



**Pratten Street**

**Petrie Terrace Photo Study**

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**Pratten Street looking west**



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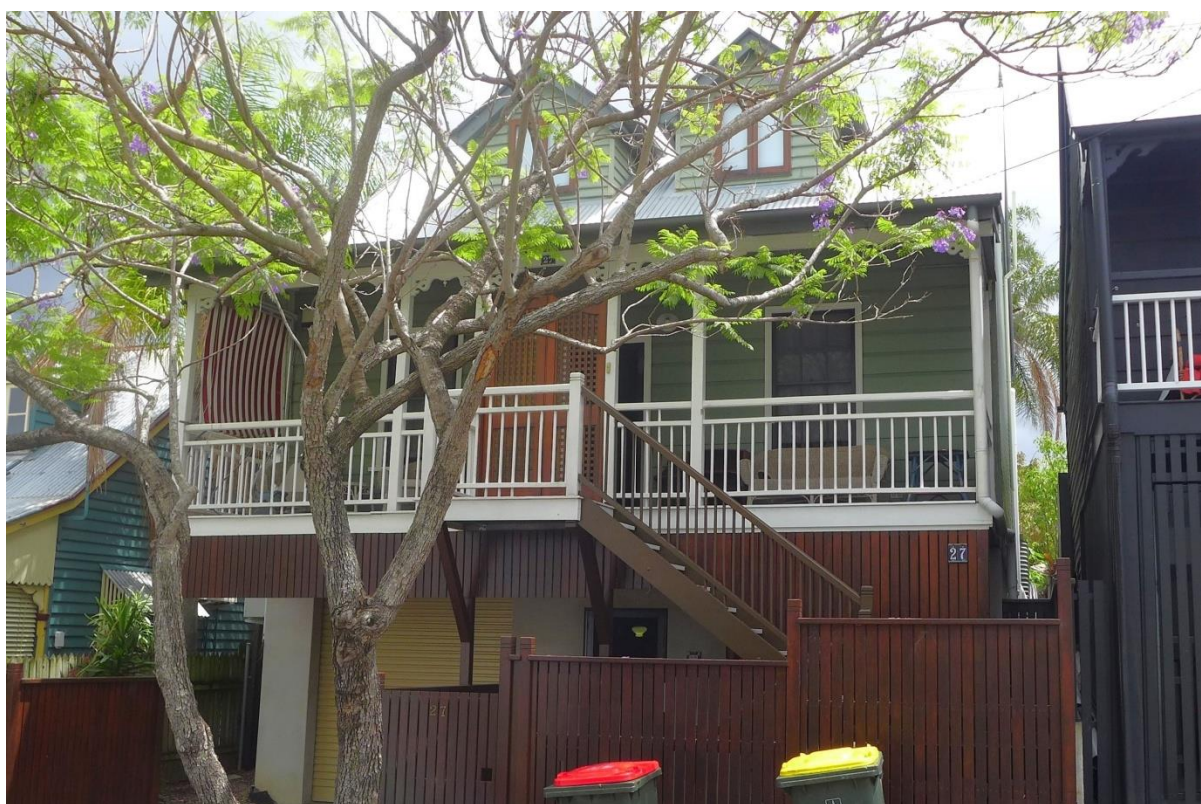
*Centenary of the Brisbane General Post Office - Radio display at Postal Hall - 29 September 1972. Mrs J Heiser of 23 Pratten Street, Petrie Terrace - wife of postman retired from Lutwyche post office in 1971 - operates transceiver equipment - the first used in Queensland.*

*(National Archives of Australia)*





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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1983

# Moonies sect wins 50 new Brisbane recruits in a year

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.

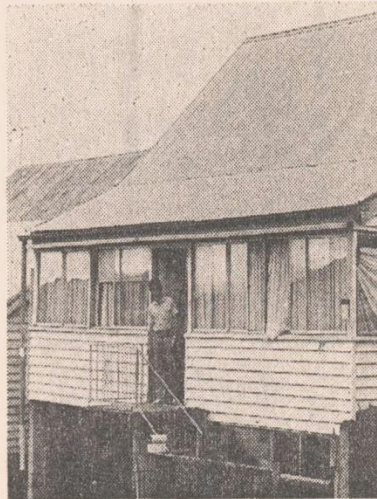
Mr Moon performed his largest wedding ceremony at Madison Square Garden in July last year when he married 2095 couples. He had "matched" most of the couples at mass matching ceremonies only weeks before the wedding, and many of the couples did not share a common language.

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

By TESS LIVINGSTONE



**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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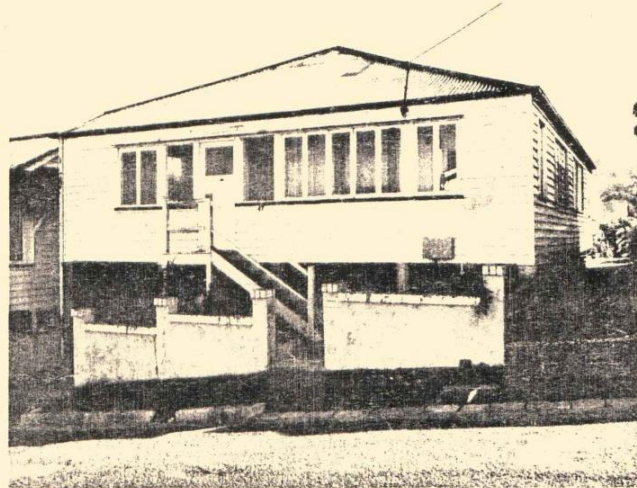
47 PRATTEN STREET, PETRIE TERRACE

on

SATURDAY 5TH JUNE 1982 AT 10.30 A.M.

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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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**No 63 Pratten Street**



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

*Photo and description courtesy of Melissa Hughes (Aug 2023)*



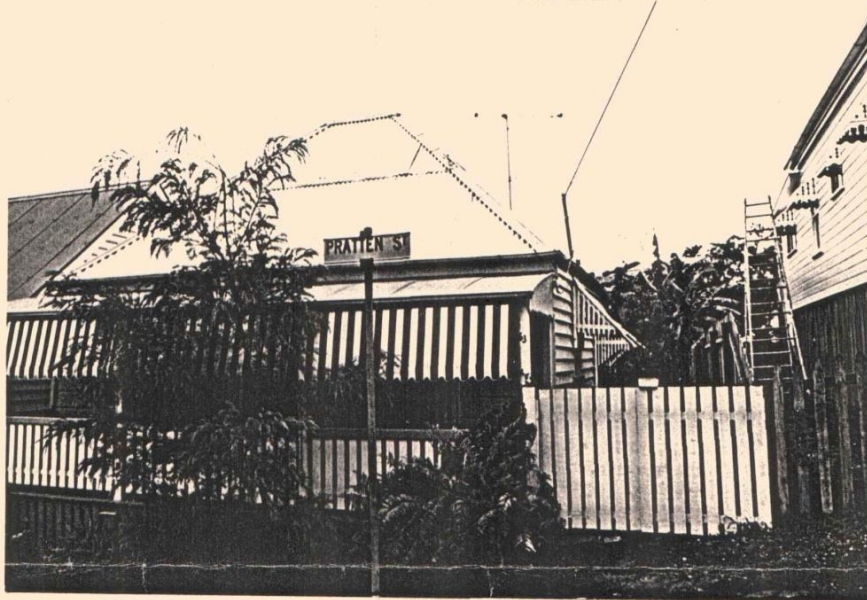
# FOR SALE

REAL ESTATE AGENTS

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63 PRATTEN STREET, PETRIE TERRACE.

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

*Photo and description courtesy of Melissa Hughes (Aug 2023)*



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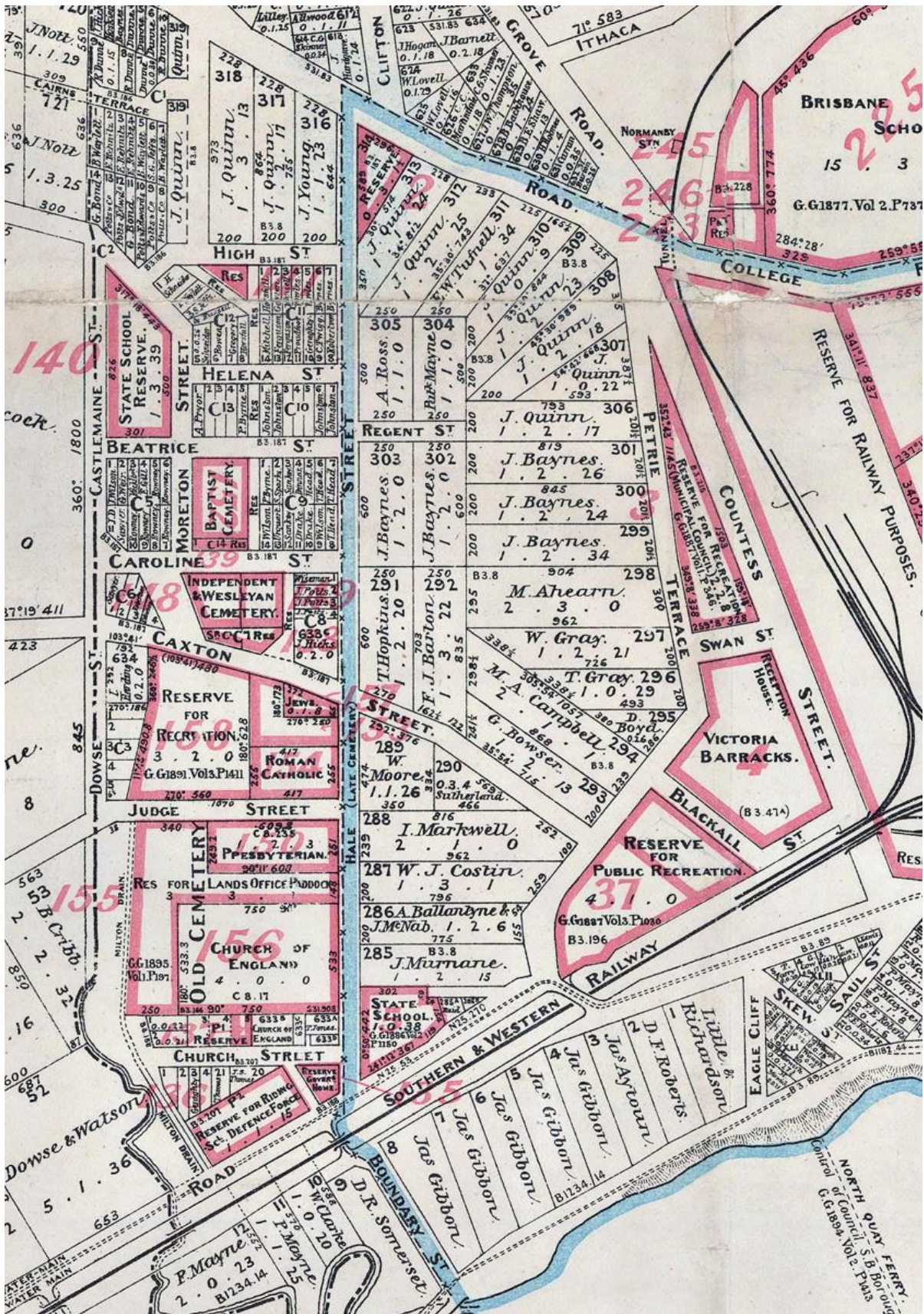
**Pratten Street looking east**

## A HOUSE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

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*

*(NLA 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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