Yet he fought 20 fierce rounds.

"Frank was a wonderful little fighter and a real man in and out of the ring," sighed Dick Cullen today.

Discussing their historic meeting in 1910, old Dick said that bad management forced him to undertake a terrific task against such a doughty little warrior as Thorn at the weight. Cullen was obliged to sweat out 18lb. to come into the ring at 9.6. The bout was held at Sydney on February 9, 1910.

"How I went the 20 rounds in that weakened state is more than I can explain to this day," said Dick.

Cullen, by the way, was three months older than Thorn. Latterly Thorn had been conducting a gymnasium in Brisbane, and Cullen also in that line in Hay-street, city.

#### EARLY RECORD

Thorn met some of the foremost Australian fighters in Perth, Fremantle and Kalgoorlie before he went to the Eastern States in 1906. He captured the honors of two 9st. tourneys and then knocked out Jack Webster, Jackson, T. Rooney, G. Elmer, Jack M'Shane, Dan King, Dido Plumb, P. Coates, and Jack Cullen. Twice he beat C. Miller in 20 rounds, and gained victories over P. McCarthy, Parker, M'Mahon, Anderson and Paddy King. He drew with C. Miller, Ed. Jessop and Webster.

At Kalgoorlie in 1903 Thorn beat Billy McKell in 13 rounds, W. Monagle in four and then came to Fremantle to outpoint McKell again in 20 rounds. He beat Micko Walsh on a foul in four.

His first important defeat came in 1904 when he was outpointed by Tom Dunn in 20 rounds, but he resumed his winning vein at the expense of Jack Webster and Paddy King in 20-round-

1911.—Won: Billy Elliott, 20; Jim Armstrong, 20; Charlie Griffin, 20; Arthur Douglas, 20. Draw: Jim Armstrong, 20. Lost: Jim Armstrong, 20; Herb.



**DICK CULLEN**

Perth's boxing referee, when he boxed Thorn.

M'Coy, 20; Herb. M'Coy, 20; Herb. M'Coy, 20.

1912.—Won: Frank O'Grady, 20; Jack Read, 20; Arthur Douglas, 20; Arthur Douglas, 20; Hock Keys, 20; Joe Atcherson, 20. Knocked: Billy Elliott, 2. Lost: Frank O'Grady, 20; Jack Read, 20; Joe Russell, 20; Jack Read, 20.

1913.—Draw: Alf Morey, 20. No fight: Charlie Godfrey, 16 rounds. Won: Tommy O'Brien, 20; Jimmy Hill, 20; George Taylor, 20. Lost: Harry Thomas, 20.

1914.—Won: Joe Russell, 20; Joe Russell, 29; Alf Morey, 20; Lee Johnson, 20; Joe Brooks, 20; Joe Brooks, 20; Joe Brooks, 20. Draw: Jimmy Hill, 20. Knocked by: Francis Quendreaux, 11.

1915.—Won: Marcel Dennis, 20; Frank Ellis, 20; George Taylor, 20; Jack Humphries, 20. Knocked by: Jack Clune, 8. Lost: Herb. M'Coy, 20; Herb. M'Coy, 14; Hughie Mehegan, 7; Billy Yates, 9.

1916.—Knocked out: Wave Gelke, 17. Won: George Taylor, 20; Patsy Brangan, 20; George Newbury, 20. Knocked by: Llew Edwards, 3; Ned Fitzgerald, 5. Lost: Jimmy Hill, 20.

1917.—Drew: Wall Scutts, 20. Knocked out by: Sid Godfrey, 13; Sid Godfrey, 11.

1919.—Beat Jerry Sullivan, 20.

1920.—Won: Frank Mancer, 20. Knocked out: Jack Finney, 4. Knocked by: Salvino Jamito, 9; Salvino Jamito, 16; Roy Harwood, 16. Lost foul: Harry Pearson, 11.

1922.—Knocked Louis Garcia, 2; Andre Dupre, 7. Knocked by: Ern Baxter, 8.

1929.—Won: Jerry Gardner, 10.

1930.—Thorne, weighing 9.0 made his last professional appearance against Herb. Ackworth (9.7½), at Brisbane, and was technically knocked out in the sixth round.

Daily News 17 Nov 1931

(National Library of Australia Trove digitised newspapers)

Frank Thorn lived at No 111 Hale Street (Electoral roll)





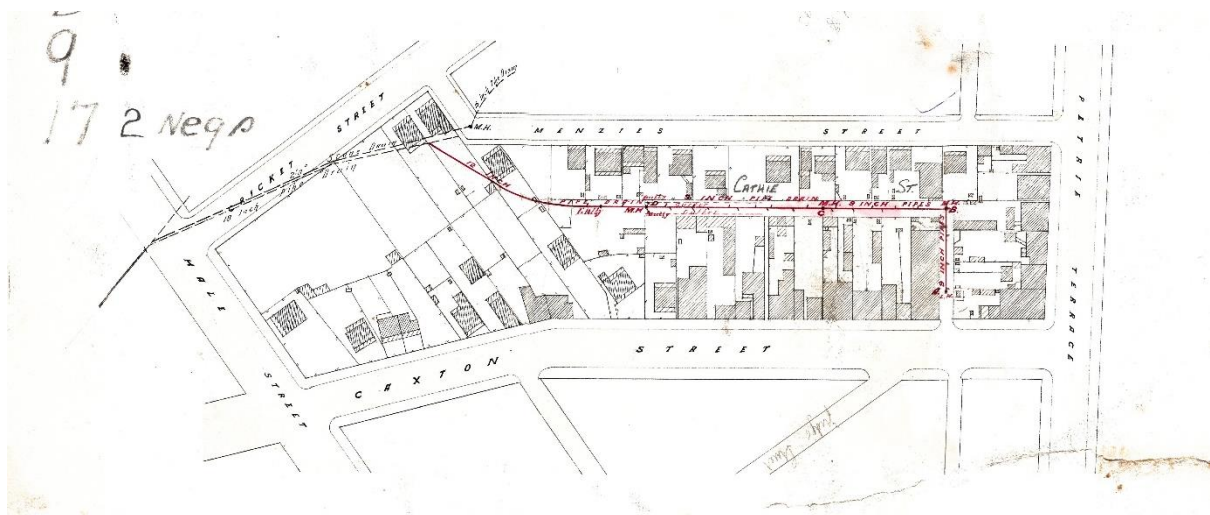
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**No 113 Hale Street**



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*Petrie Terrace Photo Study – Hale Street v August 2025*





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**July 2023**

**No 157 Hale Street**

### Defendant Fined £10

Eva Meredith, residing at the corner of Cemetery and Cricket streets, off Petrie terrace, was charged with a breach of the Licensing Act, in that she sold to Revenue-constable Eaves one bottle of ale on December 7 instant. Mr. King, instructed by Mr. M'Mahon, inspector of distilleries, appeared to prosecute, and accused was undefended.

George Eaves stated that he was a revenue constable, and recollected December 7 last. On that day, a Saturday, he, in company with another constable named Warren, called at defendant's house, at the corner of Cemetery and Cricket streets, off Petrie terrace. At a quarter past nine o'clock he knocked at the door, and defendant came out, and they had a short conversation on the veranda. After which defendant invited them to come into her room, and have a bottle of beer "while you are waiting." Witness and Warren then went inside, and sat at a table in the room. Witness then said, "Yes, bring a bottle of beer." Defendant then went out into a back room, and shortly returned with a bottle of ale, and having put tumblers on the table, poured it out, and witness and Warren drank it. Defendant was invited to partake, but declined to do so. Witness asked how much the beer was, and defendant replied "5s. here." Witness gave her a £1 note, and defendant replied, "I have not got change." Warren then said he had change and paid the 5s. Defendant was away from the room only about a minute. The nearest public house was 500 or 600 yards away, and it would have been impossible that any one could have gone and brought the beer in the time. There was no one in the room except witness, Warren, and defendant. Witness stayed in the house about 10 minutes altogether.

Revenue Constable Warren gave corroboratory evidence to the foregoing.

Defendant, who gave her name as Evelina Everingham, in reply to the charge said that she did not recognise either of the abovementioned witnesses. She acknowledged seeing two men in her house between 9 and 10 o'clock on the night mentioned, and if these two were the men, they did ask for a bottle of beer, which she gave them, and had some of the beer with the men. She then made further statements foreign to the case, and in reply to questions by Mr. King said she had had no complaints made of disturbances being made in her house.

The bench then fined her £10, with £2 2s. professional costs, in default one month's imprisonment. Confessing that she had no goods, Mr. Pincock said he would accept bail for her appearance on Monday, of £16, to allow her to obtain the amount of fine.

No 157 or No 161?

The Telegraph 21 Dec 1889

(National Library of Australia Trove digitised newspapers)





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**No 161 Hale Street**

**No earlier image (new' build c1993 ? – comparison aerial photographs)**



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**No 169 Hale Street**





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**No 177 Hale Street**





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**No 179 Hale Street**





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**No 181 Hale Street**





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**No 191 Hale Street**





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**No 195 Hale Street**



*Cyril and Gladys Williams lived at No 195 Hale Street during  
the 1950s, 60s and 70s (Electoral rolls)*





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*Petrie Terrace Photo Study – Hale Street vAugust 2025*





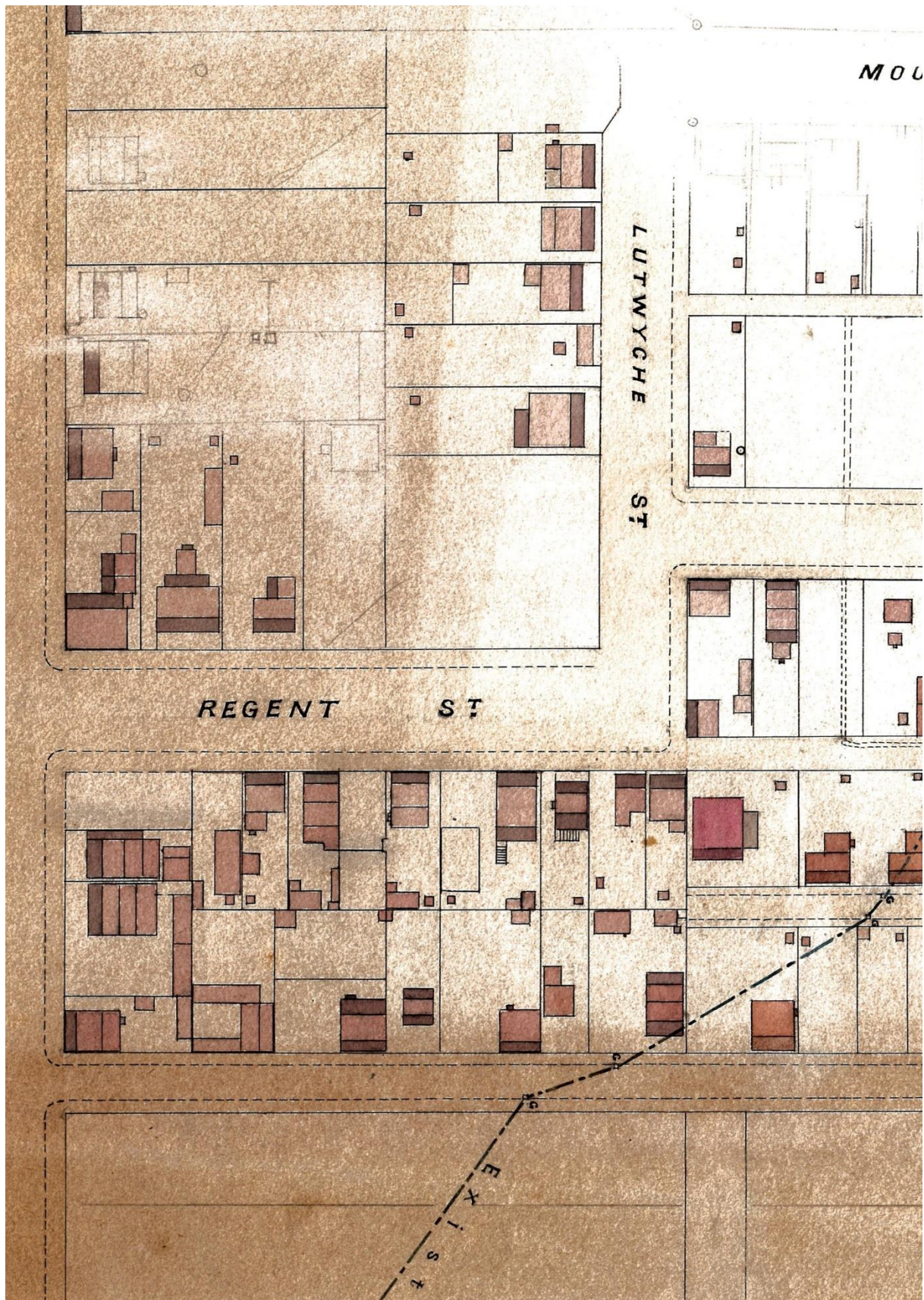
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**No 203 Hale Street**





Part c1890 Area Improvements Plan E-11-61  
(Brisbane City Archives)





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**No 205 Hale Street**

### **MYSTERY HOUSE – cnr Hale and Princess Streets**

*While changes in land ownership may be traced through titles records, early buildings are more difficult, since the street directories are deficient and few photographs were taken. This applied to the strange looking structure, at the corner of Hale and Princess Streets, with its pointed gables, change of roof pitch like a European barn, and segmented glass entrance porch off the street. Closer inspection shows that once there were open verandahs on either side of the porch. And the back third of the building was originally open on three sides beneath the main roof.*

*Internally the two front rooms to either side of the central passageway are built like containers within an outer shell. Cedar wall panels and doors with long brass slide bolts, as well as leadlight windows, are also strange for an ordinary house. From above the layout resembles a cross.*

*The first title records merely give private individuals as owners of the land – William Mannering Martin of Kangaroo Point in 1863, then John Lacy in 1875. From 1881 to 1883 this property was certainly owned and occupied by Timothy Ford, labourer, followed by John Harr or Herr, though the title was registered in the name of his wife, Julia, a dealer, until the end of the century.*

*Around the late 1960s, gentlemen called at all hours for ‘Georgina’.*

*To this historical jigsaw may be added a couple more pieces. By 1876 there was an Independent Wesleyan Chapel somewhere on this thoroughfare uphill from Princess Street, and until 1875 the land on the opposite side of the road, where the children’s playground now operates, was the burial ground for the Independents or Congregationalists and Wesleyans of early Brisbane.*

*Was this peculiar building used as a mortuary chapel until the cemeteries were closed, and converted to a house thereafter? The front rooms could have been used for laying out the dead, and open space at the rear for funeral services and transportation.*

*There’s even a local story that bodies were washed in the backyard pool!*

***Petrie Terrace Brisbane 1858-1988; ‘Its ups and downs’  
by Steve Woolcock & Rod Fisher (page 12)***



N.C.S.	Sexton Street	MAP F1 1	STREET	205 HALE STREET	SUBURB	PETRIE TERRACE
VENDOR PHONE			TENANT PHONE			LISTING No. 55304/1

BASE	Stumps	O/S WALLS	C/bd, light
ROOF	Iron	INT. WALLS	VJ & Lead-
AGE	100yrs	PATIO	
L & D	Separate	BDRMS.	3 (master ens.)
OTHER RMS.			
KIT	Well built in, small with pantry		
BATH	1	SHR. REC.	1
STOVE	Elec U/R	H.W.S.	Gas
LAUNDRY	1	SEWD.	2
CAR ACCOM.	1		HIGH/LOW SET LOW
LAND APPROX.	200m <sup>2</sup>		FRONT APPROX.
FENCED	Yes		ZONING
RATES	\$350 approx		ASSESS No.
V.G.	\$4,055		TRPT.
R.P.D.	S.5 A.303	North/Brisbane	
DEED HELD		V.P. 30	
INSPECT	Direct - phone first		
FRONT STEPS		REAR STEPS	
UNDER HOUSE			
ASPECT	West		
L.A.	L.J. Hooker		
SUB.	Ashgrove		
PHONE	38 5826		
A.H.s. REP.	John Littler	353 2368	

REMARKS: Genuine early cottage of most interesting design with gabled roof. Pressed metal ceilings. Cedar doors and leadlight panels in many rooms. Private rear garden with small 3m x 4m inground pool.

PRICE: \$57,500

60% OF NETT COMMISSION  
**MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE OF QUEENSLAND. FORM 2.**

[Courtesy Windsor & District Historical Society / Churchill Real Estate Archive]

Early 1980s



# **SOLD** Morbid past in Hale St

Story, picture: Polly McLennan  
PETRIE Terrace may be regarded by football fans as nothing more than a car park for visitors to Lang Park, but in reality it is one of Brisbane's most historic suburbs.

For example, how many football fans know that, as they cheer their favourite team, they do so upon the site of what was once Brisbane's largest cemetery?

It is a history that is unknown to many drivers who take advantage of the new Hale St ring road.

The eerie "Mystery House" on the corner of Hale and Princess Sts, which changed hands recently, is only one of many houses in the area with a fascinating story to tell.

Its history is unrecorded, but it is believed to have once been a mortuary chapel for the local Congregationalists and Wesleyans in the 1870s.

A walk through the leadlighted rooms of the house (which, from above, is shaped like a cross), tends to confirm this theory.

In the back garden there is even what the locals believe was once the formaldehyde bath where the bodies of the dead were prepared.

Elissa Freeman, a resident of the house for three years, is also quick to remind you of the ghosts that roam the rooms.

Her knowledge of the building is rough, but she says she has been told it may have become a brothel



**Mortuary chapel? Brothel? This Hale St house sold recently**

during the 1960s, when men would call upon a woman called "Georgina" at all hours of the day or night.

Fortunately, the facts are more clear on the history of other buildings in the area.

There is the old shop on Musgrave Road that was once part of a thriving business centre, and the "Princess Row" terrace houses where boarders from Brisbane Grammar lived when the school was founded in 1869.

Considering the background of Petrie Terrace, it is no surprise the Liberal administration met strong opposition when it decided to construct the Hale St ring road in 1987.

Up to one block of buildings to the west of Hale St were demolished, contradicting the council's 1986 plan for the area and affecting residents, who vehemently opposed the development.

With the Hale St development now near completion, the future of the remainder of the area is still in doubt.

With the exception of Christ Church, on the corner of Hale and Chippendale Sts, the area is no longer listed for conservation by the National Trust of Queensland, as it was in 1977.

And as there are no plans for it to be relisted in the future, it seems the march of progress may have won.

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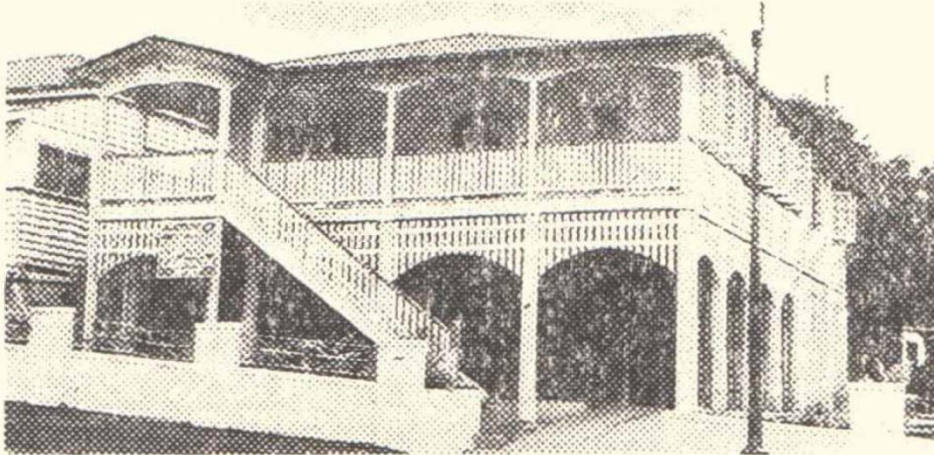


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**No 215 Hale Street**



## **SPACIOUS INNER CITY LIVING**

**215 HALE STREET, PETRIE TERRACE  
(SOON IN THE PRECINCTS)**

This spacious Queenslander with character and charm on 2 subs. offers plenty of parking, and is in walking distance of Roma Street and the City. Ask about the Petrie Terrace development.

**INSPECT:** Saturday 2.00 to 3.00 p.m.  
or by appointment

**AUCTION:** Saturday, 2nd February, 1991,  
at 2.00 p.m. ON SITE

**ENQUIRIES: (07) 369 3177**  
Keryn Richards a.h. (07) 844 9657

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**No 219 Hale Street**



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**No 221 Hale Street**





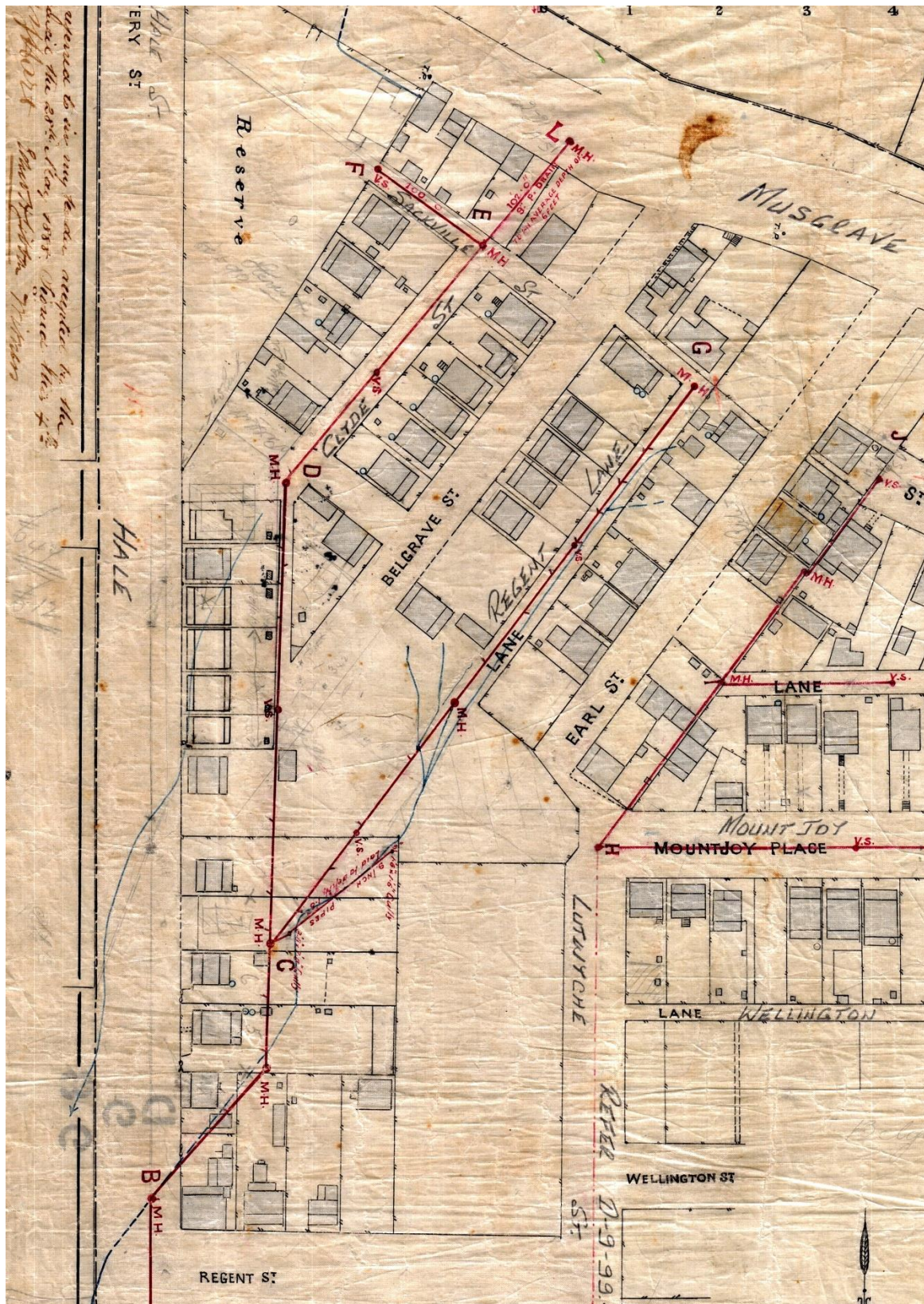
**1977**



*William Robert Gardner and Emily Elizabeth Gardner were the storekeepers at No 221 Hale Street during the 1920s. Circa 1932 they moved to the two storey general store on the opposite side of the road at No 182 Hale Street.*

***From an interview with Ron Gardner early 1990s***





Part 1888 Drainage Works Tender Plan D-9-98  
(Brisbane City Archives)





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**No 225 Hale Street**





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**No 241 Hale Street**





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**No 247 Hale Street**

***From an interview with Les Wiseman 1990s***

*Les was born in the house next door to 247, at No 251. His father John William Wiseman was also born in Hale Street at No 166. Les's grandfather came out from Scotland in 1876, married an Australian woman, Miss Caroline Free. Eight in that family – 4 boys and 4 girls they originally lived at 247, then built a house at No 166. Majority of their children born at No 166, born at home. A midwife attended, Mrs Parks, from Cleveland, Wellington Point. She would catch the train over to Hale Street to attend births. Frances was also born in Hale Street at No 251. Brother Herbert born there also, lived in Hale Street all his life. Now deceased.*



*James and Caroline Wiseman c1885*

*Les and his brothers and sisters, and his father and his brothers and sisters all went to the Petrie Terrace School. When the boys reached 7 or 8 years, they changed over to Petrie Terrace Boys' School. The girls stayed at Petrie Terrace School. Did a scholarship and went to the Industrial High.*

*Bushells Tea had their big depot next door at Mr Angel's No 261.*

*All the kids made their own trollies out of small iron wheels, a wooden tray and a pivot and they would ride down Hale Street. Hale was half bitumen and half dirt. The Ithaca Shire was on one side and the Brisbane Shire on the other, thus the half bitumen and half dirt road.*



*There was a priest, Father Masterson from St Brigid's who had one of the few cars around the place. Very few people had a car. The Gardners had a car (Ron's father). A lot of marbles were played in the side streets as there were no cars in those days. The girls would play hopscotch and in the playground.*

*The Daleys lived two doors up – he was a drayman. They had a horse and dray in the yard, like Angel next door. John Wiseman worked for Harbours & Marine as a stoker on a ship, and the McAuliffes also had a dray. All the horses were kept in the back yard.*

*John Miles and his family just recently sold his house in Hale Street. They had two children. John worked in the CSIRO. He went through the Agricultural College and became Dr. John Miles. He 'tossed' a £30,000 a year job to move up to Clermont (Kilcummin). John Miles was born in Hale Street in a house, double storied, two down from the shop. John put in for a land ballot and won the ballot at about 50 years of age, when they broke up Kilcummin just out of Clermont. He went and worked up there. He had won it in a prize and said if he went right through Queensland looking for one, he couldn't have found a better one than the one he had won. Son John went to the Brisbane Grammar School. Daughter Jennifer.*

*John Wiseman used to take his goat down to the cemetery to eat the grass between the grave stones.*

*A lot of warders lived in Hale Street because the jail was nearby, then the railways started in 1865. Les worked in the railways for 44 years.*

*The school choir used to win everything and the only way they could get a piano during the Depression was by getting a card ruled into 12 squares and you would go around the district and every one of those squares represented a penny and the children would go around getting a penny from everyone to pay for the piano. It was lost in the fire. Mr Jones was the leader of the boys' choir and coached them very well.*

*Everyone in Hale Street had a wood stove and Mr Austin owned the wood depot. He'd get a load of wood delivered to Milton Station and he would take his horse and cart and go and pick it up from Milton and stack it in his yard. After FT Morris built the boot factory on the wood depot site, Mr Austen moved down to Crystal Street and sold the wood from there. All the Hale Street people would go down and buy 2 shillings and 6 pence worth of wood for their wood stove.*

*The milk would come in an urn and he'd ladle it out into your container.*

*The Ithaca Ice Works supplied ice for the ice boxes. They'd saw the blocks up with a circular saw and all of the children used to crouch underneath and catch the 'snow' as it fell on hot days. The Ice was delivered by horse and dray.*

*Fred Dittberner would walk up the road carrying his port behind his back, with one arm clasped in the other behind his back. He was sacked from his job during the Depression.*



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**No 251 Hale Street**





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**July 2023**

**No 261 Hale Street**

***From an interview with Les Wiseman 1990s***

*From 1947 Bushells Tea had their depot at No 261 Hale Street, the home of Mr George Angel, the depot manager. The tea was brought up from Sydney. The ships would berth at the Story Bridge and the tea would be hauled up to Hale Street to be stacked underneath the house. It was packed up at the house and then taken all around Brisbane – St. Lucia and Toowong in 12 lb packets, carried in a horse drawn vehicle. Mr Angel called on every grocer shop. When he was on his way home going up Hale Street all of the kids would hang onto the back of the cart and get a free ride up Hale Street.*

*He was an Englishman, had been a jackaroo out west. There were three boys born there, and they also had a goat in with the horse. The goat's name was 'Bushells Tea' and they used to race him at the Exhibition, during the Show. When the goat died he did a post-mortem on him and then skinned him, and his skin graced the floor of the house next door for the next 30 years. Beautiful sable goat.*

*Every Saturday morning Mr Angel would nugget the harnesses. Every night the horse would be hosed down. The horse would be shod at the blacksmith's shop up on Musgrave Road – the horse would be taken up the lane to the shop. The blacksmith's name was Greg? There was a park on the corner of Hale Street and then the next shop was the Smythe's butcher shop, then there was Kemp the grocer, then another grocer, then the blacksmith's shop up towards Belgrave Street. Bingo was played up in the park during the 1930s when the Depression was on, every weekend. Not everybody had a radio and the SP bookie was in one of the houses up near the park. His name was Skewsie. Dick Smythe was a speedway rider. He started at Davies Park and then he became one of the first speedway racers in Australia.*



*Backyard of No 261 Hale Street, home of the Angel family – mid 1930s  
Back row: Frances, Herbert and Les Wiseman; Edward and Norman Angel  
Front row: Joyce and Grace Ford (Wiseman's cousins), the small boy's name unknown  
Ken Angel sitting in the goat cart*





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**No 269 Hale Street**



N.C.S.	Belgrave	MAP F1 79	STREET	269 HALE STREET	SUBURB	PETRIE TERRACE
VENDOR/S PHONE			TENANT PHONE	vacant		LISTING No. 28644/1

BASE	besser&bk frt	O/S WALLS	w/bd
ROOF	GI	INT. WALLS	6 VJ
AGE	45 app	PATIO	frt
L & D	arched	BDRMS.	3 lrg
OTHER RMS.	covered frt porch & S/out		
KIT	large (original)		
BATH	round end (porc)	SHR. REC.	SOB
STOVE	gas	H.W.S.	elec
LAUNDRY	under	SEWD.	down
CAR ACCOM.	under	HIGH/LOW SET	high
LAND APPROX.	645m2	FRONT APPROX.	13m
FENCED	yes	ZONING	A
RATES	\$121 ½	ASSES No.	15Bne0619(90)
V.G.	\$2760	TRPT.	bus at door
R.P.D.	S.9 Allot. 305 P/Nth Bris		
CITY 3721	F.157 RP.10686	V.P.	30
DEED REC'D			
Wales, Valley			
INSPECT	Ring L.A. for key location		
FRONT STEPS	12	REAR STEPS	6
UNDER HOUSE	part conc		
ASPECT			
L.A.	Mick Patti		
SUB.	Albion Heights	P2	
PHONE	2622883	2624033	
A.H.s. REP.	Mick Patti	2624033	
	Joe Robinson	2621436	
	Jack Mann	3584168	
	1st August, 1976		
MULTIPLE LISTING BUREAU OF QUEENSLAND. FORM 2.			

REMARKS:	PRICE:
Large very sound older home in need of paint & modernising kitchen & bathroom. Besser block base & face brick front is recent work. Plenty space at side of house for large vehicle to enter rear yard - a very desirable feature in this area. Suit business man with several vehicles.	\$28,900

[Courtesy Windsor &amp; District Historical Society / Churchill Real Estate Archive]





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**No 273 Hale Street**





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**No 279 Hale Street**



# House Burnt Down.

## Two Others Damaged.

Hale street, off Petrie terrace, was the scene of a blaze this morning. Owing probably to sparks from a copper fire, the cottage owned and occupied by Mr. T. Dittberner, caught fire, and blazed so quickly that when the fire brigade arrived only in time to save the houses on either side. Mr. Dittberner owned all three cottages, which are built very close together, the space between each being only four feet. Under the circumstances the firemen did well to prevent the destruction of the three properties. There was naturally much excitement, and Mrs. Scotcher and Mr. John Traynor, the tenants of the neighbouring cottages, hurriedly threw their furniture into the street, fearing that their homes were doomed. Much damage was thus done to the furniture, but the damage by fire to the two houses was confined to broken windows and scorched walls. Mr. Dittberner's home was practically burnt out, and its contents completely destroyed. The house and furniture were both insured with the New Zealand Company. The furniture in the other two houses was not insured.

*The Telegraph 17 October 1921*

*(National Library of Australia Trove digitised newspapers)*

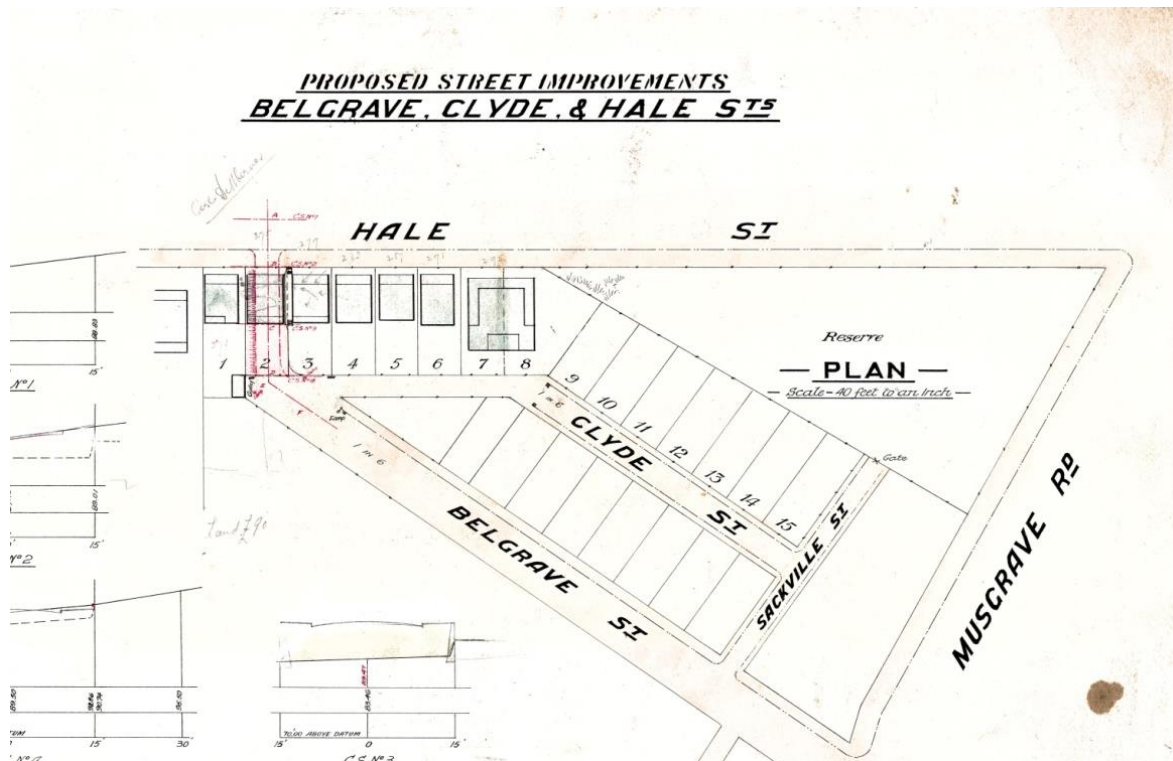
*Carl and Ida Dittberner and their five children emigrated from Germany in 1886. They lived in the Fassifern Valley before coming to Brisbane circa 1901/2. They bought five blocks of land in Hale Street.*

***From information provided by Margaret Dittberner to Nathalie Haymann***

*From as early as 1913 (Electoral rolls) and at the time of the fire they were living in No 279 and owned both adjacent cottages. The fire is possibly what prompted the Council to purchase one of their allotments to extend Belgrave Street onto Hale Street.*

*The following drawing shows this block as No 275, so there is the possibility that the cottage at No 275, which survived the fire, may have been relocated, or form part of any rebuild of No 279.*

*The two houses passed to their daughters Martha Hohenhouse and Emma Schultz, Ida dying there in 1929 and Carl in 1933.*



Part 1922 Street Improvements Plan 4-BCC-J-18-37  
(Brisbane City Archives)

## MRS. C. DITTBERNER

The death of Mrs. C. Dittberner occurred at her residence, 279 Hale Street, Petrie Terrace, Brisbane, on January 17. The deceased, who was 78 years of age, arrived in Queensland with her husband and family in April, 1886, by the Quetta, and settled in the Boonah district and at the Mooloolah sawmills, later coming to Brisbane. She is survived by her husband, aged 82 years, and a grown-up family of three daughters and one son, one daughter having pre-deceased her. They are Martha (Mrs. M. Hohenhouse, Salisbury, Brisbane), Ottilie (Mrs. W. Zerner, Nambour), Emma (Mrs. E. Schultz, Charters Towers), and Reinhold (Mr. R. Dittberner, Boondall).

The Week 25 January 1929

## LATE MR. CARL DITTBERNER.

Mr. Carl Dittberner, of Hale Street, Petrie Terrace, Brisbane, passed away a few days ago at the age of 86 years. He arrived from Germany by the Quetta on April 6, 1886, and settled on the land in the Fassifern district. He later took over the Mooloolah sawmill, and on his retirement came to Brisbane. He leaves three daughters and one son. The daughters are Mrs. M. Hohenhouse (Cooper's Plains), Mrs. W. Zerner (Nambour), Mrs. E. Schultz (Charters Towers). The son is Mr. R. Dittberner (Boondall). Mr. Dittberner's wife died four years ago at the age of 78 years.

The Telegraph 29 March 1933

(National Library of Australia Trove digitised newspapers)





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**No 283 Hale Street (and 23 Clyde Street ?)**

*Petrie Terrace Photo Study – Hale Street vAugust 2025*





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**No 287 Hale Street**





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**291 Hale Street (and 19 Clyde Street ?)**





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**295 Hale Street (now 15 Clyde Street)**



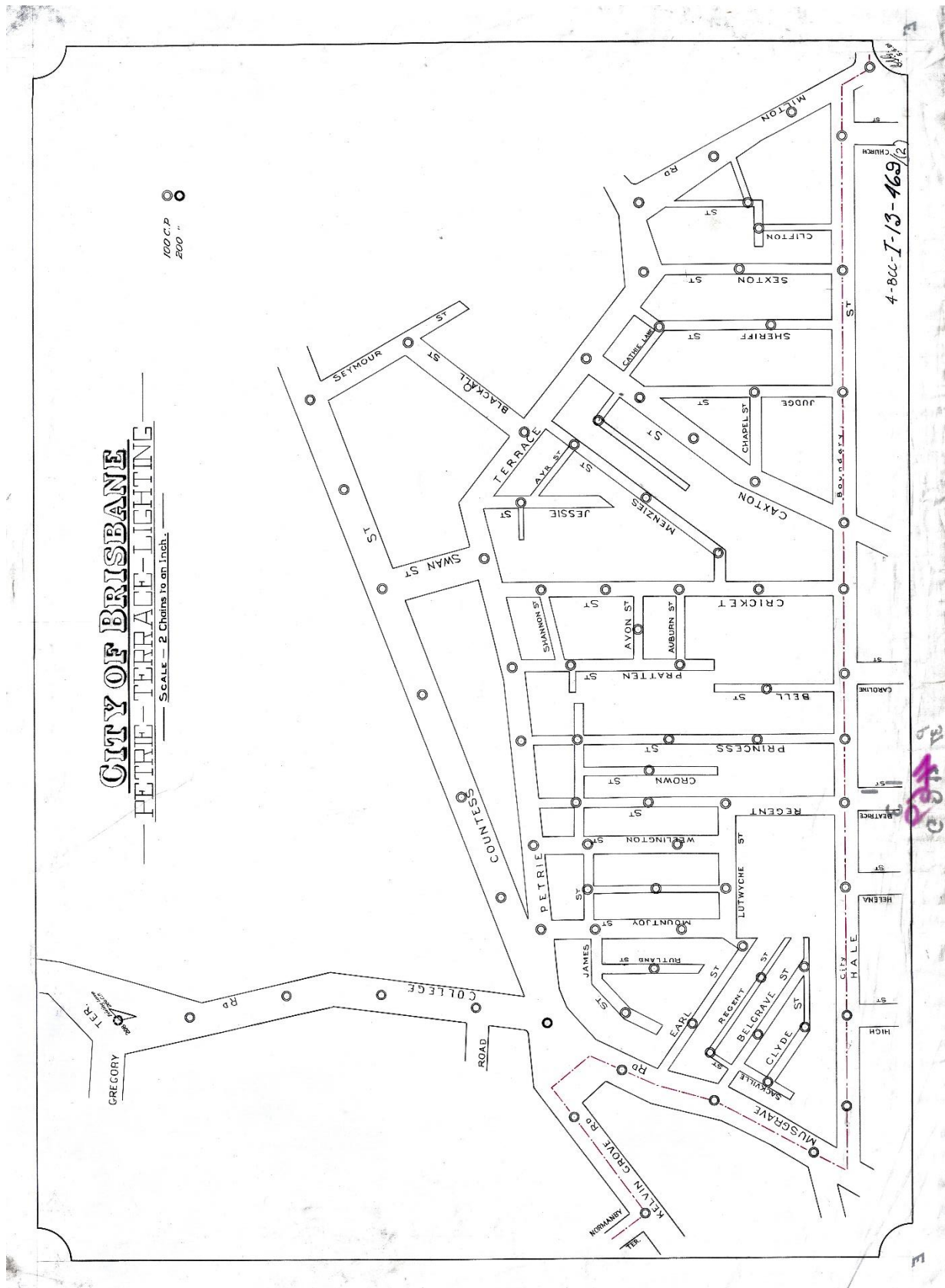


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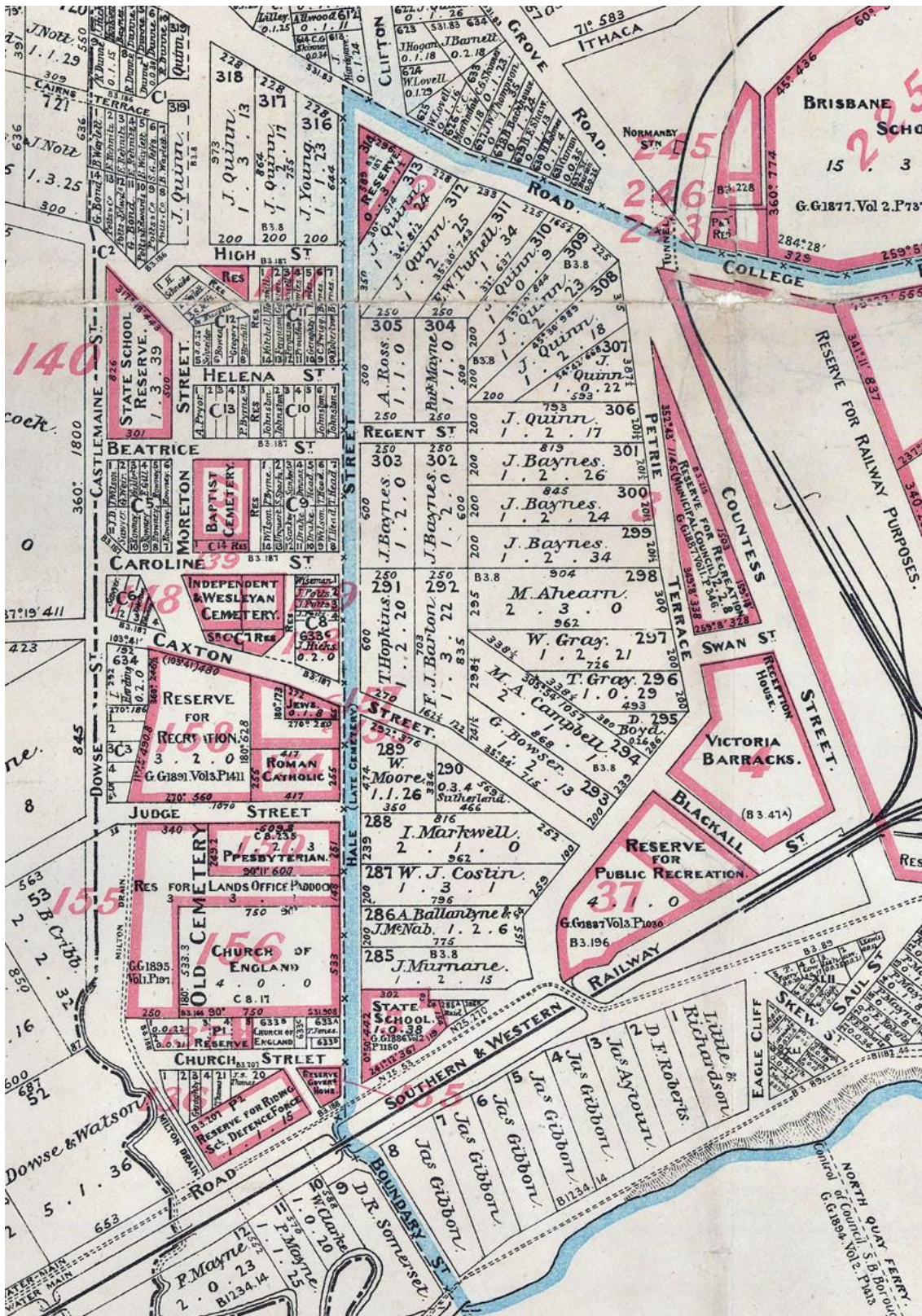
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**Hale Street looking South**



1921 Street Lighting Plan I-13-469  
 (Brisbane City Archives)





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





*1951 Part aerial photograph BCC 000539333  
(Queensland Government -QImagery)*



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**Brisbane City**

# INNER NORTH-WESTERN RING ROAD

## LORD MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The inner north-western ring road is Brisbane City Council's most important traffic scheme.

It will provide a direct and easy alternative for motorists who are heading across the city rather than into the city for business or shopping. The ring road will be, quite literally, the best way around inner-city traffic congestion.

By removing through-traffic from the heart of Brisbane, our inner-city streets will be free to do the job for which they were intended.

**Everyone wants to see more pedestrians - not cars - in the city.**

The ring road will take traffic from the South-East Freeway, along Coronation Drive, Boomerang and Hale Streets at Milton, and Itasca Street at Kelvin Grove.

Northbound motorists will be able to "feed off" to Kelvin Grove Road, Caxton Street, Musgrave Road and Gilchrist Avenue.

The need for such a route was recognised as far back as 1926, but increasing volumes of inner-city traffic have made its construction absolutely necessary as we approach the 1990's.

The Council, however, is not simply reviving an old plan.

When we engaged a consultant to carry out investigations into the feasibility of a ring road, we insisted that important aspects such as effect on the environment, traffic efficiency and economy be examined.

After extensive research, the best of nine proposals was selected. It is this scheme which is outlined in the following pages.

The Inner North-Western Ring Road will cost a total of \$30 million.

Stage One will begin this financial year (1987/88), and will include roadworks under the William Jolly Bridge, the widening of Coronation Drive at North Quay, and construction of a tunnel beneath the railway lines to link Hale and Boomerang streets at Milton.

The roadworks to widen North Quay and Coronation Drive to six lanes will be carried out as much as possible during the Christmas school holidays when traffic flow is lighter than normal. It should take about two years to complete Stage One.

As well as planning for the travelling needs of residents and visitors, the Council has carefully considered the impact on people living near the ring road.

Residents who live in the heavily-trafficked areas of the city where the ring road will be built presently put up with a lot of noise. Extensive planting of trees and shrubs will improve the streetscape, and sound barriers will help to reduce traffic noise for many of these residents.

The ring road will also reduce the amount of traffic which travels through the historically important Petrie Terrace area of the city.

The Brisbane City Council is proud to announce this major project, which will provide major benefits to you, the residents and motorists of Brisbane.

*Sallyanne Atkinson*

Alderman Sallyanne Atkinson  
LORD MAYOR OF BRISBANE



1987 Brisbane City Council Ring Road Brochure



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