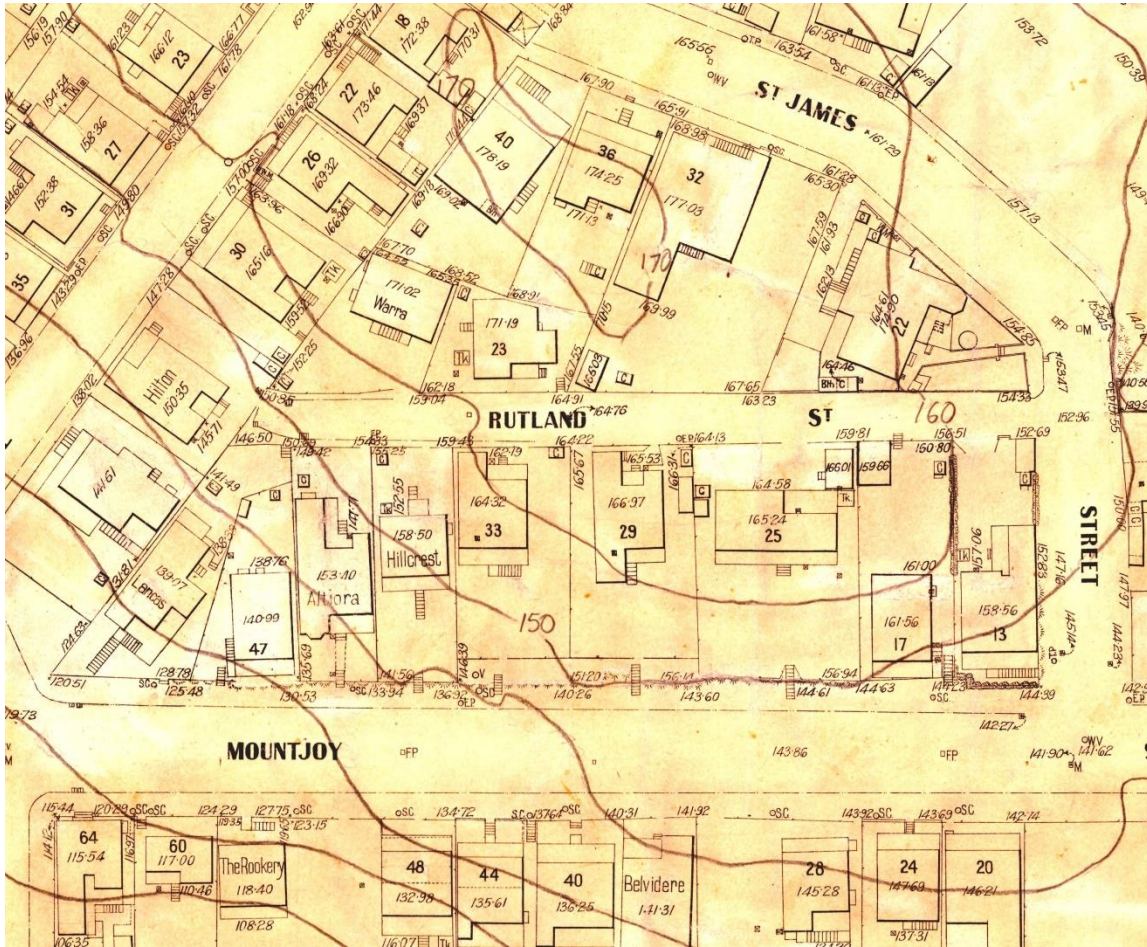




Part 1927 Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Plan DP 111

Rutland 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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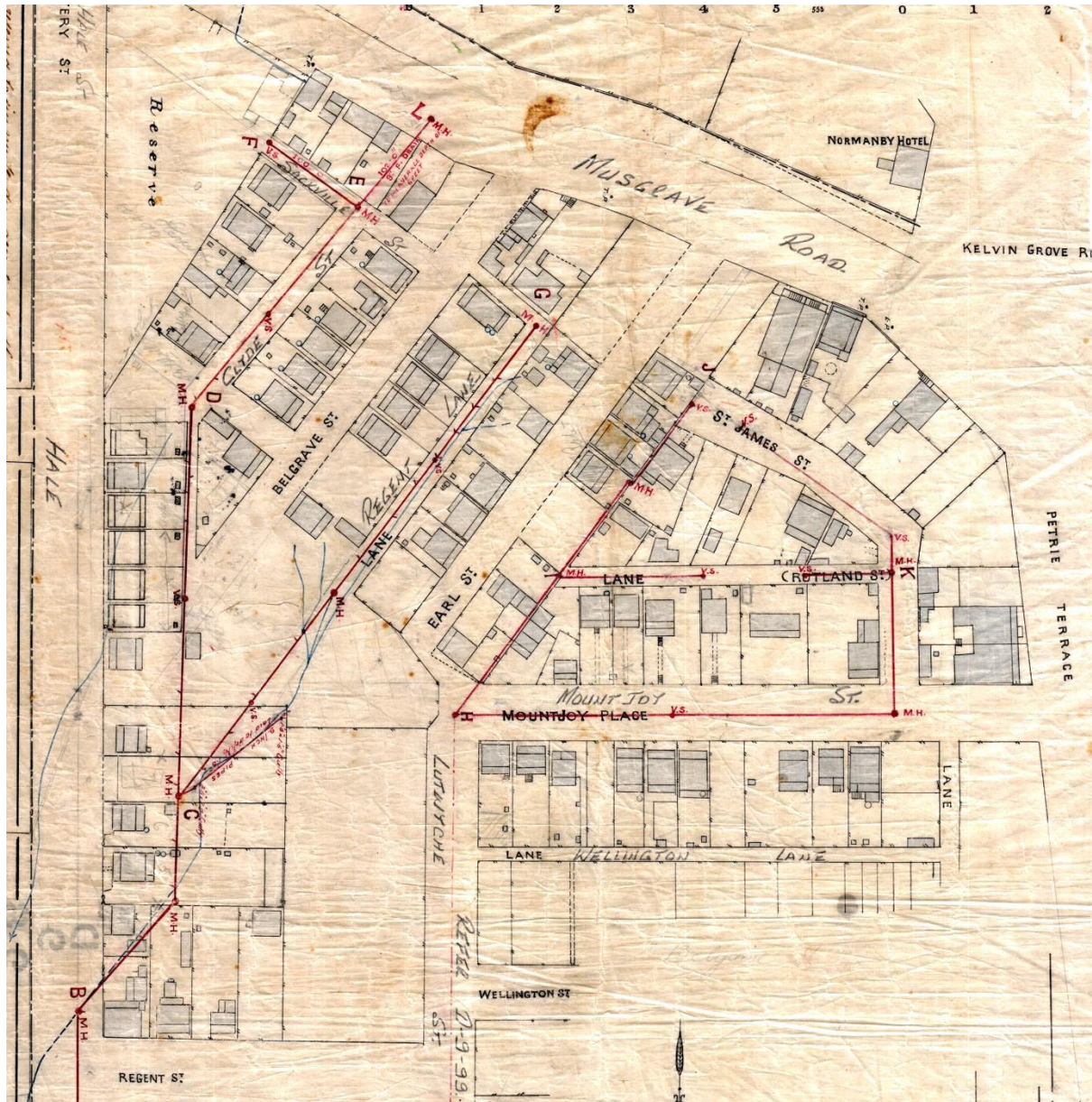
It took a while, and an opportunistic driveway conversation to fathom out why all the houses in the street have odd numbers. A stroll along Mountjoy quickly revealed there is no practical way for postal deliveries to be made to the street addresses of the houses that line the south side of Rutland Street



1883 Land Auction plan of Bishop's Hill, Petrie Terrace (SLQ)

Petrie Terrace west of Fiveways would subsequently be renamed Musgrave Road and the north-south Gov't Road, initially Cemetery Road, would be extended through Portion 315 and become Hale Street

'Bishop's Hill' was an appropriate name for this locale, James Quinn the RC Bishop of Brisbane purchased seven of the Portions fronting Petrie Terrace stretching from Regent Street to Hale Street. He missed out on Portion 311 which was purchased by Edward Wyndham Tufnell, C of E Bishop of Brisbane.



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



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Rutland Street looking West

State of the Streets.

TO THE EDITOR,—SIR.—I wish to draw the attention of the powers that be to the state of Rutland street, Petrie terrace. Some time ago the street was cut down, and since then nothing has been done to put it in a proper state. The consequence is that in wet weather we have to pick our steps through mud and mire. Another thing I would like to mention is that owing to the street not being formed, dirty water from some of the houses is left to stagnate and pollute the atmosphere. As the hot weather will soon be here, this ought to be seen to at once. At a late meeting of the Municipal Council a remark was passed about the front streets being attended to before alleys. I may state that nearly all the people on the higher side of Mountjoy Place, use Rutland street (or alley) generally, owing to the cutting down of Mountjoy Place. The ratepayers in the alleys are taxed rather heavily, and I think that they ought to have something done for them. Hoping that something will be done to remedy these little matters.—Yours, &c.

FAIRPLAY.

August 25, 1887.

The Telegraph 25 Aug 1887

(National Library of Australia Trove digitised newspapers)

No earlier image (constructed 2013-2019?)



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No 7 Rutland Street



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No 23 Rutland Street

N.C.S.	St. James Street	MAPD2 79	STREET 23 RUTLAND STREET	SUBURB PETRIE TERRACE
VENDOR/S PHONE			TENANT Mr & Mrs Mulvey PHONE	LISTING No. 58962/1

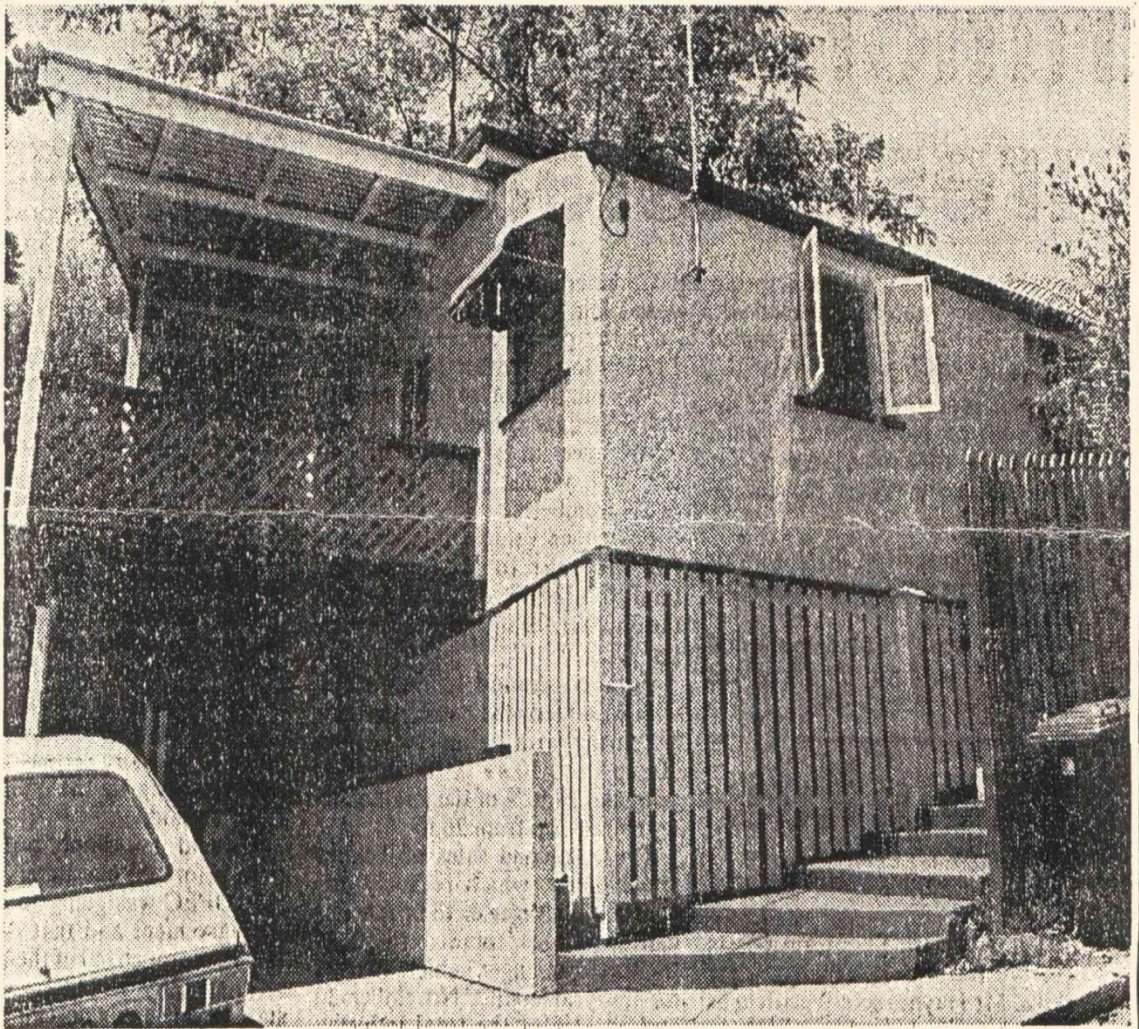
BASE	Conc	O/S WALLS	Stucco
ROOF	Iron	INT. WALLS	VJ
AGE	75	PATIO	
L & D	Combined	BDRMS.	2
OTHER RMS.	Enclosed verandah		
KIT	With fireplace		
BATH	Yes	SHR. REC.	SOB
STOVE	Elec	H.W.S.	Elec
LAUNDRY	Under	SEWD.	Yes
CAR ACCOM.	No*	HIGH/LOW SET	
LAND APPROX.	165m ²	FRONT APPROX.	10m
FENCED	Yes	ZONING	Res A
RATES		ASSESS No.	
V.G.		TRPT.	100m
R.P.D.	S.18 S.3 A.310 V.533 F.123 CT.76393		
DEED HELD	V.P.		
INSPECT	Through Listing Agent or after 3pm		
FRONT STEPS	2	REAR STEPS	5
UNDER HOUSE			
ASPECT	South		
L.A.	Arnhem Pty Ltd		
SUB.	Paddington		
PHONE	36 0322		
A.H. REP.	378 4758		

REMARKS: Magnificent views from the highest spot on Petrie Terrace. Tenanted at \$70pw.
* Could be dug out from street level.

PRICE: \$43,000

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

BASIS OF CONJUNCTION 50% OF NETT COMMISSION
MULTIPLE LISTING SERVICE OF QUEENSLAND. FORM 2.



Colonial rustic and compact

IF you're looking for a neat, rustic little cottage, there's plenty in Petrie Terrace.

This house in Rutland Street is on the high side of the narrow cul-de-sac, with views to Mount Coot-tha and the ranges.

Set on a tiny 165 sq. m of land behind a high picket fence, there is a pocket handkerchief-size private yard on two sides.

The 102-year-old colonial is fully renovated inside and out and has been re-painted and rewired recently. Built with wide chamfer

board and stuccoed in tasteful cream outside, it perches neatly on concrete stumps.

It is very compact, almost doll's house-like inside. The kitchen has timber cupboards, cork-tile floor, an old fireplace with a pot-belly stove, and a leadlight window.

There is a deck off the kitchen, which has expansive southern and western views.

Through the kitchen is the lounge-room, which leads out to a paved section of the backyard.

There are two good size bed-

rooms and a small enclosed veranda, which could be used as an office or study. The house is carpeted throughout in a neutral color.

— SANDA KILLEN.

SUMMARY:

23 Rutland Street, Petrie Terrace.

102 years old.

Zoned DH1P for historical preservation.

Timber, stucco.

December 1987



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No 31 Rutland Street

Ghastly Home For Children

APPALLING CONDITIONS

AS nauseating for the prosecutor to tell, as it was for listeners to hear, were the details of ghastly conditions under which a man, his wife, and young family existed in a house in Rutland-street, Petrie-terrace, graphically told in Brisbane Police Court last week.

Ordinary slum life would be a palatial affair compared with the dreadful state of things discovered by police and a health inspector in the abode of John Burnham and family, according to Detective Sergt. Alan White, investigating C.I.B. man, who gave up trying to paint the picture and declared that the filth was beyond power of human description.

The shocking recital of what the officers found on their visit to the Burnham "home" was made by John Burnham, 34-year-old laborer, and his wife, Winifred Burnham, appeared in court between July 14 and December 2, 1948, being persons having lawful custody of certain children, viz., David John (7), Daphne June (3), Mary Martha (4), Edward Margery (2), and John (five months). They neglected them in a manner likely to cause the children unnecessary suffering or injury to their health.

BOTH khaki-trousered Burnham and his diminutive wife (who was nursing the baby) heard the shocking indictment outlined by the prosecutor (Sergt. Gray) without the slightest apparent emotion. Each pleaded guilty.

CHILDREN TAKEN

Since the intervention of the authorities, it was disclosed, the house had been cleaned up, the State Children's Department had taken away the four youngsters, and the Burnhams, with their infant child, were now living under the house.

under the house. The prosecutor declared that, on entering the yard of the house on November 30 last, he was met by a foul stench arising apparently from garbage and rotten food, strewn about.

At the top of the steps the investigators saw children's filthy clothing lying about. Mrs. Burnham came to the door, and allowed the police to inspect inside the premises.

SORES, FLIES

An adjoining room was in a similar state, and on the floor lay the four-year-old girl, on some old bedstead, a military overcoat, and a child was covered with sores on the head, face, legs, and arms. The child was being molested by flies, were no underclothing, and seemed in a daze and far from normal.

The kitchen was even worse. It went on Sergt. Gray. Flies were everywhere, and the floor was so putrid that the filth would need shovelling to get rid of it. Other revolting things found were a grease-laden stove, and a rubbish tin nearly overflowing with garbage.

The baby was lying in a pram, covered with a soiled

The baby was lying in a pram, covered with a soiled napkin; it seemed undernourished, he added.

When the officers visited the house again on December 1, it was in the same state of filth except that the rubbish can had been removed from the kitchen. Senior-sergt. Gray went on.

Mrs. Burnham, when asked why she couldn't do better, told the officers that it was the best she could do. She said her

husband gave her £3 a week to keep the house on, and she also received 30/- a week endowment for the children.

Burnham, continued Senior-sergt. Gray, was earning £6/3/6 with the City Council, and was addicted to drink. He appeared to be a little or no interest in the family.

Burnham informed Mr. R. C. F. Byrne, S.M., that they had cleaned up the house and things were a little better now. The S.M. convicted but did not punish Mrs. Burnham, who left the court. He reminded

her husband for an hour, to consider the position, and then announced that he had reflected on conditions being changed in the house now, and could not see how any good

changed in the house now, and could not see how any good could be done by imposing a monetary penalty on Burnham.

"Apparently you have just been struggling," the S.M. said to Burnham. "This is not an invitation to you to go and spend your money on booze; it is a chance for you to give your wife more of your earnings, so that both of you can look after the house properly."

Burnham was ordered to enter into a bond of £25, to be of good behavior for six months.



John Burnham, father charged with neglect of children, was a centrepiece of a shocking court story. (See this page.)

Truth 13 February 1949

(National Library of Australia Trove digitised newspapers)

References suggest the Burnham family were living at No 31 Rutland Street in 1949

No earlier image



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Rutland Street looking East

AGENT AND OWNER FINED

Decision On £200 Key Money Charge: Appeal

William Patrick Breen, licensed commission agent, of Petrie Terrace, was fined £50, and Violet Murphy, of Petrie Terrace, £75 for breaches of the Landlord and Tenant Act in the Summons Court today.

Breen was fined £25, with £5 2/5 costs, on a charge that as an agent he accepted £200 in consideration of an agreement for the transfer of the lease of a house in Rutland Street, Petrie Terrace, to Louisa Margaret Boshhammer. Imprisonment for six months, in default was ordered.

He was fined £25, with £5 2/5 costs, in default imprisonment for three months, for having as agent required the purchase of furniture in consideration of the agreement.

Murphy was fined £50 on the first charge and £25 on the second, in default imprisonment for three months with the same costs.

"Look At All Sides"

Mr. Byrne, S.M., said the case revolved between the word of the prosecution against that of the defendant. He would have to look at all sides—the interests that might be served.

What interest was it to the prosecution witnesses to come to the Court and perjure themselves for the sake of a conviction? What did it mean to Breen and Murphy?

He considered the evidence of Breen and Murphy not

worthy of any credence.

Mr. L. G. Martin (Crown Law Office), who prosecuted, said the offence was a very grave one, especially since it was one so difficult to prove. For every one convicted so many got away, he said. He asked

got away, he said. He asked the Magistrate to impose a penalty that would serve as a deterrent.

Mr. A. G. Hopgood (Hempenstall and Hopgood) for the defence gave notice of appeal.

"Take This"

Breen claimed he advertised the Rutland Street house as a residential for sale at £275, on the basis of a £200 key money.

Boshhammer, whom he knew as Cassells, answered the advertisement.

When Boshhammer came to his office with Mrs. Murphy she was determined to get the house, said Breen.

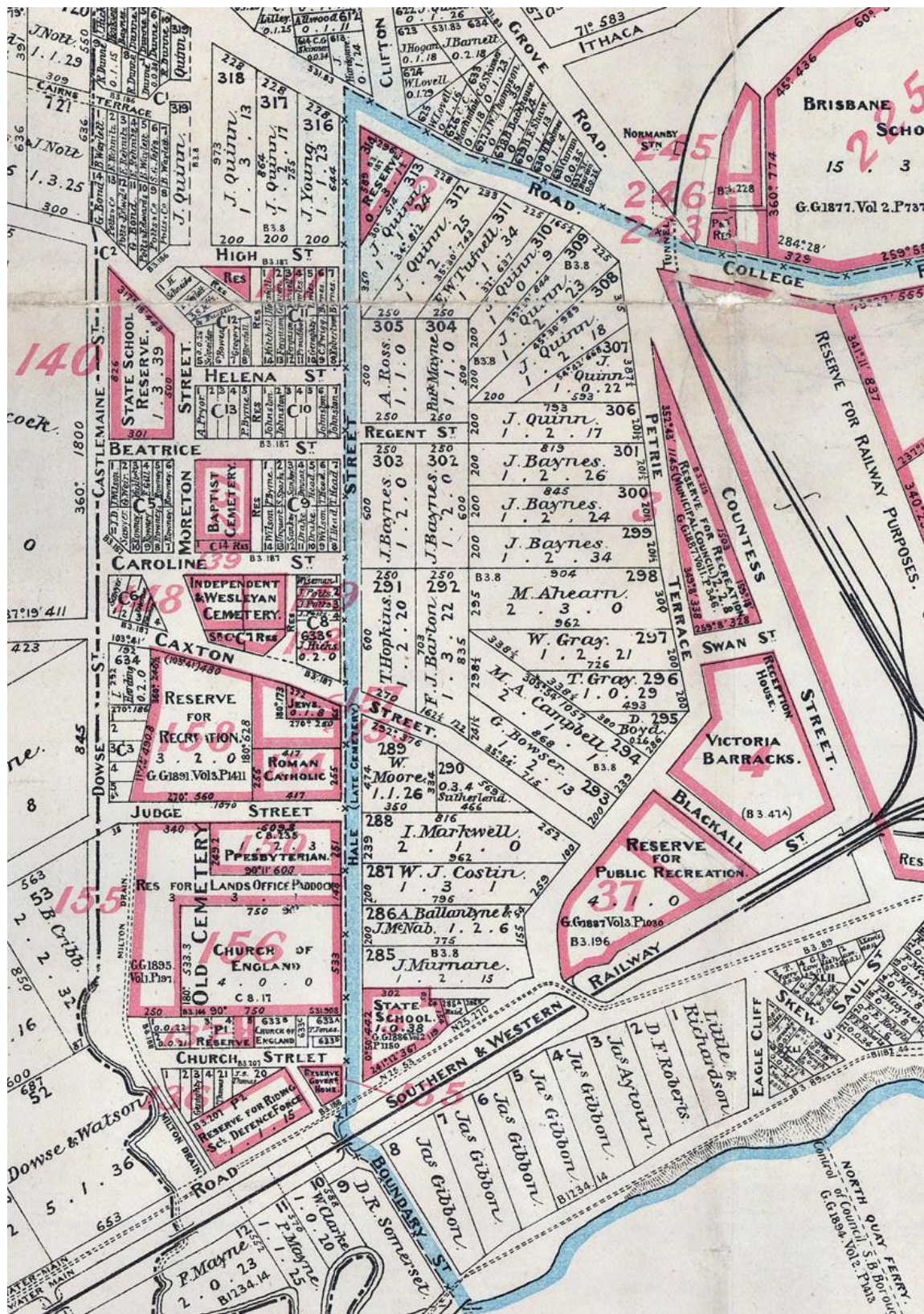
After she had paid for the furniture and got a receipt for £70 Boshhammer had jumped to her feet rushed to the door and said to Murphy, "Take this," he said.

Immediately a Mr. Potter from the Fair Rents Office and two detectives rushed in and the £200 was found in Murphy's shopping bag.

Murphy denied that Boshhammer paid her £200 or offered it to her. She rushed past, said something, and pushed the money in her bag, said Murphy.

Brisbane Telegraph 10 June 1949

(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)



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