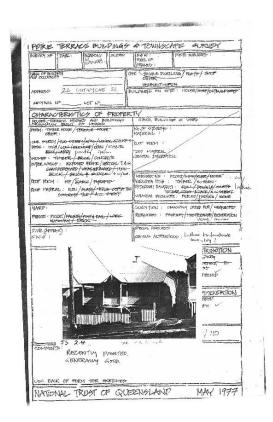


Part 1927 Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board Plan 112 and Google Earth

Princess Street

Petrie Terrace Photo Study

Brisbane History Group bhg4000@brisbanehistorygroup.org.au







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.

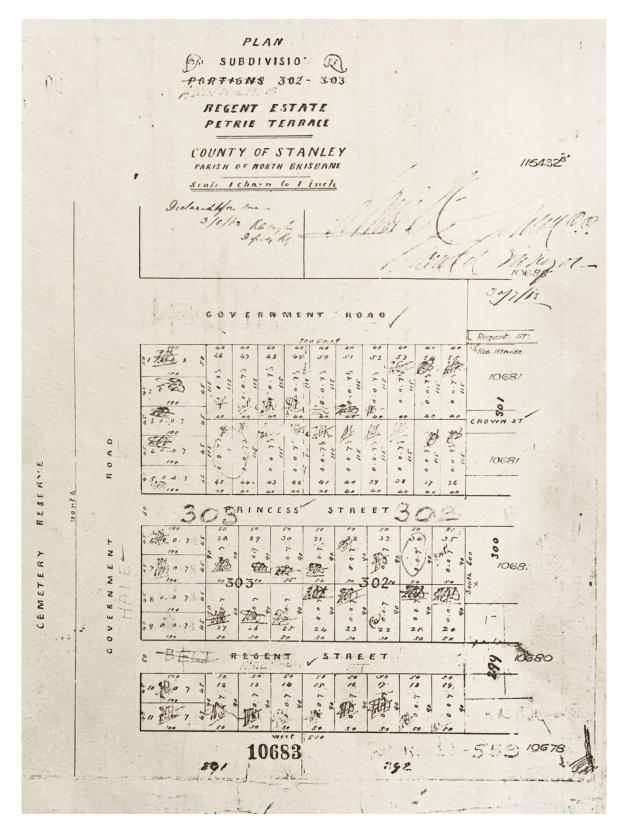
The area was the subject of a field study undertaken by the National Trust in 1977, suggesting they were active in designating this town planning/development constraint. The BHG Research Library has digitised copies of many of the worksheets for each individual property, and photographic prints of some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



1863 Plan of subdivision for the Regent Estate

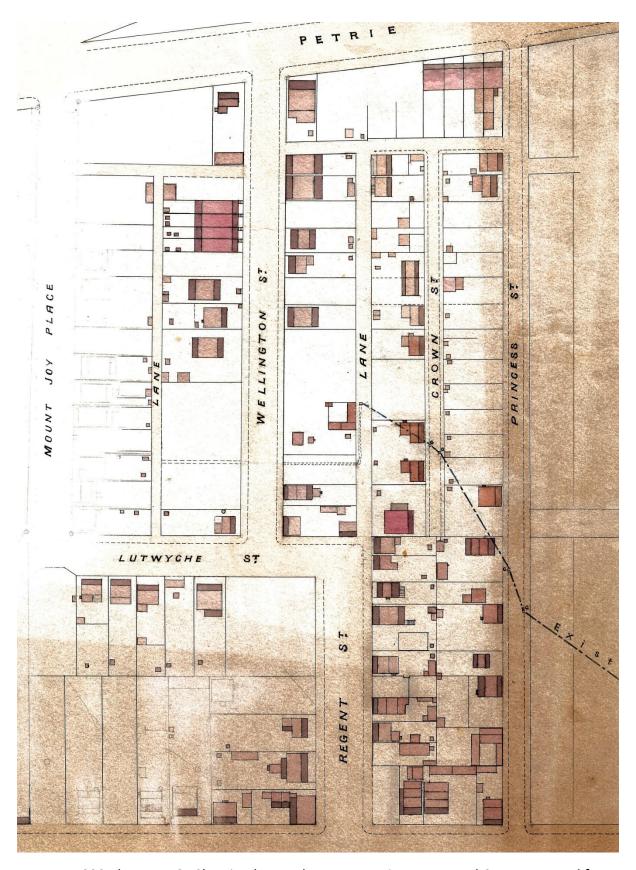
The Brisbane Courier of 17th October 1864 notes the sale of lots in the Regent Estate
(National Library of Australia Trove digitised newspapers)

RESIDENTS on the western side of Petrieterrace will have read with pleasure of the decision of the corporation to drain that part of the West Ward. It is proposed to run a pipe drain from the lower part of Crown-street to Princess-street, and a concrete drain from that street across Bell-street to the culvert already built in Cemetery-street, just opposite The lay of the the old Wesleyan cemetery. ground necessitates that the drain shall for the most part run through private property. can be no doubt that There a work greatly needed. It is to be hoped time is not far distant when the Ithaca Divisional Board will be in a position to undertake works necessary to carry this water direct to the river instead of allowing it to collect and form a noisome swamp just outside the city boundary. They will shortly become responsible for the health of the population living within their boundaries, and no more dangerous abuse can exist than so large a collection of stagnant water close to dwellings.

RATEPAYERS of Princess street, Petrie Terrace, complain of the dangerous state of their main thoroughfare. Three years ago a promise was made to the effect that the street would be metalled, but nothing has been done to it yet. A few months since a petition was sent to the council complaining of the state of the street, and expressing the hope that the matter would be seen to as soon as possible. The council replied, saying that £80 had been passed for the improvement, but the work has not yet been commenced, Is any comment necessary?



Brisbane Courier 11 May 1883, The Telegraph 15 September 1884 (NLA Trove digitised newspapers), and Part 1888 Plan D-9-99 Drainage & other works west of Petrie Terrace (Brisbane City Archives)



Part c1890 Plan E-11-61 Showing houses between Petrie Terrace and Cemetery Road for improvement purposes (Brisbane City Archives)

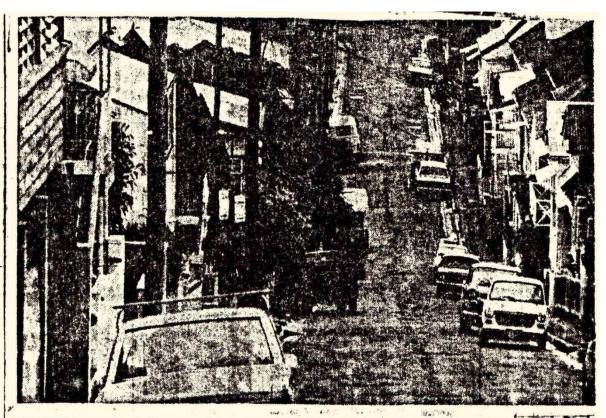


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Princess Street looking west



PRINCESS Street, Petrie Terrace, where properties on both sides are affected by the policy.

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MORE than 3000 homes in the Paddington-Spring Hill area were affected by Brisbane City Council plans to phase out small ellot-ments, Alderman Beanland (Lib., Auchenflower) said yesterday.

pretty picture town planning before the rights of individuals to choose their own housing styles, he said.

The renovations and redevelopment of areas such as Paddington, Red Hill, Petrie Terrace and Spring Hill was being stifled by the council's

The council had put refusal to allow an automatic right to rebuild on allotments of less than 404 square metres.

> This meant it was difficult to buy or sell houses on small properties, because lending in-stitutions did not regard

them as good security.

Alderman Beanland said: 'The Lord Mayor

(Alderman Sleeman) has shown he is out of touch with the people when he says no one would want to build on these blocks.

"There are hundreds of people, young and old, who do not want a large garden or lawn, but who do not want to live in a unit.

"People have beenforced to lower the price of their properties by up to \$6000 and still have not been able to sell.

They still have to pay council rates."

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Courier Mail 23 January 1979

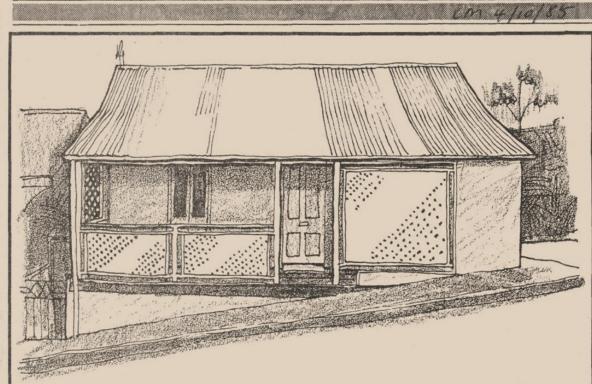


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No 15 Princess Street



Small, but convenient and charming

A REAL cutie is probably the best way to describe a renovated worker's cottage not far from the city at Petrie Terrace.

The house and block aren't enormous by modern standards, but they score points for convenience and charm.

Entry off the small front veranda adjacent to the street leads into a small berber-carpeted living area. Walls are painted a combination of brick and white. Polished Queensland hardwood floors are used to delineate the adjacent good-size dining area and roomy kitchen.

Pale apricot is the main decorating color throughout the house, with pale apricot laminate with cream bench tiles in the kitchen. A new stove is to be installed. Lattice window bays over the kitchen and dining windows provide privacy from a neighboring house and a spot to grow potplants. Off the kitchen is a small latticed deck.

White and pale apricot are also used to advantage in the combination bathoom/toilet. The room is a good size with apricot tiles on the walls and white fittings. The only thing still needed is larger storage for bathroom items

Both bedrooms are a reasonable size, although neither has built-in wardrobes. The first bedroom opens on to the front veranda through French doors and has internal access to the second bedroom, which could suffer from a lack of external light.

It has a small window overlooking the side street and the wall height adjacent to the living areas has been reduced slightly to allow the entry of more light. Both bedrooms are floored with berber carpets and have pale apricot painted walls.

New owners may wish to put curtains throughout the house.

Grounds of the property don't

need a lot of maintenance as they aren't particularly large. The property has a three-street frontage and a rear lane is used to gain access to car parking under the house.

The rear is grassed, but could be converted easily to a courtyard, eliminating the need for any mowing.

— SUE LEONARD.

SUMMARY:

15 Princess Street, Petrie Terrace.

About 125 years old.

Brick.

Two bedrooms, living/dining/kitchen, bathroom/toilet.

183 sq. m.

Residential A.

Margaret Sutherland, Ray White Paddington.

The house will be auctioned on site on October 19 at 11 a.m. The reserve is expected to be between \$65,000 and \$80,000.



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No 19 Princess Street



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No 23 Princess Street

HOME GUTTED

Relief Worker's Loss

A four-roomed house and its contents were destroyed by fire at Princess Street, Petrie Terrace, last night. The occupants, Victor Plant, a relief worker and his wife and family lost all their property, and are now homeless.

The outbreak occurred about 9 o'clock while the Plant family were next door visiting neighbours. Mrs. Plant first noticed the flames near her stove recess and raised the alarm. Her husband rushed into his yard and attempted to enter the burning building to save some of his property but he was driven back by the flames. He had time to snatch only a few articles of children's clothing off the veranda before the whole house was aflame.

Meanwhile two reels from Ithaca and the city fire stations arrived and the firemen were somewhat hampered by the large crowd that had gathered. Although the burning house was only a few feet from an adjoining dwelling the firemen were able to prevent the flames from spreading.

The house occupied by the Plants was owned by Mrs. Lane of South Brisbane. It is surmised that a piece of wood fellout of the stove on to the floor and ignited the building.

The Telegraph 22 Oct 1934, page 17

HOMELESS FAMILY'S PLIGHT

Offer of Employment

The story published in The Courier-Mail yesterday morning of the plight of Mr. Victor Plant, a relief worker, and his wife and six children, who lost everything they possessed when their home in Princess Street, off Petrie Terrace, was destroyed by fire on Sunday night, has touched the hearts of more than one Brisbane citizen.

The manager of Australian Gypsum Products Pty., Ltd. (Mr. C. I. Heron), telephoned The Courier-Mail office last evening and stated that if Mr. Plant communicated with him at the firm's Queen Street office to-day permanent employment would be found for him at the firm's factory in Boundary Street, Petrie Bight.

Early yesterday afternoon a lady who desires to be anonymous, telephoned The Courier-Mail office and asked whether she could leave a parcel of clothing there for the children. Assured that The Courier-Mail would readily receive the parcel on behalf of the Plant family, she announced that she would bring it in to-day.

Others have stated their intention of doing something to assist.

The Courier-Mail will be pleased to publish any further donations or subscriptions.

The Courier Mail 23 Oct 1934, page 12

(National Library of Australia Trove digitised newspapers)

The Plant family lived at No 23 Princess Street (1934 Electoral Roll)



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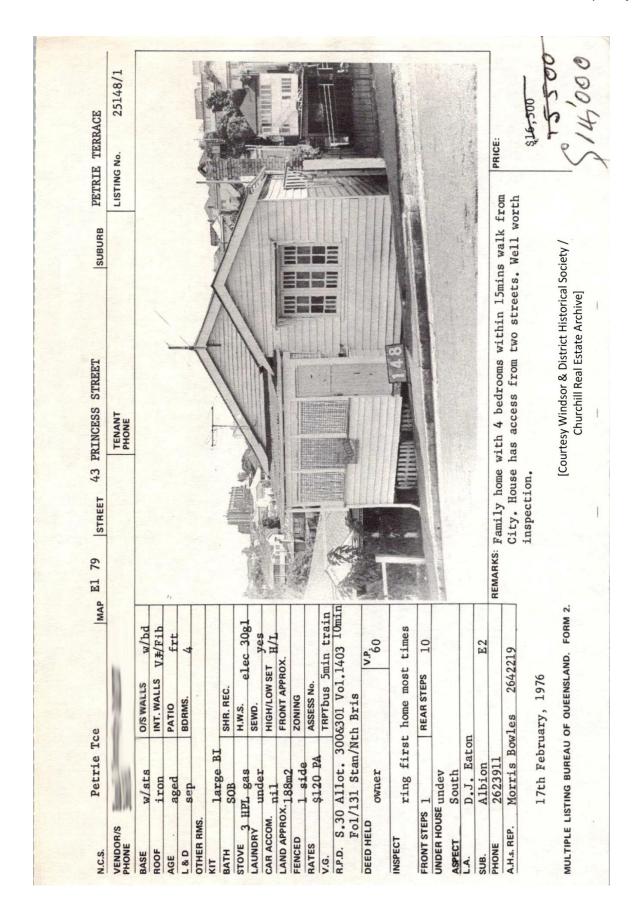


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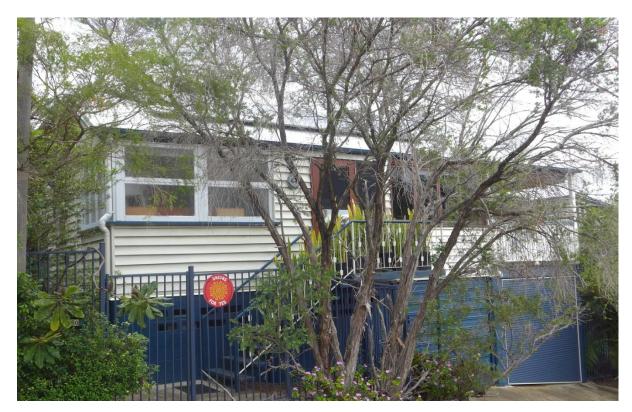
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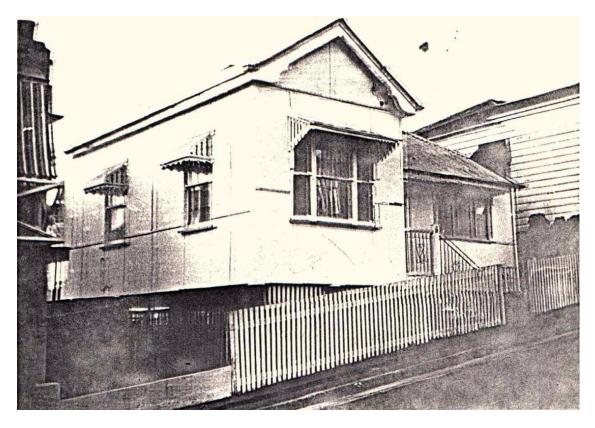


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No 59 Princess Street

YOUNG'S SHOP-HOUSE 1878 - 59 Princess Street

This is an unusual two-storied brick building erected on a double block of land in terrace-house style. But it comprised only two small rooms straight off the street, one and a half bedrooms upstairs, and a kitchen extension. The façade was raised high to hide the gable-end of the roof; but the verandah was quite simply built in wood and not cast iron. Moreover the unusual character of this building derived more from its origin as a shop-house, assembled entirely by its owner-builder-resident. We know this because he kept a diary of daily work for almost a life-time.

Having gone to sea at an early age, John William Young became a captain in Natal and farmed cotton in Texas before returning to England. On emigrating with his family in 1874 he farmed at Breakfast Creek and Kelvin Grove, and then bought his Princess Street land in 1878. As his forte was bricklaying, and carpentry second best, he built this place himself – the stone foundations, stumps and joists, the brick walls and bressummer across the front, then the iron roof and water closet. Naturally he carted his own materials, including demolition bricks, and dressed much of the timber himself.

All of this being completed part-time within two months, the Young family with five dray loads of belongings and one cow, moved to town in June 1878. As yet the building was a mere shell, without doors, windows, stairs, upper flooring or front balcony, nor any kitchen or water laid on. These came in fits and starts during the next six months. The kitchen extension with its own colonial oven was not completed until six months later.

The front room, however, was set up as a store within the first month, the shutters, shelving, counter and other fittings being crafted on the spot. The first day's takings totalled only 6 shillings 4 pence. Less than a year later the shop was closed and the front room refurbished as a parlour. Little wonder, since the store was located halfway along a narrow back street, and there were already six little Youngs to accommodate somewhere.

At this stage employment was spasmodic for John Young, and at best he hired only one labourer. But with the coming of better times in the 1880s his work expanded from odd jobs for owners and buildings to cottages and major buildings as a contractor himself. Before his early death in 1900 he employed about 70 hands. His best known work is Kirkston, the two-stored brick mansion with encircling verandahs of iron lace, designed by GHM Addison, the prestige architect, and built high on Windsor Hill in 1888-89.

Being a man on the make, Young moved his family in 1881 to a more commodious house built on North Quay. Though Princess Street was advertised for only £175, it did not sell until 1884, and remained a rental property for the rest of the century. Its tenants were a watchmaker, clerk, commission agent, carpenter, railway porter, and a couple of labourers. Since William McWilliams, the tenant from 1893 until the early 1900s was listed variously as a labourer, a mariner and a grocer, a store was possibly kept there once again. A butcher carried on business there after that.

At the time of writing this book it had been renovated twice – Mediterranean style at first and then colonial. The internal brick walls had been stripped bare, the front verandah rebuilt with iron, the kitchen extension replaced, and the rear garden bricked with remnants of the old Bellevue Hotel. All the same, this building remains in every sense of the phrase, the shop-house that Jack built.

Petrie Terrace Brisbane 1858-1988; 'Its ups and downs' by Steve Woolcock & Rod Fisher



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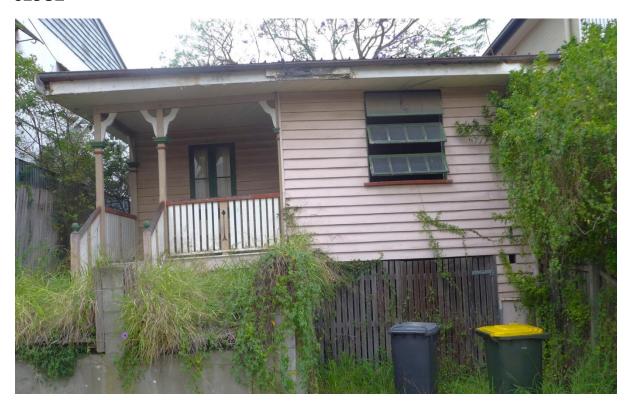


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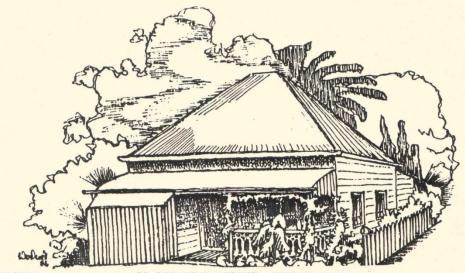
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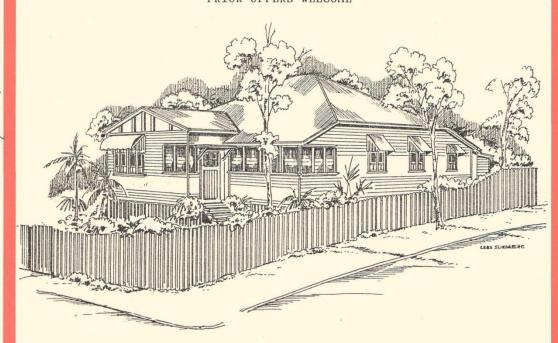


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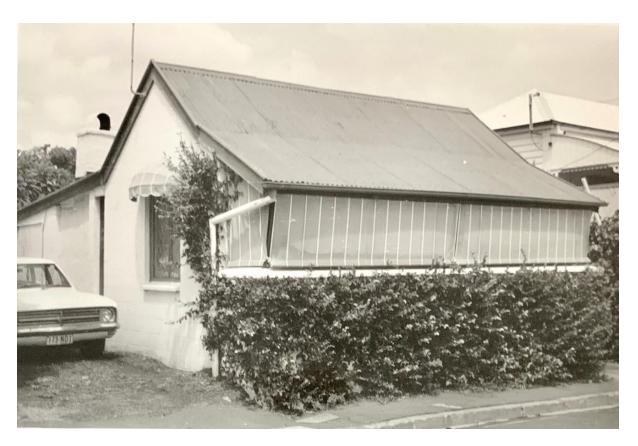


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SUNNY SEQUEL TO FAMILY TRACE

A DEATH, a fire, and a homeless family have revealed the sunny side of narrow, dingy Princess Street in Petrie Terrace.

and belongings were gutted by fire a night after Mrs. Cerezo's baby was still-born in the Brisbane Women's Hospital last Tuesday night.

Donations ranging from small coins to pound notes have flowed from the closely-packed homes in Princess Street.

Already 122 has been raised.

Princess Street.

Already 122 has been raised, and a large quantity of clothing has been freely given.

The neighbours' target is £150 to buy furniture for a converted army hut at Gregory Terrace, which was arranged by Mr. W. Power, M.L.A., with the State Housing Commission, as temporary accommodation. ary accommodation.

To Organise

Mrs. H. Singleton, who lives op-posite Mr. Leslie Cerezo's burnt out home, said yesterday that many families were giving money they could not afford. Something

they could not afford. Something would have to be organised to attain the target figure.

"We may produce an amateur concert, and we shall probably interview the local picture theatre manager," she said.

"The Cerezos have lost almost everything, and a piano-accordion, which is Mr. Cerezo's livelihood, is damaged.

Petric Terroce.

Practically the entire street the hospital. Even £20, which he had saved to buy his wife a new hat, coat, and shoes when she came out of hospital, was deand belongings were gutted by stroyed."

Children's Loss

Mrs. Singleton was scratched, bitten, and kicked when she held Ken Cerezo. 11, and prevented him from entering the blazing house to get his father's plano-accordion. The other three children were worrying about clothes which had just been bought for their St. Paterick's Day covered their St. Paterick's Day covered to the st. Paterick Day covered to the st. Paterick Day covered to the st. Paterick Day cover rick's Day concert at St. Brigid's Convent, Red Hill.

Until money is obtained to buy furniture. Mr. Cerezo will be separated from his family. Last night he stayed with his mother at West End. and his four children, whose ages range from 11 to three years, went to Mrs. Cerezo's parents in Privaces Street. parents in Princess Street.

In the midst of his trouble. Mr. Cereto had to attend the Supreme Court on Friday as a Crown witness in the Arcade murder trial.

The Education Minister Williams) said yesterday that he would arrange for replacement of school books lost by the children if the Education Director (Mr. Edwards) were ap-

proached.

Here is Princess Street



Sunday Mail 9 March 1947 (National Library of Australia Trove digitised newspapers) The Cerezo family lived at No 87 Princess Street (1943/49electoral rolls)



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No 88 Princess Street

Making Money In Kitchen



Is Police Accusation Against Youths

Counterfeit Coining Charge

Peter F. Ryan.

A newspaper article describing the manufacture of counterfeit coins is said to have inspired a Brisbane youth to embark on a "moneymaking" venture in the kitchen of a Petrie Terrace house, according to a story told in the City Police Court a few days ago.

Frederick Leslie Ward, aged 19, and Peter Francis Ryan, 22, were charged that between April 7 and April 10, they began to make counterfeit ailver coins, apparently intended to pass as Australian floring and sixpenny pieces. Both were committed for tital.

PLAINCLOTHES Constable PLAINCLOTHES Constable John Joseph Scanian told Mr. J. Stewart Berge, P.M., that about 12:30 on the morning of April 10 he and Plainclothes Constable Richard Dixon went to a house in Princess-street, Petric Terrace, and in the kitchen Dixon took possession of some to-bacco tins and other articles. Scanian aid he left the house and later had a conversation with Ryan, who accompanied him to the C.I.B.

"We have been informed that you were making counterfeit coins to-night," Scanian said he remarked to Ryan, whose alleged reply was: "You bring Ward here, and Fil tell you about it. Did you get the lot?"

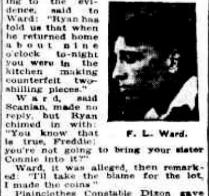
"What do you mean by that?" the constable asked flyan, who, he said, replied. "Two or three weeks ago Ward asked me what was the best metal for making counterfest coins, and I told him Hoyt's number 11. I did not see him again until last night. He was then in the kitchen with two moulds, making two-shilling pieces. I sat and watched him make six or serven."

Accompanied by Plainciothes Con-stables Dixon and Binnie, Franka continued, he returned to the Princess-street house and saw Ward, a girl named Connic Bichards, and a young man named Thomas O'Connor.

Dixon, the witness declared, said to Ward: "Your sister has told me that Ryan was making counterfeit two-shilling pieces

here to-night, and Ryan has said that it was you who were mak-ing them. We want to search the place."
"Search away!" invited Ward. The police officers, alleged Scanlan, took possession of a saucepan, a billy can, some thetal and two pieces of stick held to-gether with a screw.

Ward was afterwards taken to the C.I.B. and confronted with Ryan. Scanlan, according to the evidence, said to Ward: "Ryan has told us that when told us that when he returned home a b o ut n i n e o'clock to-night you were in the kitchen making counterfeit two-



I made the coins."

Plainciothes Constable Dixon gave evidence similar to that of Scanlan, regarding the visit to the Princess-street remises. He added that at the C.I.B. Ward remarked, "I saw in the Telegraph how to make counterfeit coins, and I talked it over with Peter, and he told me what was good stuff to use. I purchased a attick for 6/10. I bought some plaster of Paris at another shop, and I made two moulds, one far two-builling pieces and the other for six-pences."

"What did you intend to do with the coins?" Dixon said he asked Ward, who allegedly replied, "I intended to put them into circulation.

Both defendants, who were repre-sented by solicitor W. Elson Green, were allowed bail. Detective Senior-sergeant Kearney conducted the pro-

A BRIGHT one from the sign-board of a church. A threspenny bit goes to church more often than any other coin, but he doesn't boast about it

The Truth, Brisbane – Sunday 6 May 1934 (National Library of Australia Trove digitised newspapers)

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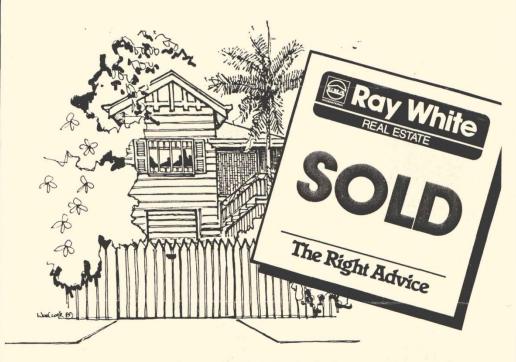
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No fear of adder

With an air of indifference a Brisadder as if it were as barmless hose.

But behind his apparent nonchalance lay 25 years' experience of handling snakes.

He is Henry Hohnke. 40, of Princess Street, Terrace. who Petrie began catching when he was 15.

displayed Today he two death adders caught at Mt Coo-tha.

One of the snakes was outsize at 2 ft. 8 in.

After the war Hohnke, finding there was big mon snake - dealing, in money expanded his hobby to a full-time job. Now he sends his catches all over the world.

He has sent some to places as far away Moscow

His biggest buyers are institutes research

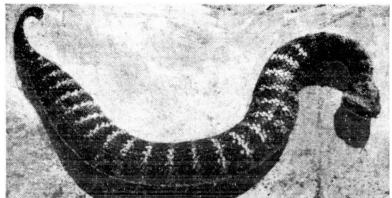
Viena and Melbourne. Mr. Hohnke said he had never been bitten by a death adder although he had been bitten many times by black, brown, and carpet snakes.

Snake-catching was an unpredictable job. said

He had once spent four days' constant search for at Mt. adders death sighting without Nebo one. At other times they

were easily found. He had caught most of his snakes around the swampy lands at Eagle Farm.

"Unfortunately this area is almost worked out." Mr. Hohnke said.



This 2 ft. 8 in. adder, caught at Mt. Coot-tha is to be sent to a Los Angeles snake farm,

Brisbane Telegraph 1 Aug 1953

(National Library of Australia Trove digitised newspapers)

Henry Hohnke lived at No 91 Princess Street (1943/54 electoral rolls)



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No 97 Princess Street





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No 98 Princess Street



Truth 21 July 1946 (NLA Trove digitised newspapers)

Mrs McIntyre (possibly No 98, 1959 electoral roll) and Mrs Cumming (possibly No 97, 1943 & 1949 electoral rolls) lived on opposite sides of the street

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No 99 Princess Street

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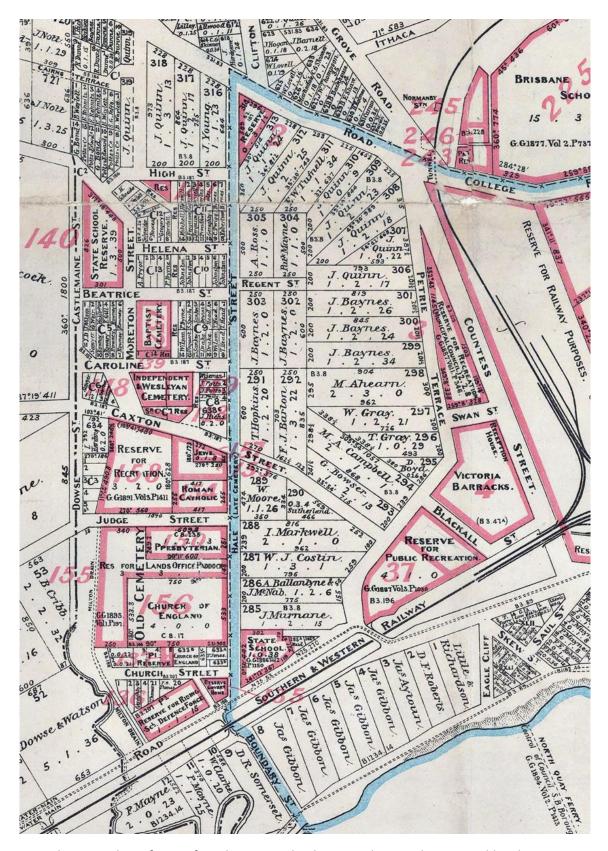
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Princess Street looking east

Destructive Fire.

Information was received at 4 p.m. yesterday, at the Central Fire Station, that a fire had broken out in Princess street, off Petrie terrace. Within a short space of time Superintendent Hinton was on the spot with a couple of hese reels, but notwithstanding there being a plentiful supply of water available, owing to the high wind blowing, two cottages were completely destroyed and two others considerably damaged before the flames could be extinguished. Further than it broke out in a cottage owned and occupied by Mr. Henry Peapell, the origin of the fire is unknown. Before the flames had got a thorough hold of that building the wind carried them to the next cottage owned by Mr. Urquhart, and occupied by Mr. S. Corfield. Only 18 inches space separated these two houses, and so speedily were they enveloped in flames that very few articles of furniture could be saved from the second one. A third cottage Peapell's and round by Mr. Gilligan, about 28 feet distance by Mr. from the former's residence, also became ignited, and the wall nearest the conflagration was completely destroyed before the firemen could prevent further mischief. The house next to Urquhart's was scorched and slightly damaged. Some sparks carried on to the shingle roof of Mr. Forsyth's residence on Petrie terrace ignited the latter, but the brigade managed to get a good supply of water on to the flames, and they were extinguished in the space of a few minutes. Mr. Gilligan managed to save his furniture. The cottage he rented from Mr. Peapell was insured in the National of New Zealand, for £200. Urquhart's cottage was also insured for a similar amount, but the tenant had not covered his furniture, and will lose about £30 in consequence. Mr. Peapell's residence and furniture were insured with the Colonial Mutual for £550.

The Telegraph 3 Sep 1888, page 4 (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)



1951 Part aerial photograph BCC 000539333 (Queensland Government -QImagery)