



Pratten Street

Petrie Terrace Photo Study

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This study relates to the area bounded by Hale Street, Musgrave Road, Petrie Terrace and Milton Road, and primarily the residential area behind the mixed commercial street frontages of Caxton Street and Petrie Terrace. City Plan 2014 has much of the area zoned CH1 Character Residential.

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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17 MAGNIFICENT ALLOTMENTS,
Adjoining to the Paddock whereon is erected the
CRICKETERS' ARMS HOTEL,
Having Valuable Frontages to
PETRIE TERRACE,
opposite to the
CRICKET GROUND,
With a view of the major portion of North and
South Brisbane, together with Kangaroo Point,
Milton, and Spring-hill.

TERMS—Cash, balance by Bills at 4, 8, and 12
Months.

Titles under the New Act.

**TO THE INHABITANTS OF BRISBANE
GENERALLY.**

A RTHUR MARTIN has been favored with
instructions from the Proprietor to sell
by public auction, at the City Auction Mart, on
MONDAY, November 6, at 11 o'clock,
All that Piece or Parcel of LAND described
upon the Government map as Portion
293, situate in the County of Stanley,
Parish and Town of North Brisbane,
subdivided into

17 VALUABLE VILLA SITES,
many of which have frontages to
PETRIE TERRACE,
with one of the most beautiful views
to be had from any portion of that
really charming terrace.

These most desirable Sites are enclosed in a
paddock, so that every lot will either have a side
or end line fence, and by the admirable manner
in which the subdivision of the entire property
has been plotted, each Allotment will have a fair
share of the innumerable advantages enjoyed by
the whole.

These Properties are situate right opposite to
the
BRISBANE CRICKET GROUND,
and adjoin to the late residence of C. Trundle,
Esq., Hingham Cottage, and between there and the
CRICKETERS' ARMS HOTEL.

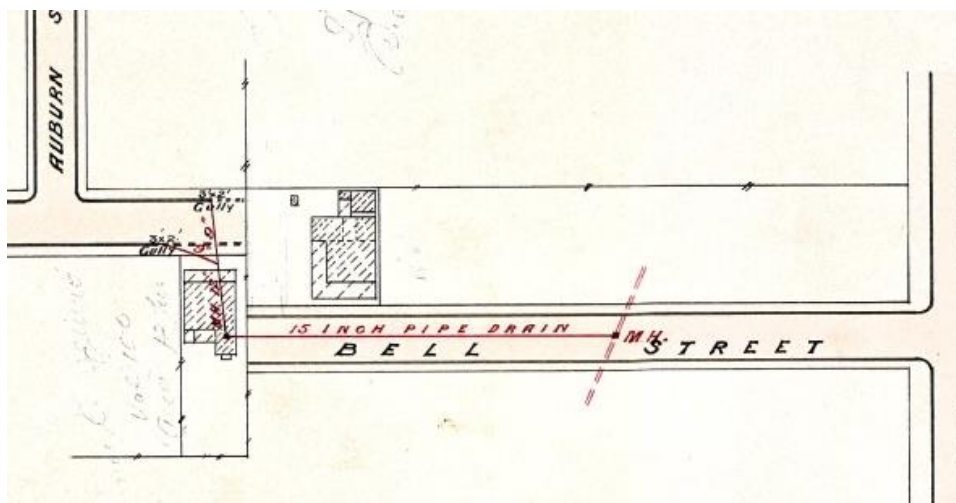
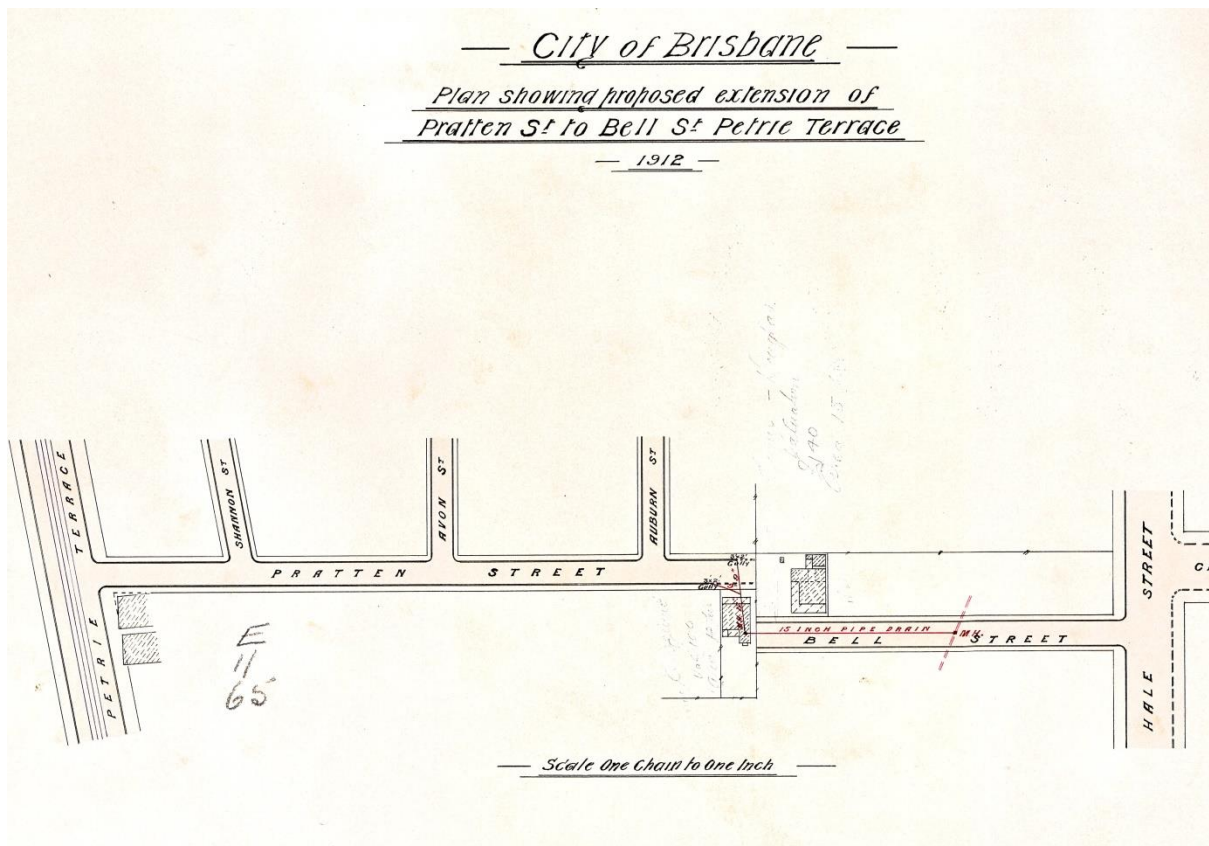
A single visit will suffice to make anyone fond
of a really delightful aspect appreciate the fore-
going. They occupy the very pick of
PETRIE TERRACE,
and are, undoubtedly, equal to any sites to be
had, either within or without the City boundary.
The distance from
QUEEN-STREET
of the above is not more than
SEVEN MINUTES' WALK,
the greater part of the distance being over a
beautiful green sward.

Terms extending over 12 Months.
Titles under the New Property Act. 5862

Brisbane Courier 30 October 1865 (National Library of Australia, Trove)



Part 1895 McKeller street plan



Part 1912 Drainage Extension Plan E-11-65 (BCC Archives)

Bell Street would later be renamed Melford Street



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Pratten Street looking west



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Centenary of the Brisbane General Post Office - Radio display at Postal Hall - 29 September 1972. Mrs J Heiser of 23 Pratten Street, Petrie Terrace - wife of postman retired from Lutwyche post office in 1971 - operates transceiver equipment - the first used in Queensland.

(National Archives of Australia)



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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1983

Moonies sect wins 50 new Brisbane recruits in a year

By TESS LIVINGSTONE

FIFTY people, including tertiary students, have been recruited into the Unification Church (Moonies) in Brisbane in the past year.

The Unification Church is a world sect claiming 30 million members who follow the teachings of a Korean, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, 62.

Mr Moon has made headlines around the world in the past few years for marrying thousands of couples in mass ceremonies.

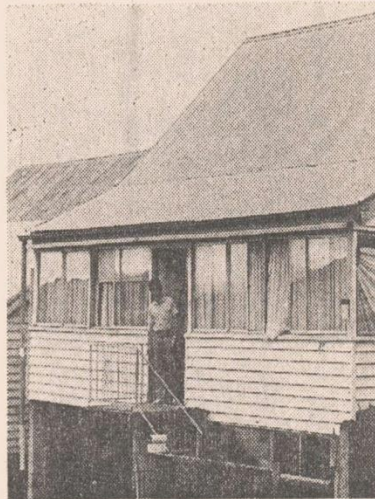
He has also attracted attention for his lavish, multi-millionaire lifestyle in a 25-room mansion outside New York, where he has the use of two yachts and two limousines, and a New York court ruling that his church owed \$1.7 million in taxes.

Mr Moon performed his largest wedding ceremony at Madison Square Garden in July last year when he married 2095 couples. He had "matched" most of the couples at mass matching ceremonies only weeks before the wedding, and many of the couples did not share a common language.

The Moonies say they have been working in Brisbane for 12 months. The headquarters are in an old house in Pratten Street, Petrie Terrace. The church also has a city office and a property in the Tamborine area which is used for retreats by members.

The Unification Church's national director in Australia, Mr Michael Treacy, 34, is visiting Brisbane from Melbourne.

They are mainly working in the field of recruitment in Brisbane, teaching people who are looking for something," Mr Treacy



THE Moonies' headquarters in Brisbane . . . an old house in Pratten Street, Petrie Terrace.

"We do approach people in the streets but we also work on university and other tertiary campuses talking to people and giving lectures."

The inside of the Moonies' Petrie Terrace headquarters is similar to other houses in the street, except for Unification Church literature

in the bookcase, doors marked Brothers and Sisters and a large, autographed color poster of the Premier, Mr Bjelke-Petersen, in the lounge.

In the driveway, a red van displayed a sticker supporting the newly-elected National Party member for Fassifern, Mr Kev Lingard.

[A spokesman for the Premier said Mr Bjelke-Petersen had signed thousands of posters during the election and had refused to meet members of the church, despite several approaches from them in the last six months.]

Yesterday morning, six young people were at the house. One woman, in her late twenties, said she had joined the church in Adelaide nine years ago after giving up her occupational therapy studies.

Mr Treacy said the church had 1200 members in Australia — an increase from 300 members in 1981. He said the church's image had been tarnished by reports of parents going to such lengths as hiring "snatch squads" to have their children "rescued" from the church and "de-programmed" away from its teachings.

Mr Treacy said: "We have gained 50 members in Brisbane in the last 12 months, and there have been one or two incidents with parents, but generally there has been no problem."

Former members of the church have described how they gave up all their worldly goods to join the Unification Church, but Mr Treacy said such reports were exaggerated.

"We have members of the church living in their own homes living out the values of the church."

Courier Mail 3 November 1983 Article

(BHG Newspaper Cuttings Book)



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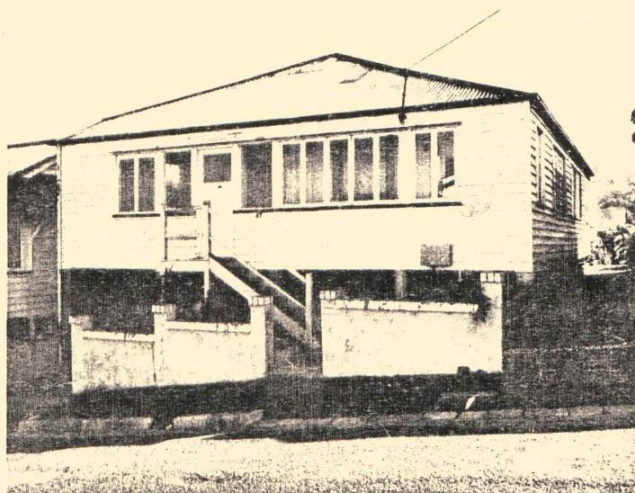
On the Premises

47 PRATTEN STREET, PETRIE TERRACE

on

SATURDAY 5TH JUNE 1982 AT 10.30 A.M.

OPPORTUNITY FOR INVESTORS AND RENOVATORS



47 PRATTEN STREET, PETRIE TERRACE

A HIGHSET WEATHERBOARD HOME ON CONCRETE STUMPS. IRON ROOF. CAR ACCOMMODATION UNDER. SITUATED WITHIN EASY WALKING DISTANCE OF THE CITY. HOME NEEDS RENOVATIONS.

ACCOMMODATION:

Front door opens to an enclosed front verandah. Side verandah is enclosed and divided into two rooms. 3 main Bedrooms plus a small sleepout off front verandah. French windows off two front bedrooms. Good size Lounge. Kitchen has single bowl stainless steel sink, no stove. Large Breakfast room off Kitchen. Bathroom has bath with shower over bath, hand basin. Toilet under house. Clothes hoist in back yard. "Braemar" Hot Water System under house. Two concrete laundry tubs.

RATES: \$206.89 per half year.

ASSESSMENT NO.: 15-01260

ZONING: Residential "A".

VALUER-GENERAL'S VALUATION: \$4,980

REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AND TITLE REFERENCE:

Subdivision 11 of Allotment 299 County of Stanley Parish of North Brisbane Area 12 perches (303.5 square metres) being the whole of the land contained in Certificate of Title No. 213013 Volume 1250 Folio 3.

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*Lorraine Townsend outside her childhood home cnr Auburn and Pratten Streets 1950s
(Courtesy of Lorraine Townsend)*



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*Mary Ellen Byrne (nee Florence) and sister Frances Ellen Florence
No 63 Pratten Street 1930s*

Photo and description courtesy of Melissa Hughes (Aug 2023)

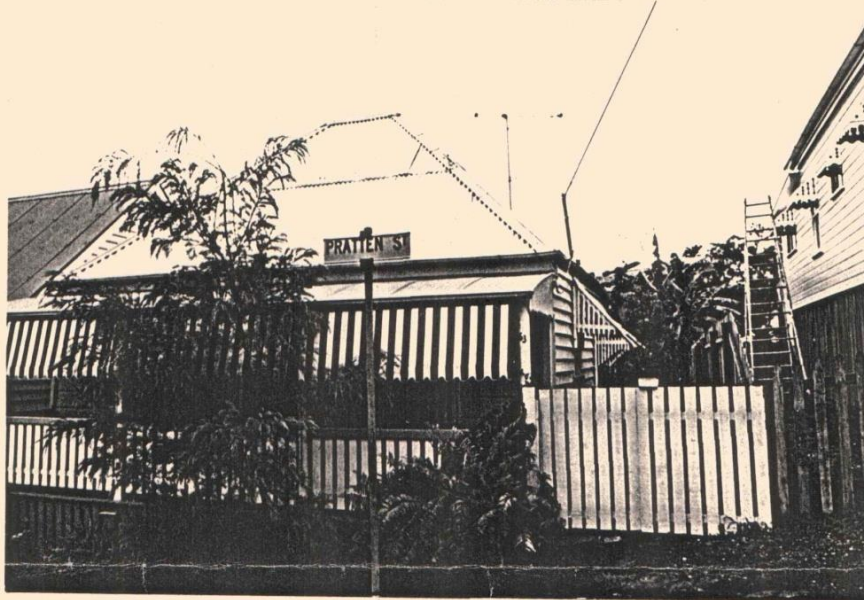
FOR SALE

*** INNER CITY LIVING ***

63 PRATTEN STREET, PETRIE TERRACE.

REAL ESTATE AGENTS

63 PRATTEN ST



THIS BEAUTIFULLY RENOVATED COLONIAL COTTAGE IS
LOCATED IN ONE OF PETRIE TERRACE'S MOST SORT AFTER
STREETS.

IT FEATURES:

- * 2 BEDROOMS
- * SEPARATE LOUNGE/DINING ROOM
- * MODERN KITCHEN & BATHROOM
- * LARGE BACK GARDEN

THIS PROPERTY IS OFFERED FOR SALE AT \$110,000.

ALL OFFERS WILL BE PRESENTED.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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The above report has been prepared by us on information we have obtained and while we trust it to be correct, it is not
guaranteed by us and prospective purchasers must rely on their own enquiries.

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*Frances Ellen Florence and Mary Ann Florence with mother
Ellen Adelaide Florence c1920 No 67 Pratten Street*

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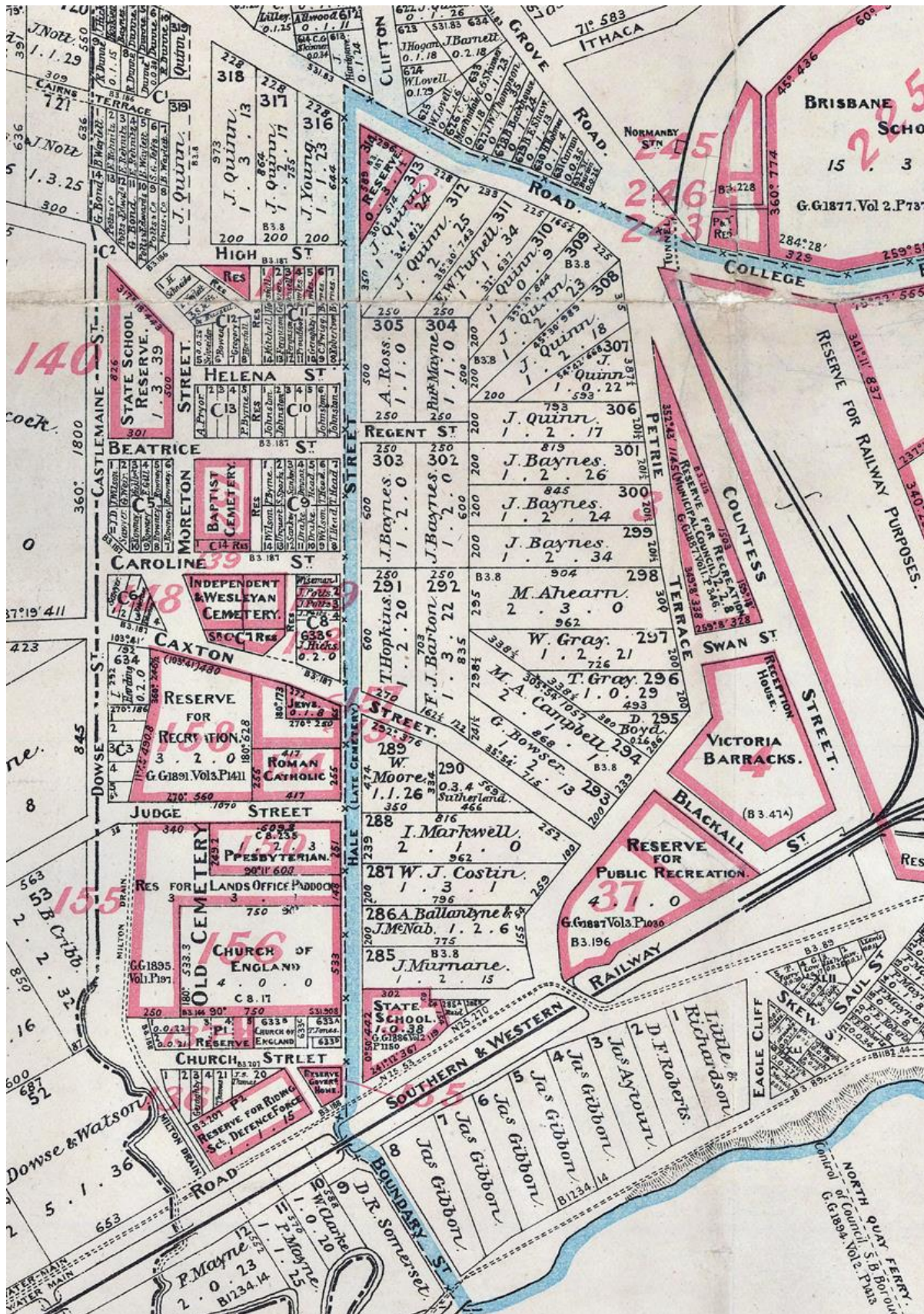
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Pratten Street looking east

A HOUSE STRUCK BY LIGHT- NING.

At about half-past twelve on Sunday morning, when the thunderstorm which broke over the city was at its height, the lightning struck a house in Pratten-street, Petrie Terrace, in the occupation of a Mr. Nugent. The electric fluid appears to have been first attracted by an ornamental spire at one end of the roof, and then to have gone along the ridge-capping to the capping round the chimney; thence it took a downward direction along the middle of the roof to the eaves tearing away the shingles in its course to a width of two feet, and quite destroying one rafter and damaging another. It then entered the kitchen, breaking away a portion of the wooden ceiling, but, strange to say, without splitting a single plank. It then appears to have made its exit at one corner of the house where a weatherboard was wrenched off. A tank belonging to the adjoining house was also struck, but whether by the same flash or not is uncertain. A quantity of the solder of the tank was melted and the supporting stump quite destroyed. The earth about the foot of the stump was also much disturbed, and it is evident that the lightning spent itself there. Mrs Nugent and her child were in bed and the shock was so great that they were rendered speechless. Mr. Nugent had just returned to one of the front rooms after closing a back room window, when the lightning entered. He too received a great shock and was rendered speechless for a short time. The noise made by the concussion was so great that the residents in the neighbourhood of Nugent's house were thrown into a considerable state of alarm.

*The Week, Brisbane – 3 January 1880 page 8
(National Library of Australia, Trove digitised newspapers)*



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)*