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Plan DP 113 (Brisbane City Archives) and Google Maps*

Sheriff 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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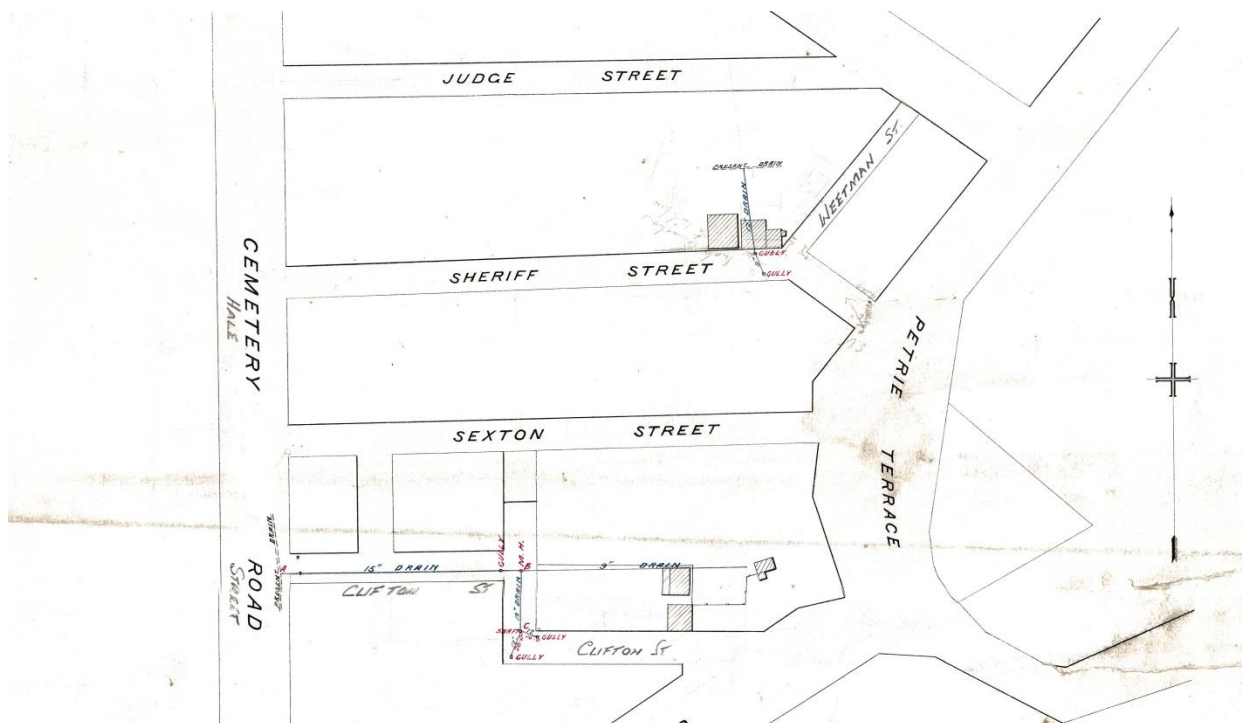


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Sheriff Street looking West



Part Drainage Contract Plans Nos D-5-8 (1885) and D-9-95 (1886)
(Brisbane City Archives)



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No 12 Sheriff Street

TUESDAY, APRIL 9.

**THREE THREE-ROOMED COTTAGES
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SHERIFF STREET	SEXTON STREET
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**OFF PETRIE TERRACE
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IMPORTANT TO WORKING MAN.

W. J. HOOKER has been favoured with instructions to sell by public auction, at the Albert Auction Mart, Albert Buildings, Albert street, on **TUESDAY, April 9, at 11 o'clock,**

All those Pieces of Land described as Subdivisions 42 and 43 of Allotment 287, County of Stanley, Parish of North Brisbane, each containing an area of
9 PERCHES,
and having frontages to
SHERIFF STREET.

On each allotment is erected a substantial THREE-ROOMED WOOD COTTAGE, pleasantly situated, only three or four removes from
PETRIE TERRACE,
and within a few minutes' walk of
QUEEN STREET,
along a good and level road, and having the additional advantage of
A STATE SCHOOL
within a stone's throw of the property.

*The Telegraph 1 April 1889
(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*

Believed to be Nos 16 and 20



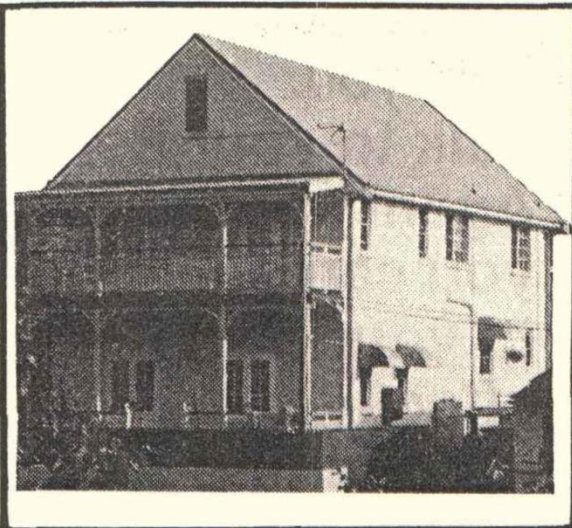
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November 2023 (built c1990 – aerial photos)

No 16 Sheriff Street

HOUSE OF THE WEEK



**★INSPECTION★
★INVITED★**

**16 Sheriff St,
Petrie Tce, 4000**

You are cordially invited to inspect this magnificent example of a modern 'Heritage Style' home. Features of this new home include: ★ \$25,000 Italian Kitchen, Imported appliances & tiles. ★ 3 brms up, carpeted internal stairs all built-in and including huge master brm with full length veranda and mirrored wardrobes. Private decks through French doors on brms 2 and 3. ★ Sunken formal lounge down, curved tiled steps, 3m ceiling with down lights and ceiling fans. Double French doors to full length veranda. ★ Spa bath and shower, more luxurious imported tiles. ★ Full length attic with floor, head room and windows.

COMMENTS: This home has been recently built to BCC heritage specifications. No expense has been spared in the construction and fit out. This home is ideal for a family seeking a large town house without the hassles of group titles and body corporate expenses.

Open for inspection Sat. and Sun., 2-4 p.m. Nov. 23 and 24. To inspect this beautifully presented home telephone or call at our new office situated in the Paddington Boulevard, 282 Glven Tce, Paddington, between Le Scoops and King Tuts (cnr of Haywood St). Ph 368 3182 and ask for Ted Horsbrugh, David Lynch or Craig Litchfield.

**TO BOOK YOUR ADVERTISEMENT INTO OUR REAL ESTATE
SECTION O PHONE WESTSIDE NEWS 369 7000**



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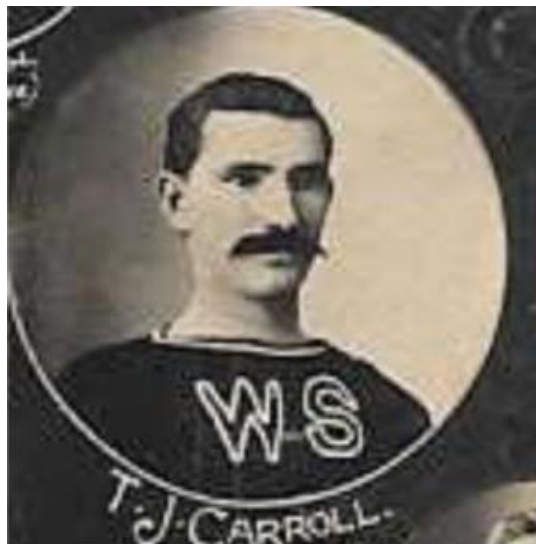
No 17 Sheriff Street

Courtesy Greg Curtis 2023 (whose ancestors resided in both 17 Sheriff Street and 13 Weetman Street)

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

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

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



Thomas Joshua Carroll



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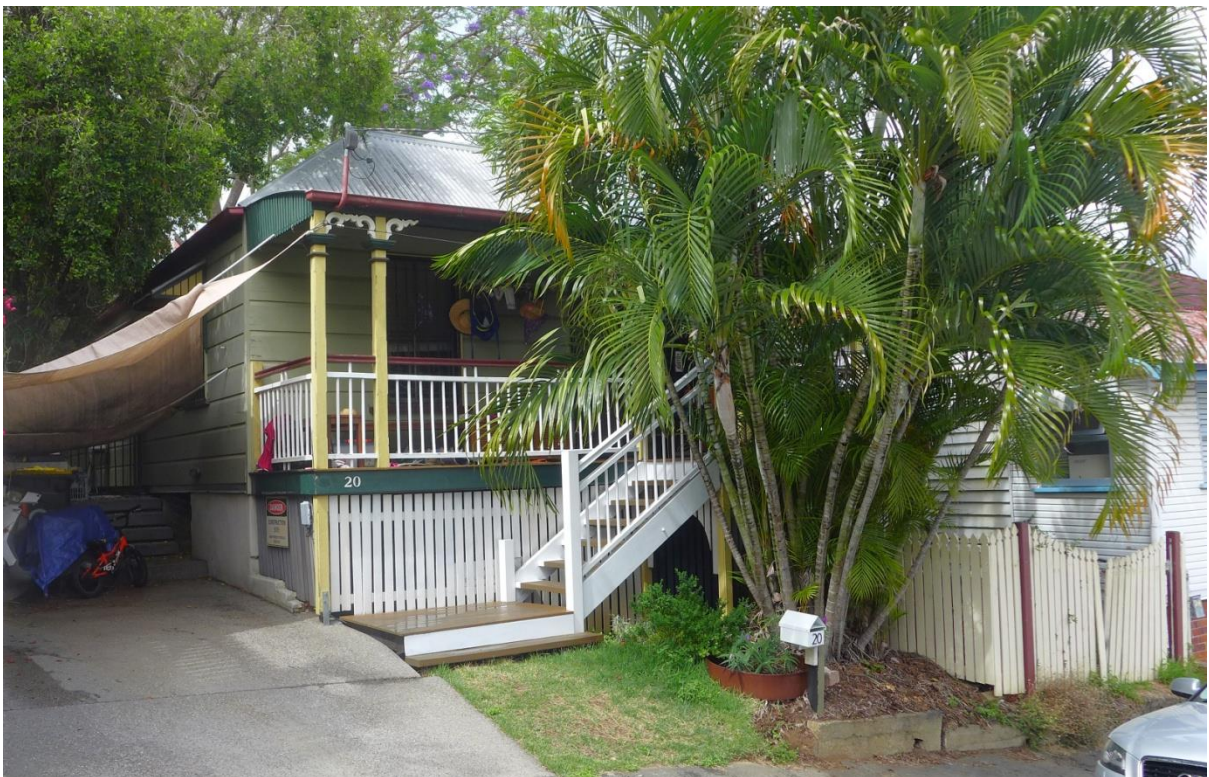


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No 19 Sheriff Street



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No 20 Sheriff Street



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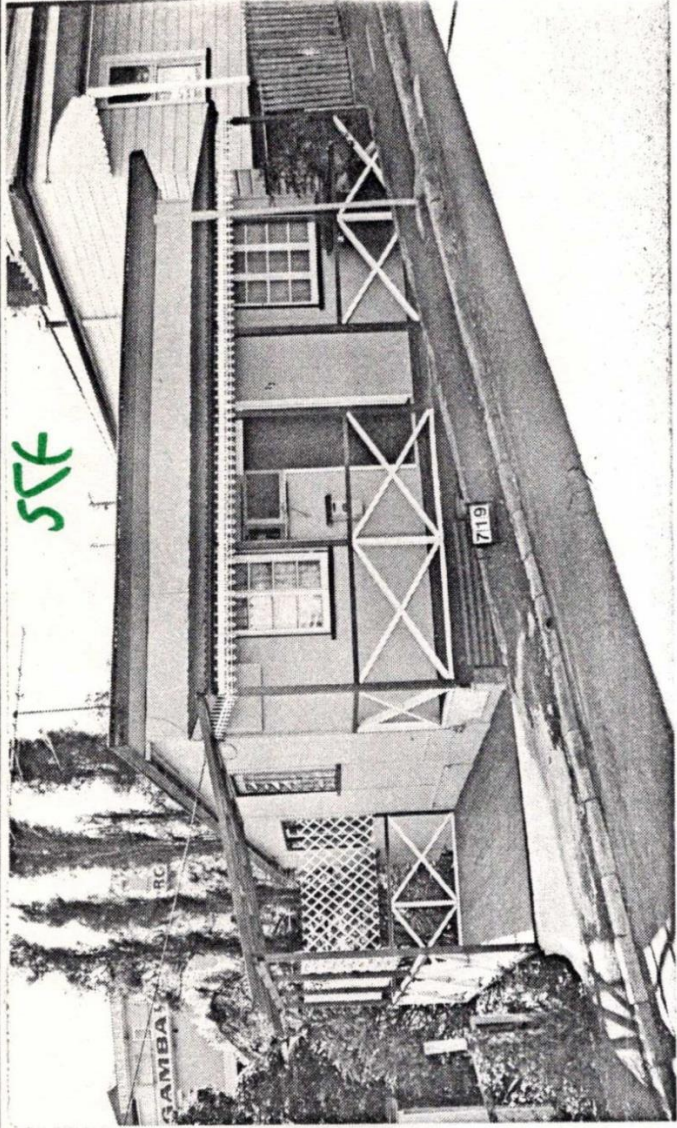
No 23 Sheriff Street

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

N.C.S. HALE ST	MAP	F 1 1	STREET	23 SHERIFF ST	SUBURB	PETRIE TERRACE
VENDOR/S	TENANT PHONE			LISTING NO 8771911		

BASE CONC	OS WALLS	A/C
ROOF IRON	INT. WALLS	VJ AC
AGE OLD	PATIO REAR	
L & D SEP	BDRMS	2
OTHER RMS	POOL	
	STOVE	ELEC
KITC. MOD	SHR. REC.	YES
BATH SHWR	SEWD	YES
LAUNDRY UNDER	TPORT	2 MIN
CAR ACC. PORT	HI/LO SET	H
LAND AREA 253M2	ASPECT	S
FENCED FULLY	ASS. NO.	
RATES	ZONING	RA
V.G.	STEPS	F2 R10
R.P.D. S30 A287/288	PC10654	

UNIT FLOOR	ADMIN LEVY
SINK FUND	
DEED B / SOC	V.P.
INSPECT THROUGH L/A	
VENDORS MOTIVATION	BUY E'WHERE
UNDER HOUSE	
L.A. CONIAS APOLLO (PADDINGTON)	
SUB, PADDINGTON Q	
PHONE 3693499	
A.H.REP BOB BARKER	30 2399
CONJUNCTION	50%



REMARKS RENOVATED COLONIAL IN CENTRAL POSITION. PRICE:-
CURRENTLY LEASED TO NOV 83 FOR \$120PW. BASIC FURN \$ 49,500
IE BEDS, DINING TABLE & DRESSERS INCL IN SALE.
INVENTORY WILL BE PROVIDED TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

CASH 48000

August 1985



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No 24 Sheriff Street



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No 27 Sheriff Street



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No 28 Sheriff Street

The Telegraph (Brisbane, Qld.: 1872 - 1947) / Fri 24 Mar 1905 / Page 3

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Fire at Petrie Terrace. Four-roomed Cottage Destroyed.

A four-roomed cottage belonging to Mr Michael Carroll, an employee of the Railway Department, situate at Sheriff street, Petrie terrace, was totally destroyed by fire at an early hour this morning. Shortly before half-past 1 o'clock the Central Fire Brigade received an alarm of the fire through the telephone at the police depot, Petrie terrace. On reaching the spot the brigade found the dwelling enveloped in flames and in a few minutes it was completely destroyed. The brigade, however, succeeded in preventing the fire from spreading to adjoining cottages. The building is insured for £80 in the New Zealand office, and the furniture is covered for £120 in the same office.

*The Telegraph 24 March 1905
(National Library of Australia digitised newspapers)*

*Michael Carroll was living at No 28 in 1905
(Queensland PO Directory 1905)*



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No 31 Sheriff Street



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No 32 Sheriff Street



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No 35 Sheriff Street



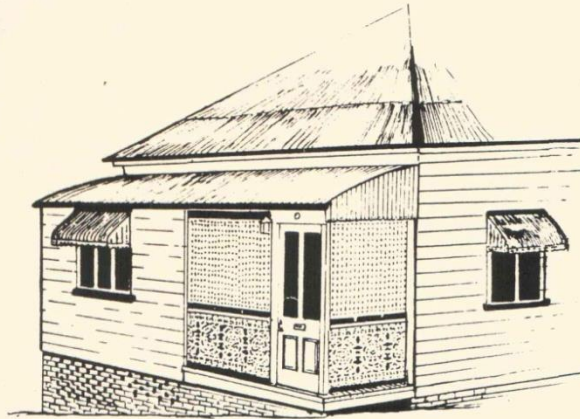
PADDINGTON OFFICE

Tony Hughes Real Estate

129 Latrobe Terrace,
Paddington, Qld. 4064
Australia

Phone: (07) 369 6222

35 Sheriff Street



35 SHERIFF STREET, PETRIE TERRACE

This cunning cottage is hiding all its space & charm. Fireplace in the large living room, 2 bedrooms, kitchen plus family area & rear deck, then down the internal stairs to rumpus room and storeroom & plenty of off street parking.

PRICE: \$92,000.00

AREA: 9 PERCHES

R.P.D. LOT 27 ON R P 10654.

ENQUIRIES: MARG. MARSHALL 369 6222 OR A/H 870 9085.

*An absolute modern hash
of an old house - no original
feature or form remaining.*

CONSULT YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD PROFESSIONAL
OFFICES THROUGHOUT AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

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No 36 Sheriff Street



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No 39 Sheriff Street



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No 44 Sheriff Street



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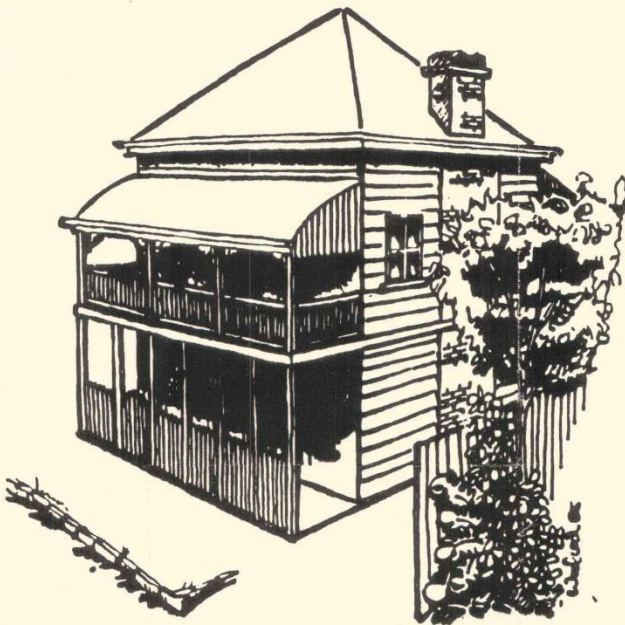
No 47 Sheriff Street



Ray White

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AUCTION



This is a rare opportunity to acquire a truly unique piece of INNER CITY Real Estate.

Private, hidden behind high fences and lush tropical greenery this superbly renovated home boasts two living areas one up, one down both with brick Fireplaces.

Double Bedrooms with access to front and rear verandahs - peaceful outlook over tropical gardens, paved Barbeque area and remarkably rare in this area, room for two cars off street.

47 SHERIFF ST. PETRIE TERRACE.

 ★ TO BE AUCTIONED ON SITE SATURDAY 16th JULY at 11.00a.m. ★
 ★ PRIOR OFFERS CONSIDERED ★

1988

R.P.D.

Lot 24 on Registered Plan No. 10654
 Volume 6172 Folio 205 Area 228m²

RATES:

\$182.97 per quarter + Fire Levy \$18.00
 Assesment No. 15-1411

ZONING:

D.H.I.P. - detached houses reflecting the typical Petrie Terrace character.

CONDITIONS OF

SALE:

Cash - 10% deposit on fall of hammer, balance within 30 days.

ENQUIRIES:

Direct to CHRIS HADGELIAS a/h 209 4092

PADDINGTON:3696488

JOHNSTON'S HOUSE c 1887 – 47 Sheriff Street

During the 1880s the four-square, light-framed, pyramid-roofed workers dwelling became the dominant housing type in Petrie Terrace, as it did throughout Brisbane at large. This was a brilliant, though evolutionary solution, to the problem of providing cheap, durable, compact and aesthetic accommodation, especially during the expansive 1880s.

For more space, an old two-roomed cottage could be doubled in area and surmounted by a new pyramid roof. Or if someone had the capital to begin with, why not build two floors, using the ground level for either residential or business purposes. Moreover a ground level house could be turned into two storeys, as seen at Johnston's house at No 47 Sheriff Street.

Here an earlier dwelling was raised high on stumps, the chimney re-bricked, a flight of steps built into the front and back verandahs, the sub-floor lined as rooms, and a low picket fence with a gate run along the lower verandah posts. Judging by the newer joinery and street directories, this was completed around 1910, probably for sub-rental or family purposes.

The original house was possibly built by Stephen Ashley, a Sheriff Street carpenter, for William Blanchard, a commission agent of nearby Paddington, in 1887. In the next year, Mrs Johnston, laundress, was the householder listed and then John Johnston, labourer, until he vanishes from the directories in 1929. Blanchard was evidently a victim of the disastrous nineties, as Johnston gained a legal caveat forbidding the registration of any land dealings in 1892, followed by a Supreme Court order vesting the property in his name. The title was transferred to his wife Mary in 1894, who was the householder listed from 1930 until her death thirteen years later.

In 1888 their neighbours included Emil Jurich, his thirty-year-old wife Elizabeth and their two young children. She had been unwell for several days, but instead of visiting a doctor she obtained a painkiller from the local chemist, and vomited for another couple of days. On returning from the gasworks in town, Jurich found his wife lying dead upon the bed, and the half full bottle on the table. In one of those strange quirks of history, Jurich is next sighted in 1889 as a bottle-O of Fortitude Valley. Until then he does not even appear in the street directories.

In comparison the Johnstons lived at Sheriff Street for 55 years and the next owner for 37 more. Nothing is known about them personally, but they bequeathed to posterity a most unusual house. Its exterior had hardly seen a drop of paint this side of the nineteenth century, and its interior, never – a common feature of early timber housing. All of its original elements were still intact – the absolute envy of any would-be restorer.

Petrie Terrace Brisbane 1858-1988; 'Its ups and downs'

by Steve Woolcock & Rod Fisher



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No 48 Sheriff Street

N.C.S.	Hale St	MAP Fl 79	STREET	48 SHERIFF STREET	SUBURB	PETRIE TERRACE
VENDOR/S PHONE			TENANT PHONE		LISTING No.	28549/1
BASE	w/stps	O/S WALLS	w/bd			
ROOF	iron	INT. WALLS	VJ			
AGE		PATIO				
L & D	comb	BDRMS.	3+S/O			
OTHER RMS.						
KIT	large eat in					
BATH	yes	SHR. REC.	yes over			
STOVE	gas	H.W.S.	elec			
LAUNDRY	below	SEWD.	yes			
CAR ACCOM.	below	HIGH/LOW SET	high			
LAND APPROX.		FRONT APPROX.				
FENCED	4 sides	ZONING				
RATES		ASSESS No.				
V.G.		TRPT.				
R.P.D.						
DEED HELD		V.P.				
INSPECT	Ring L.A. for key					
FRONT STEPS	8	REAR STEPS	8			
UNDER HOUSE						
ASPECT						
L.A.	Wallace Dunphy Realty					
SUB.	Paddington					
PHONE	361400					
A.H.s. REP.	Sam Sciaccia	366048				
	28th July, 1976					
REMARKS:				This house is well worth an inspection. It has just been completely renovated & rewired. Just finished painting inside & out. Has W/W carpets, curtains, light fittings. Agents please push, owner anxious to sell.		
PRICE:				\$20,750 ONO CASH		
<p>Courtesy Windsor and District Historical Society/ Churchill Real Estate Archive</p>						



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No 49a and 49b Sheriff Street



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No 51 Sheriff Street



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No 52 Sheriff Street



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No 53 Sheriff Street



c1983 ('rear' No 57 Hale Street)



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By the side of the gate entry to the left of the garage doors in this photograph is the number '55', however, we have not at this stage been able to work out what No 55 consists of, a separate subdivision, building or residential component of the adjacent properties ?

No 55 Sheriff Street ?

No earlier image (constructed 2013 – 2015?)



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No 56 Sheriff Street

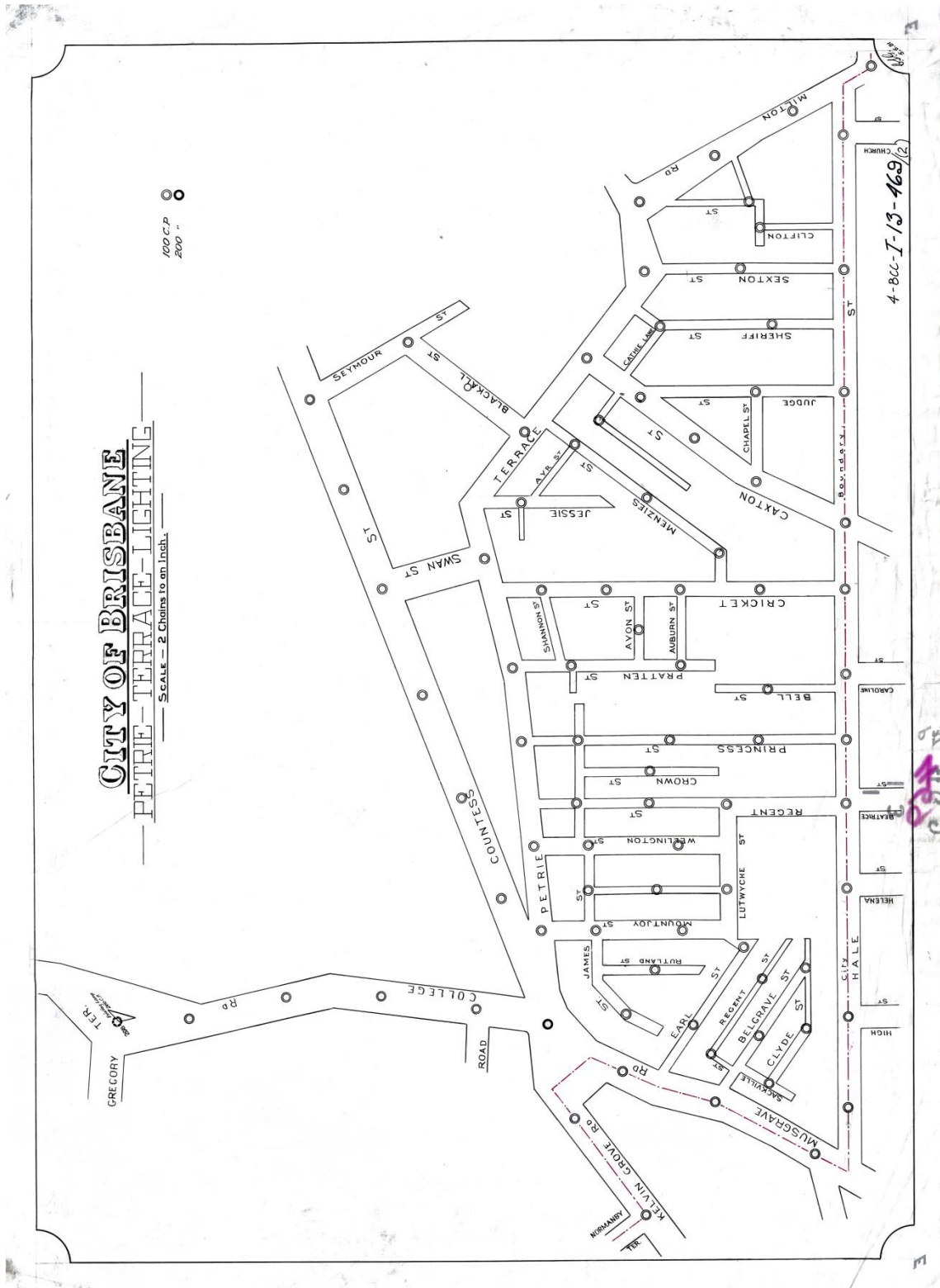


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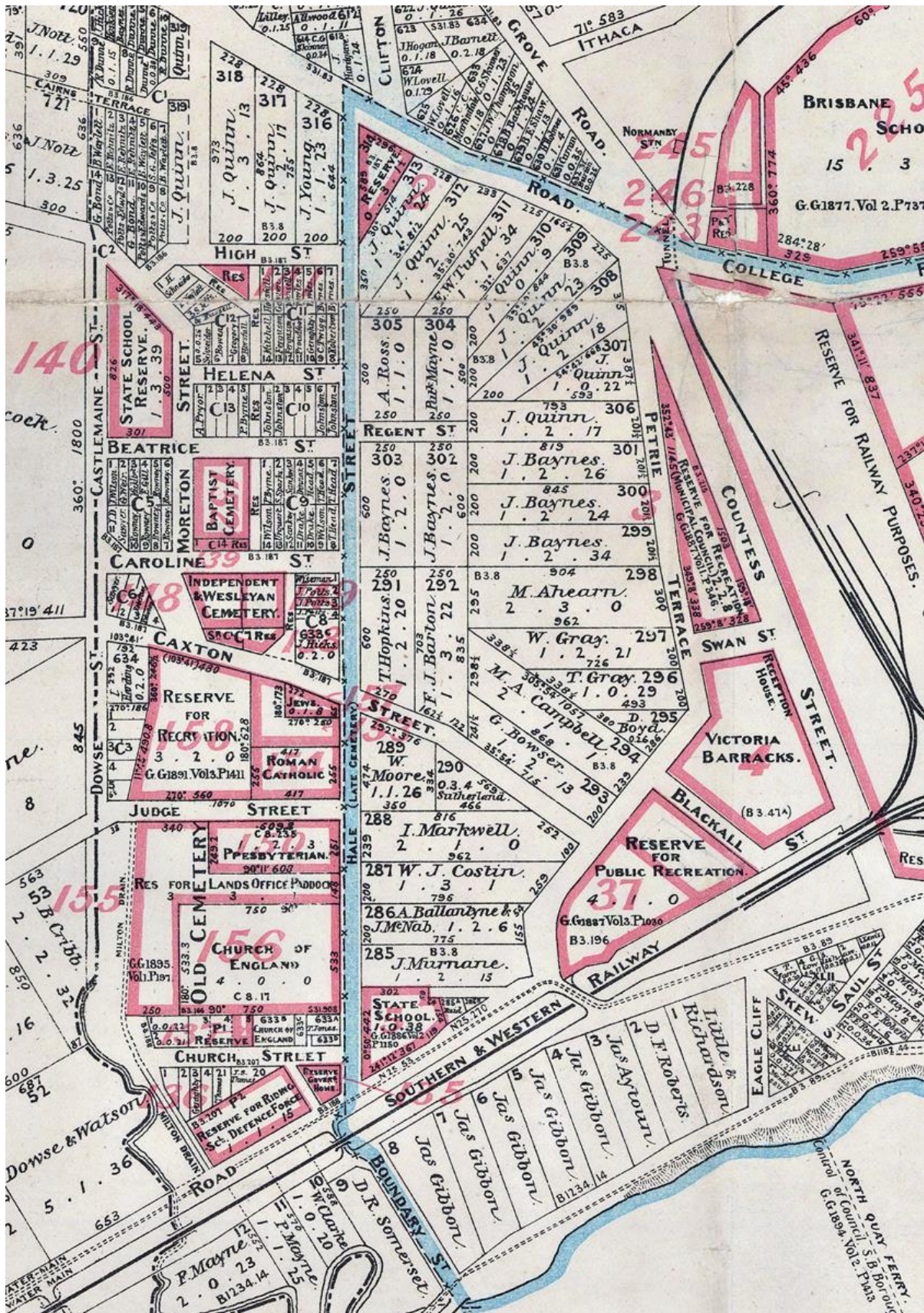


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Sheriff Street looking East



1921 Electric Street Lighting Plan I -13-469 of Petrie Terrace
(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)