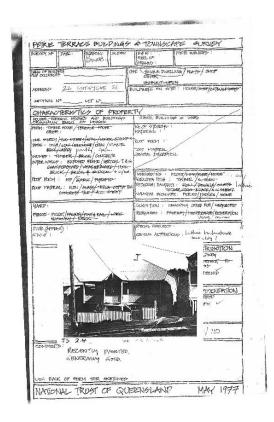


Sexton Street
Petrie Terrace Photo Study

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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.

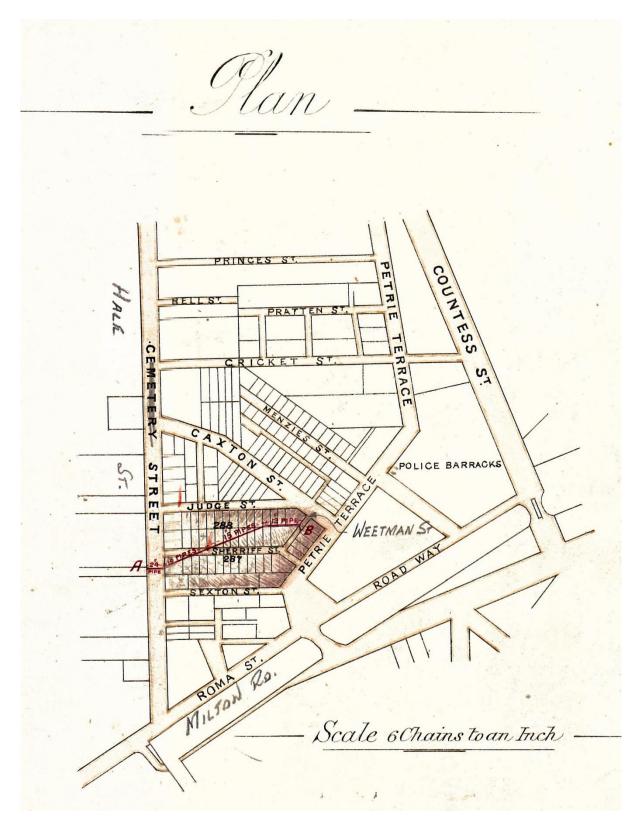
The area was the subject of a field study undertaken by the National Trust in 1977, suggesting they were active in designating this town planning/development constraint. The BHG Research Library has digitised copies of many of the worksheets for each individual property, and photographic prints of some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

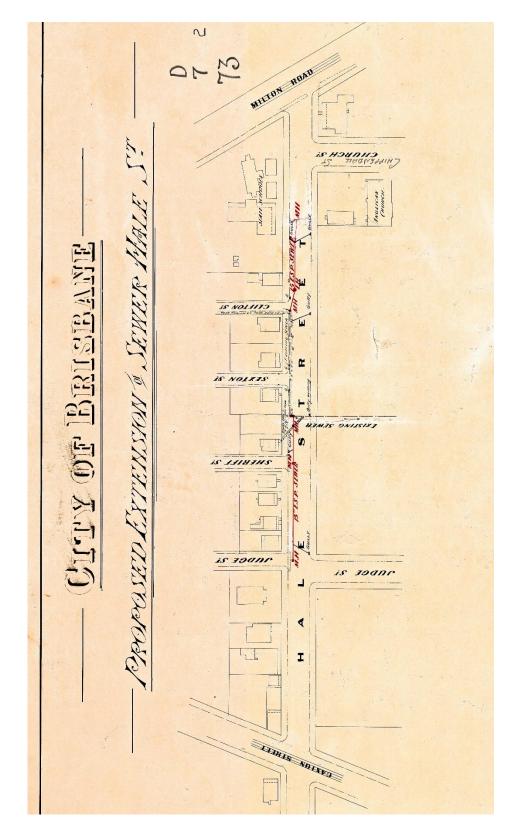
For the albums we have used scanned copies of photographic prints when available, photocopies when not, and digital images for current conditions. A number of the houses photographed in the 1980s included side and rear views which can be made available on request. There appears to have been some renumbering of properties over time – apologies in advance if we have erred.

Your comments and corrections will be appreciated.

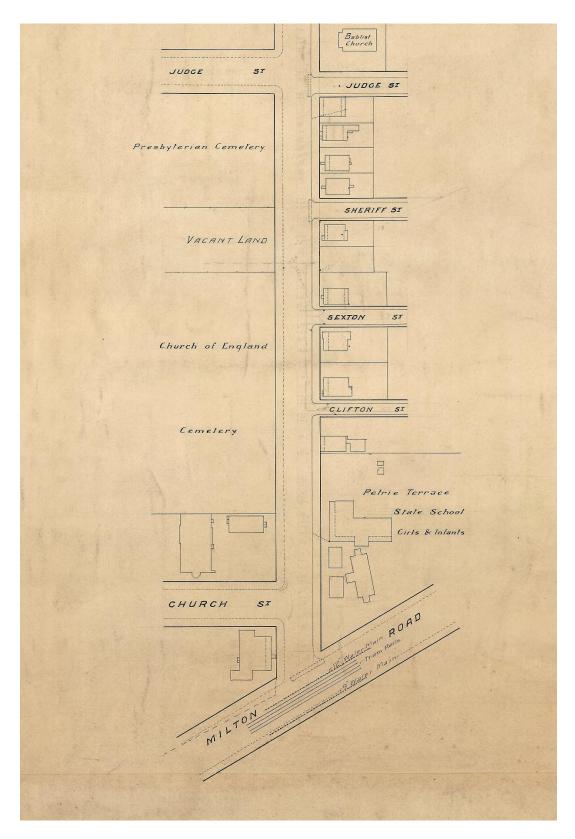
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Part 1885 Drainage Contract Plan D-5-8 BCC Archives



Part 1900 Proposed Hale Street Sewer Extension Plan D-7-73 BCC Archives



1911 Part Hale Street Improvements Plan E-10-17 BCC Archives





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## **Sexton Street looking west**



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No 9 Sexton Street



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No 11 Sexton Street



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No 13 Sexton Street



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**No 15 Sexton Street** 

### PETRIE-TERRACE FIRE.

#### EVIDENCE AT INQUIRY.

In the Inquiry Court yesterday Mr. A. Staines, J.P., conducted an inquiry into the facts surrounding a fire which consumed a house and its contents in Sexton-street, Petrie-terrace, on the night of January 19. The house, which was a five-roomed structure of wood and iron, was owned by Miss Elizabeth Hitchins Moore, and occupied by Mrs. Sophia Agnes Walley. It was insured in the New Zealand Insurance Co., Ltd., for £175, and the contents were covered with the same company for £100. Witnesses were examined by Sergeant 8, Warner.

Keiran Barry, who lives opposite to the

Keiran Barry, who lives opposite to the scene of the fire in Sexton-street, said that about 3 o'clock on the morning of the fire he was awakened by cries of Fire!" and saw flames coming through the roof of Mrs. Walley's house. The fire seemed to have a good hold in one of the back bedrooms. Thinking there was somebody in the house, he ran over and knocked and kicked with a view to waking the occupants. Some person across the road called out that there was nobody in the house. He then left the house and ran towards Petrie-terracs Police Station. On the way he met a man, who asked him where the fire was. By that time the house was well ablaze. The man, who was a stranger to witness, accompanied him to the police station. He told witness he was returning from a dance. They rang the tire brigade from the police station. Witness did not think the man he met could have anything to do with the fire. The brigade arrived in about five minutes, and extinguished the blaze. As far as witness knew, there was nothing suspicious about the fire.

Elizabeth Hitchins Moore, Moggill-road, Indooroopilly, stated that the house had been given to her by her father. She valued the building at £225. Mrs. Walley was paying 12/ a week rent, and had occupied the house for about nine years. Witness came to learn of the fire on the following afternoon. While visiting one of her houses at Paddington, she could discern the roof burnt and went over in a train to the scene of the fire. When she met Mrs. Walley in Queen-street about a week later she did not make any inquiries regarding the fire, nor did she question

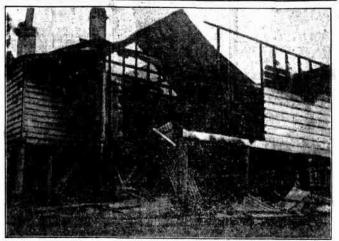
regarding the fire, nor did she question the neighbours. The house was over 40 years old. The furniture in the house was good, and would be worth about £100. Witness had been paid the full amount of insurance on the house.

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Mrs. Sophia Agnes Walley, widow, said she was employed as a cook at the Coronation Hotel, South Brisbane, at the time of the fire. She was then sleeping at the Coronation Hotel, and had been in the habit of visiting the house two or three times a week. She valued the contents of the house at £120. On the night before the fire she lit the gas in the dining-room, and tried to light the gas in the kitchen, but it failed to light. Witness first heard of the fire about 7 a.m. on January 19, when she was notified by the Roma-street Police Station. She had been paid £100 insurance, but considered she was at a loss of about £20 as a result of the fire. The whole affair was a mystery to her.

The inquiry was adjourned till to-day.

#### PETRIE-TERRACE BLAZE.



THIS COTTAGE IN SEXTON-STREET, OFF PETRIE-TERRACE, WAS BAILLY DAMAGED BY FIRE EARLY

Courier Mail 7 April 1926 report on the fire at No 23 Sexton Street (NLA Trove digitised newspapers)



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No 16 Sexton Street



Extract - Two men were killed, an old lady and an old man are missing believed killed, and four men were injured in a heavy explosion which wrecked the rear of J Jackson and Company's produce store at the corner of Sexton Street and Petrie Terrace shortly before midday to-day. The explosion occurred after three employees of the firm had collapsed while they were handling chemicals preparatory to fumigation operations.

It killed one employee and an ambulance bearer who had gone to his assistance and blew out the rear wall of the store, which crushed a small cottage. It is feared that its two elderly occupants are beneath the wreckage.

One cottage was completely demolished while the other was very badly smashed.

The Telegraph (Brisbane) Wed 24 Dec 1947 (NLA Trove digitised newspapers)





The Telegraph (Brisbane) Wed 24 Dec 1947



Part 1969 Aerial Photograph (QImagery)

## Early 1980s no early image - Likely Garden/Vacant Lot



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No 27 Sexton Street



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No 29 Sexton Street



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No 30 Sexton Street





Built c1880s, Nos 30 and 31 Sexton Street are both pyramid roofed houses, but quite different in presentation. No 30, an unusual diagonally braced dwelling with cast iron balustrading was raised high on stumps and built in underneath. No 31 was one of the first houses in the area to be done up.

The blocks of land in this street are wide but shallow, as the original long narrow allotment was subdivided in 1862, with the thoroughfare called Stanley Street at first, running up the middle. The newer street name probably derives from the former cemeteries opposite.

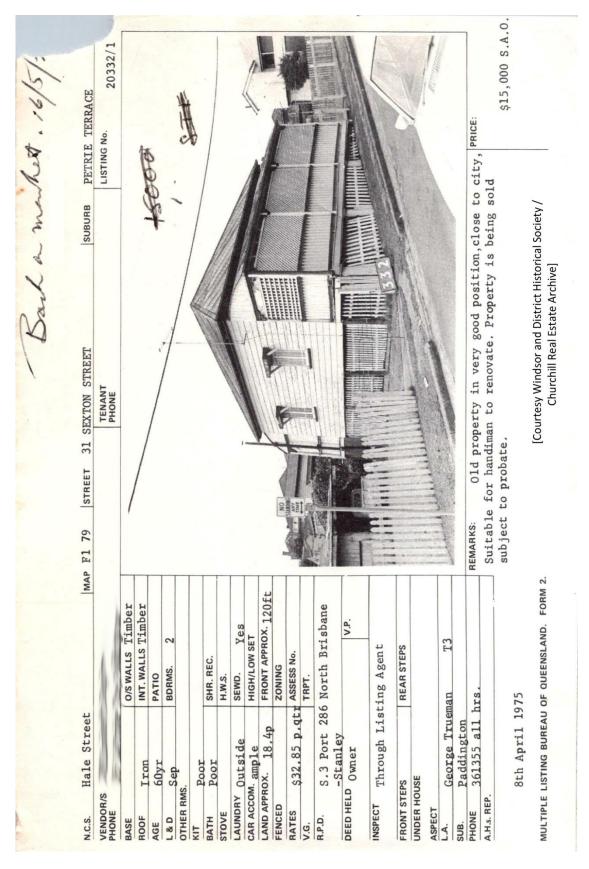
The Ups and Downs of Petrie Terrace, Walk/Drive Heritage Tour (BHG1989)





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No 31 Sexton Street



**April 1975** 





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No 36 Sexton Street



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No 39 Sexton Street



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No 48 Sexton Street

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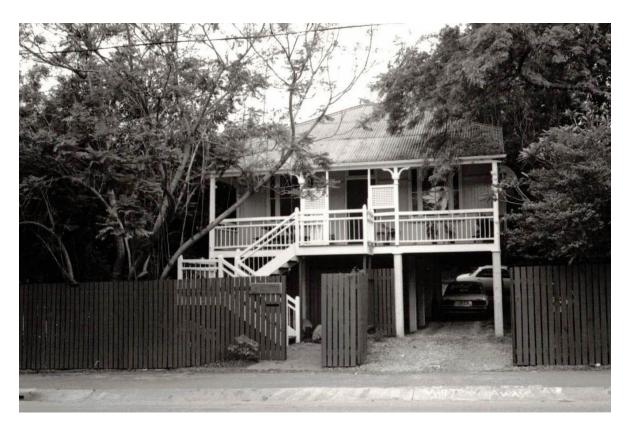
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No 54 & 56 Sexton Street



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No 58 Sexton Street

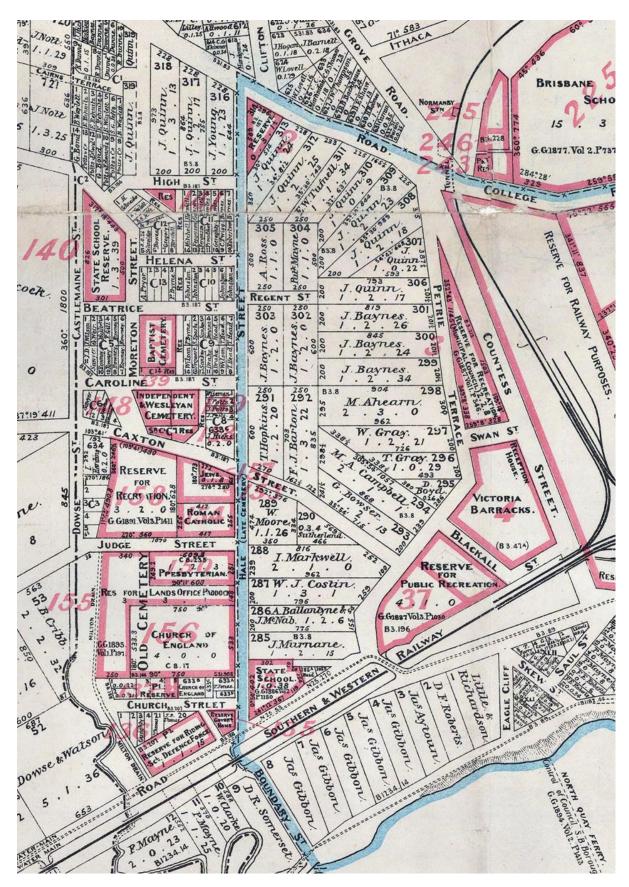


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**Sexton Street looking east** 



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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