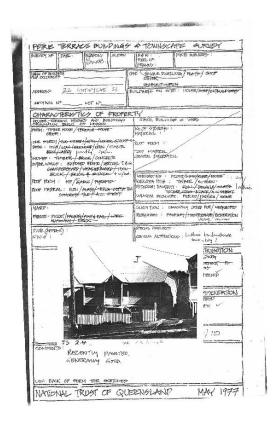


Melford Street
Petrie Terrace Photo Study

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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.

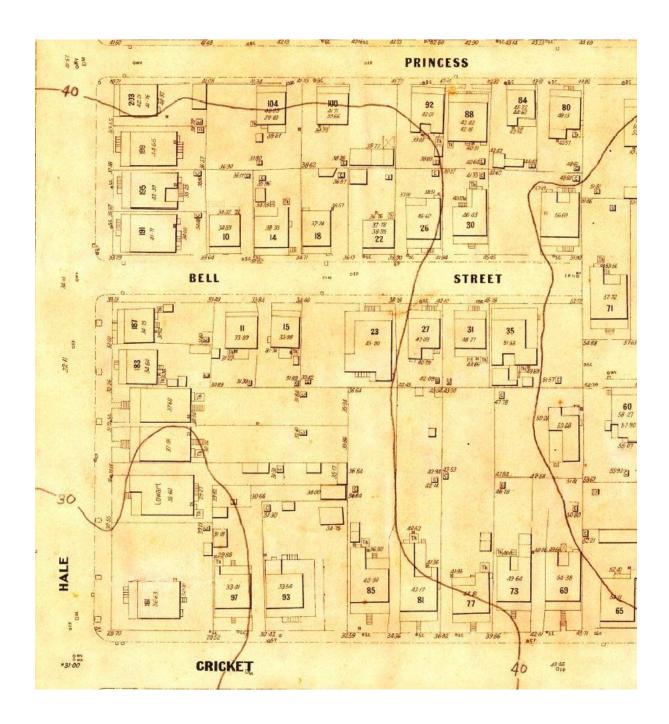
The area was the subject of a field study undertaken by the National Trust in 1977, suggesting they were active in designating this town planning/development constraint. The BHG Research Library has digitised copies of many of the worksheets for each individual property, and photographic prints of some 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.

Kaye Mobsby & Andrew Darbyshire bhgresearchlibrary@gmail.com



Part 1927 Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board Detailed Plan No 112 (Brisbane City Council Archives)

Melford Street was previously named Bell Street up until 1938 when the Brisbane City Council decided to eliminate duplicated street names.



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Melford Street looking east



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No 10 Melford Street



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No 11 Melford Street



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No 14 Melford Street



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No 15 Melford Street

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No 18 Melford Street

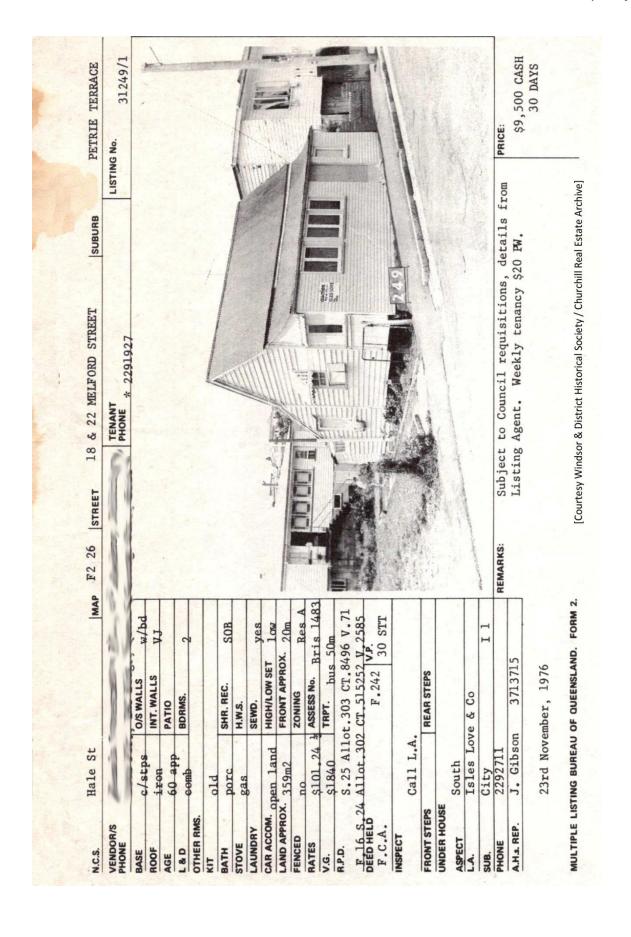


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No 22 Melford Street

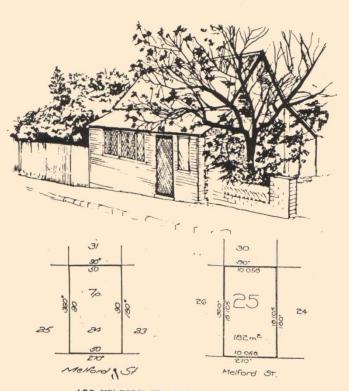




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Investment Bonus



22 MELFORD ST. PETRIE TERRACE

TO BE AUCTIONED - ON SITE - 25TH NOVEMBER, 1989 - 1.30 P.M.

R.P.D.: L 24 & 25 Allotments 302 & 303

TITLE: Volume 4769 Folio 176 & Volume 5727 Folio 219

AREA:

14 Perch approx...

ZONING: SD RATES: \$ 216.43 per \frac{1}{4}

TERMS: 10% On the fall of hammer and balance in 30 days.

INSPECTIONS: By appointment only.

OPEN HOUSE: 2.00 to 3.00 P.M. Saturdays 11th & 18th Nov. 1989.

ENQUIRIES: Michael Walton on 369 6222.

DISCLOSURE: Whilst we believe the above information to be correct, no guarantee can be given and it is

the Purchasers responsibility to verify.

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No 23 Melford Street

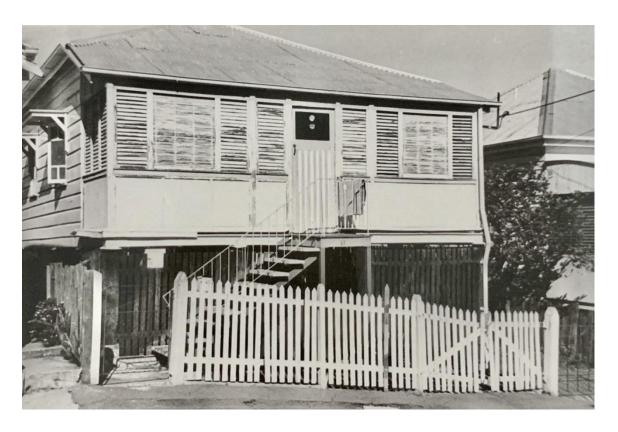


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No 26 Melford Street



1977



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No 27 Melford Street

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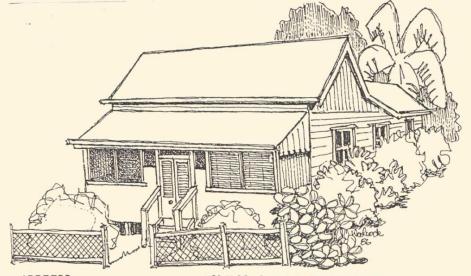


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No 30 Melford Street



"The One To Follow"



ADDRESS:

30 Melford Street, PETRIE TERRACE

TIME AND DATE:

On Site 11 am Saturday 23rd August 1986 (If not sold

PTO

DETAILS:

From the open verandah through the seperate lounge and dining rooms to the large kitchen this home is original. Restoration would reveal the traditional charm and character. Near city location, yet in a quiet street.

TENANCIES:

Vacant possession

REAL PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:

Subdivision 22 of Allotment 302 Volume 611 Folio 197

LAND SIZE:

7.2 perch (177m²)

INFLATED DUNER EXPECTATION \$60,000.

RATES:

\$143-18 per quarter

V.G. UNIMPROVED VALUE:

\$4,100

ZONING:

Residential A

CONDITIONS OF SALE:

10% Deposit on fall of hammer, Balance 30 Days

Saturday 26th July & Saturday 9th August (Or by Appoint

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT: Nigel Stemson A/H 300 2676 Doug Roelofs A/H 300 3435

OFFICE:

82 Latrobe Terrace, PADDINGTON.

WHILST WE BELIEVE THE ABOVE INFORMATION TO BE CORRECT, NO GUARANTEE CAN BE GIVEN, AND IT IS THE PURCHASER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO VERIFY.



1977



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No 31 Melford Street

No earlier image (Vacant Lot ?)



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No 32 Melford Street



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No 34 Melford Street



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No 35 Melford Street

S.M. TOLD FIRE LIT ON WARDROBE

Claiming that a woman had made her life hell, Amanda May Wolff started a fire on top of a wardrobe in the woman's bedroom to get square, according to allegations in the Police Court today.

Mrs Wolff, of Melford Street, go on, then left and locked the Petrie Terrace, pleaded guilty to a door." summons charge that on March 4 at Brisbane she wilfully and unlawfully set fire to a wardrobe which was so situated that a dwelling house was likely to catch fire.

April 15.

Mr Cameron, CSM, allowed bail of self in £20 with one surety of £20. Detective Constable J. McSpor-ran said that he made inquiries at the house of Mrs Clara Esther Jane Jones, at Melford Street. Petrie Terrace, In her bedroom he saw a the door open and Mr Mutton put hole about three inches in diameter on the top of the wardrobe which had been caused by a fire. The wall at the top of the wardrobe was scorched.

Later he interviewed Mrs Wolff who was the mother of two children, one two years and the other 10

thinking how nasty Mrs Jones has her husband and children also re-been to me. You know she has sided there Mutton had a room. made my life hell. I decided to start The damage would amount to about a fire and went out into the back £8, although she owned neither the yard and got some chips. I then got wardrobe nor the damaged wall. a key and a box of matches. I The prosecution was conducted by opened the padlock on Mrs Jones's door with the key and placed the chips on top of some paper she had on the wardrobe. I then lit the paper and started the fire.

"To Get Square"

Asked if she had had a conversation with a man named James She was committed for sentence to the next criminal sittings of the Supreme Court to commence on ter of fact the fire had only gone a short while when he arrived home. He noticed a reflection through the fanlight of Mrs Jones's room and said he thought there was a fire in the bedroom. He said he would ring the police. I told him not to us we would put the fire out. I then burst the fire out and I threw some water over some things on the floor."

> Later, continued McSporran, Mrs. Wolff said, "Mrs Jones has made my life hell and I'm sick of it. I intended to get square on her."

In evidence, Mrs Jones, of Melmonths.

According to McSporran, Mrs she rented the house. She resided Wolff, said "This afternoon I got there with her family. Mrs Wolff.

The prosecution was conducted by

San Francisco is planning two I huge trading centres resembling watched until the fire got a good New York's Rockefeller Centre

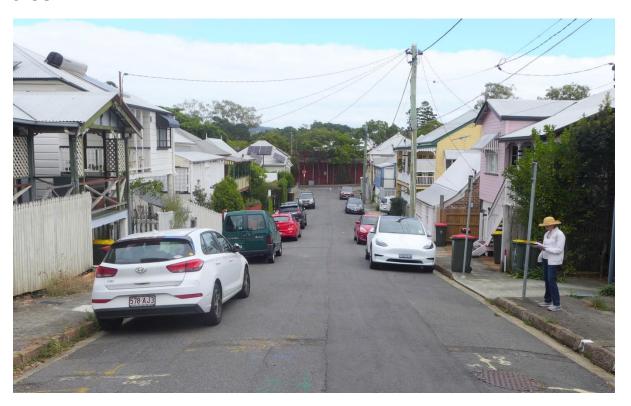
News article from The Telegraph 26 March 1946

(National Library of Australia, Trove digitised newspapers)

Mrs Clara E J Jones lived at 35 Melford Street (Ancestry)



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Melford Street looking west

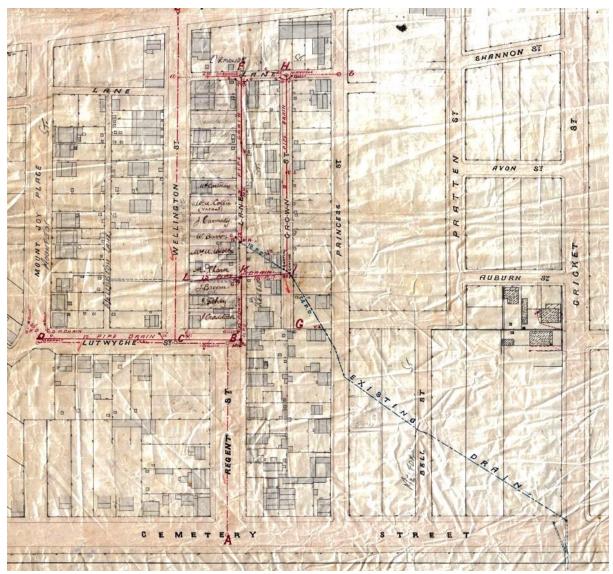
TYPHOID FEVER IN THE WEST WARD.

TO THE EDITOR. Sir.-At the last meeting of the City Council, the Mayor is reported to have said that there were many cases of typhoid fever in Bell-street, Petrieterrace, and having remarked that the drainage was good, he added cause was at present inexplicable. As I was interested in these cases, it may not be out of place to draw attention to what I believe to be the explanation of them. A visit to the locality named will show that it is a low-lying part of the city, and that the drainage and water from the greater part of Petrieterrace naturally runs into Hale or Cemetery streets. On reference to the plans of drainage, &c., which were shown me through the courtesy of Messrs. Rogers and Gibbon, it is seen that where Bell-street runs into Halestreet the ground is 22ft, above the ordinary spring tide level. As in many of the back yards in that locality there is no drainage at all, the slop water simply running into the yards or being thrown upon them, and there soaking into the ground, the surface-water, as it flows down to Hale-street, becomes foul in its passage from what it takes up. Now, the houses at the top of Petrieterrace are generally admitted to be in a good sanitary condition, and the healthiness there is very fair, being quite up to the average; but as the lower part of the hill is reached-that is, towards Hale and Bell streets, these conditions are altered, owing to the natural drainage lodging there and thus there is a very great increase in the sub-soil water. This subsoil water continually rises, and it is a well-known fact that it causes many forms of disease,

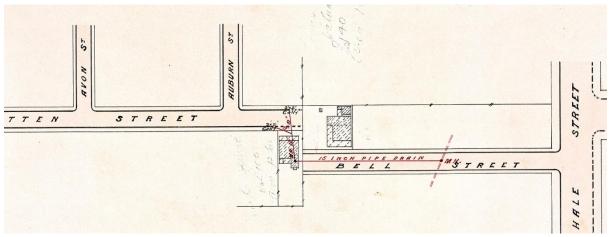
especially typhoid and malaria. of the houses in Bell-street are built very near the ground, and thus the inhabitants are exposed to any effluvia arising therefrom. On looking at the excellent geological map of Brisbane prepared by Mr. Gibbon (of the City Council) in conjunction with Mr. Stokes. it will be seen that an old arm of the Brisbane River ran from Boundarystreet, Milton, to Caroline-street, on the Ithacs side, and Bell-street on the city side, and has formed a large alluvial flat, which is now traversed for a great distance by the Milton drain, up which the ordinary tides run. The only part of this alluvial flat within the city boundaries and which is built upon is that small portion comprising the land in and about Bell-street. This is interesting, and certainly confirmatory of the view I previously took-mamely, that these cases of typhoid were chiefly due to the presence of subsoil water. There are other subsidiary factors, but the thoroughly saturated condition of the ground is the principal one.-I am, sir, JAMES BOOTH. &c.,

Petrie-terrace, 13th April-

Article from The Courier Mail 15 April 1896 (National Library of Australia, Trove digitised newspaper)s

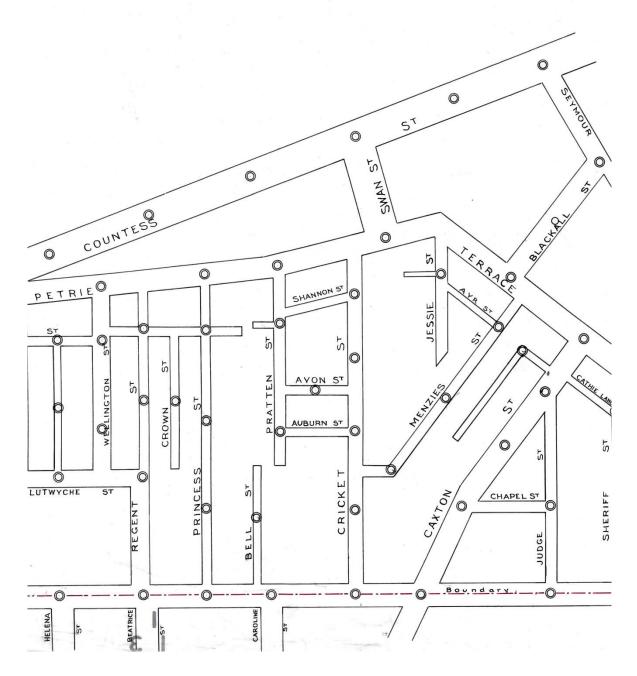


Part 1888 Drainage works tender Plan D-9-98 (Brisbane City Council Archives)

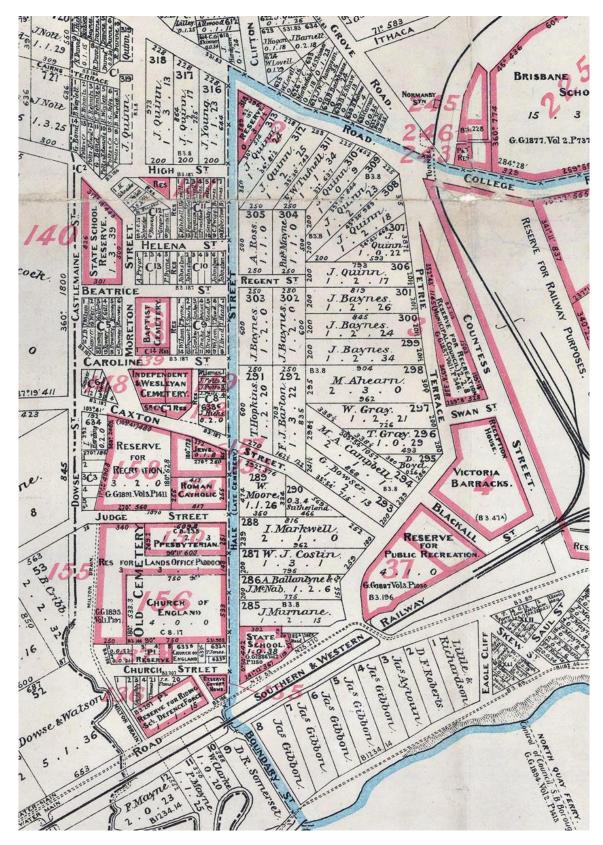


Part 1912 Drainage extension Plan E-11-65 (BCC Archives)

CITY OF BRISBANE PETRIE-TERRACE-LIGHTING SCALE - 2 Chains to an Inch.



Part 1921 Street lighting Plan I-13-469 (BCC 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)