

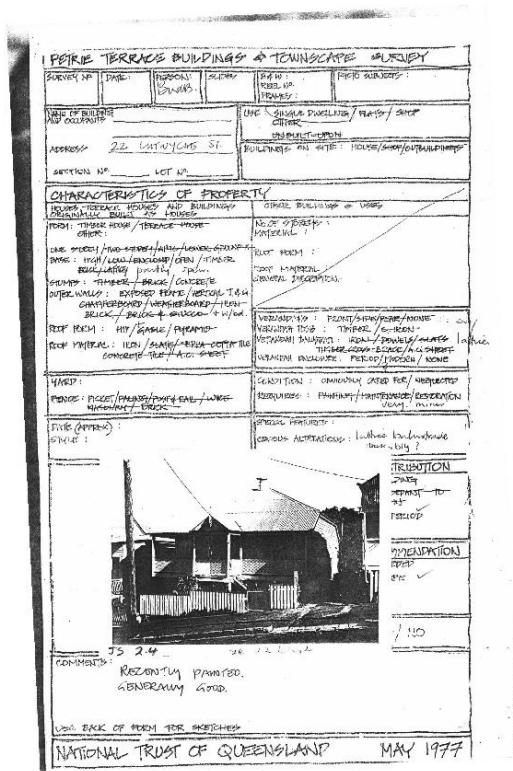
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Regent Street

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.

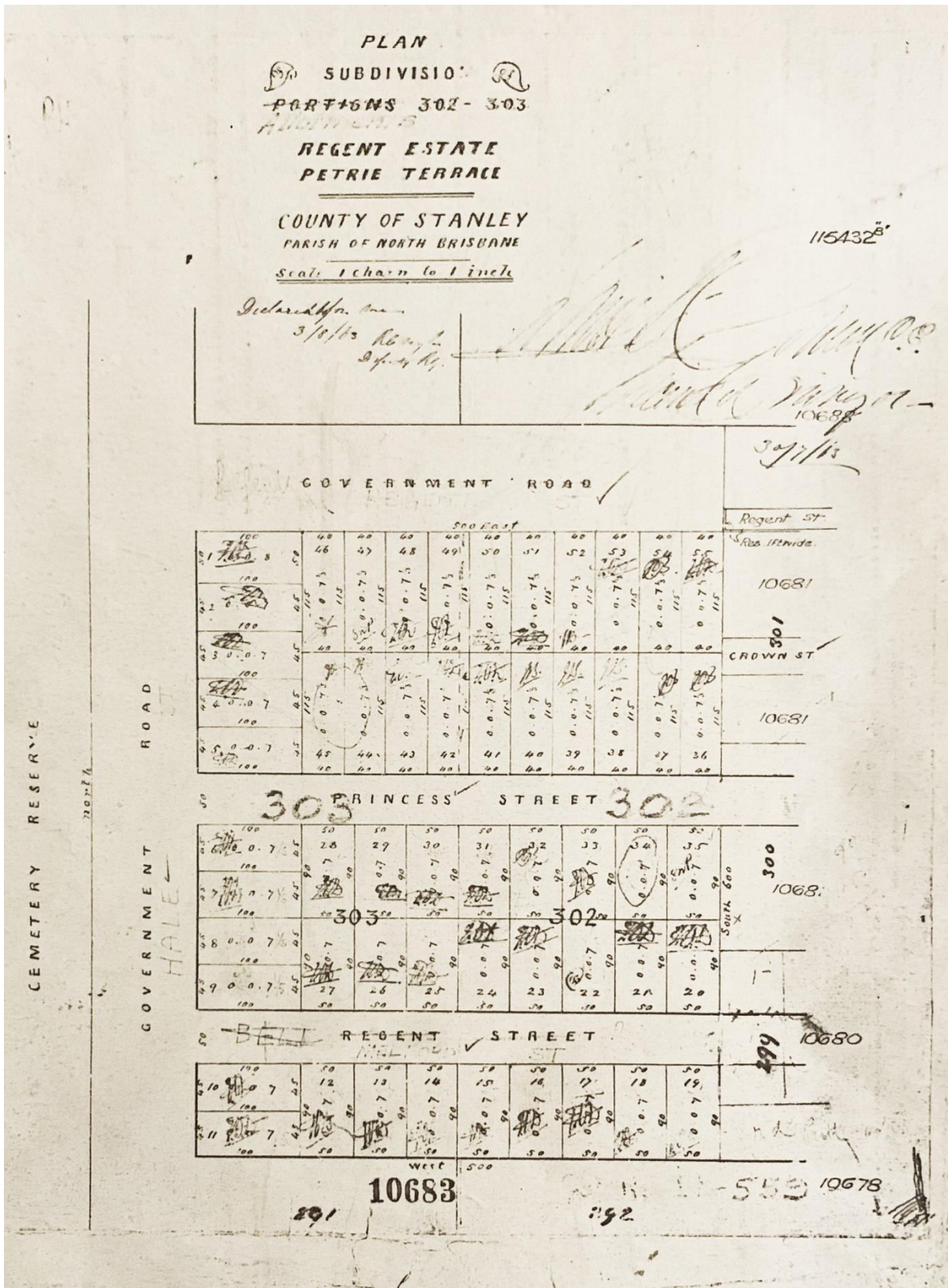
The area was the subject of a field study undertaken by the National Trust in 1977, suggesting they were active in designating this town planning/development constraint. The BHG Research Library has digitised copies of many of the worksheets for each individual property, and photographic prints of some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

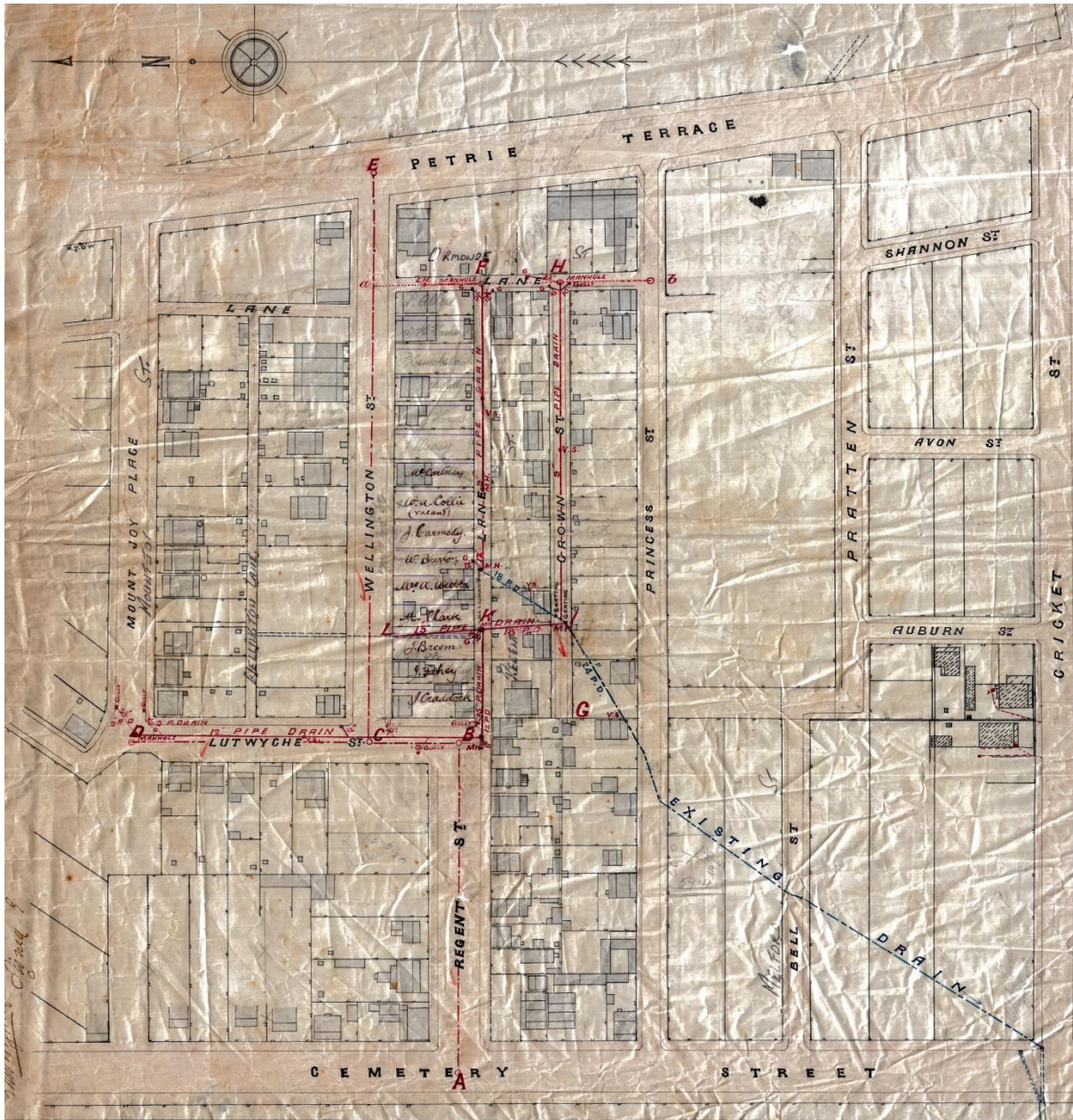
For the albums we have used scanned copies of photographic prints when available, photocopies when not, and digital images for current conditions. A number of the houses photographed in the 1980s included side and rear views which can be made available on request. There appears to have been some renumbering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

Your comments and corrections will be appreciated.

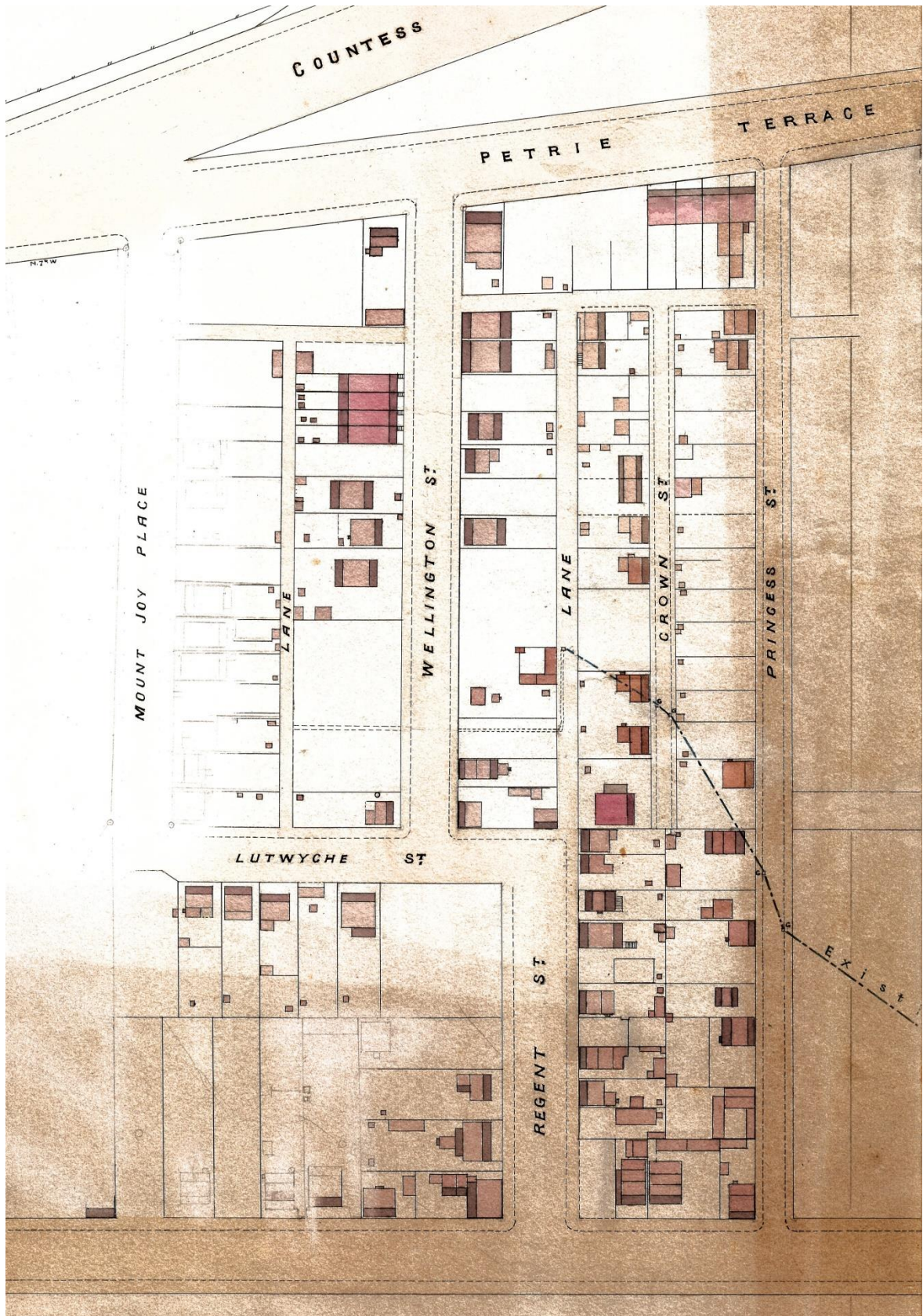
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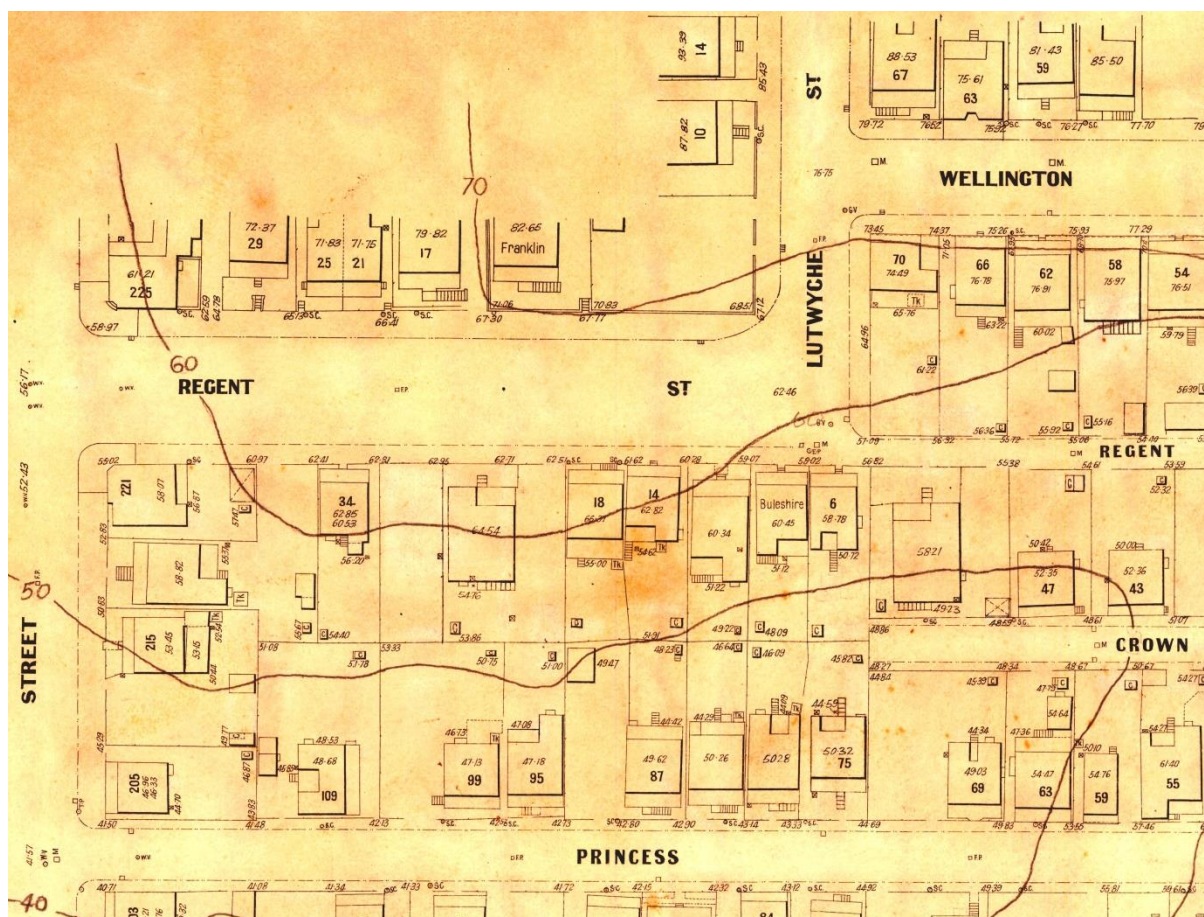
1863 Plan of Subdivision



Part Plan D-9-99 Showing drainage and other works west of Petrie Terrace
(Brisbane City Archives)



Part c1890c Plan E-11-61 Showing properties between Petrie Terrace and Cemetery Road for improvement purposes (Brisbane City Archives)



*Part 1927 Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board Plan 112
(Brisbane City Archives)*

Being a government road on the original survey plan, Regent Street is exceptionally wide for Petrie Terrace. As some of the land was subdivided in 1863-64 and the rest in 1874, and earlier buildings have been replaced, different house types abound.

Nos 4 and 22 are early twentieth century houses with front gable extensions, but their side verandahs were added in 1987 for auction. No 18 might look like one of these, but is really an 1880s house with an add-on (notice the early chimneys).

No 14 is another of those early gable roofed cottages, but a transitional four roomer. It was originally single skin all round and in line with the houses on either side.

On the opposite side of the street, the first three houses are classics. No 15 with its sunrise fretwork pediment and double railing is early twentieth century, and the other two are 1880s. Nos 21 – 25 are two storied, semi-detached houses redone both front and back.

BHG Walk/Drive Heritage Tour, 1989



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Regent Street looking west



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No 4 Regent Street

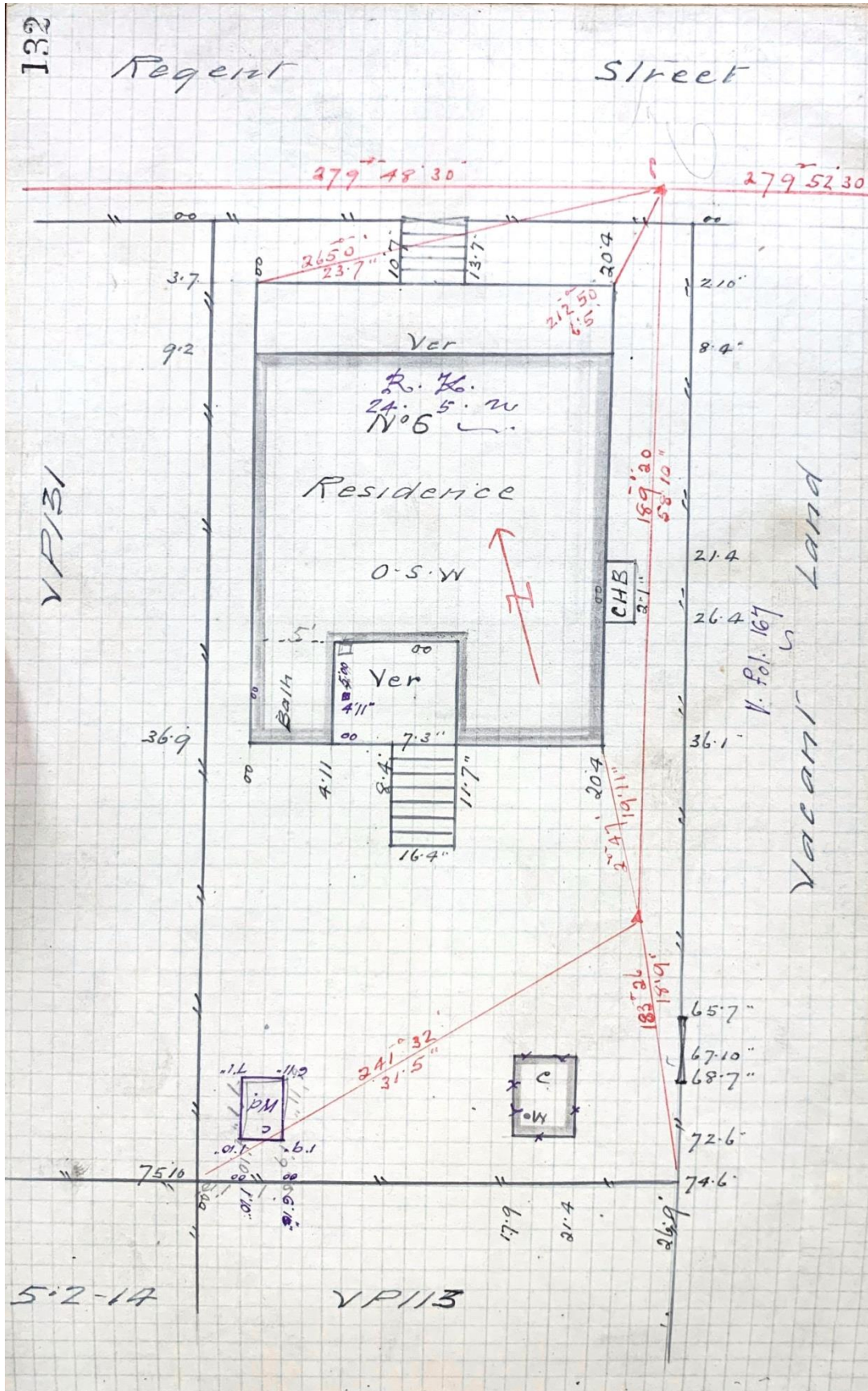


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No 6 Regent Street



Surveyor's notebook, original sketch 1914
(Brisbane City Archives)



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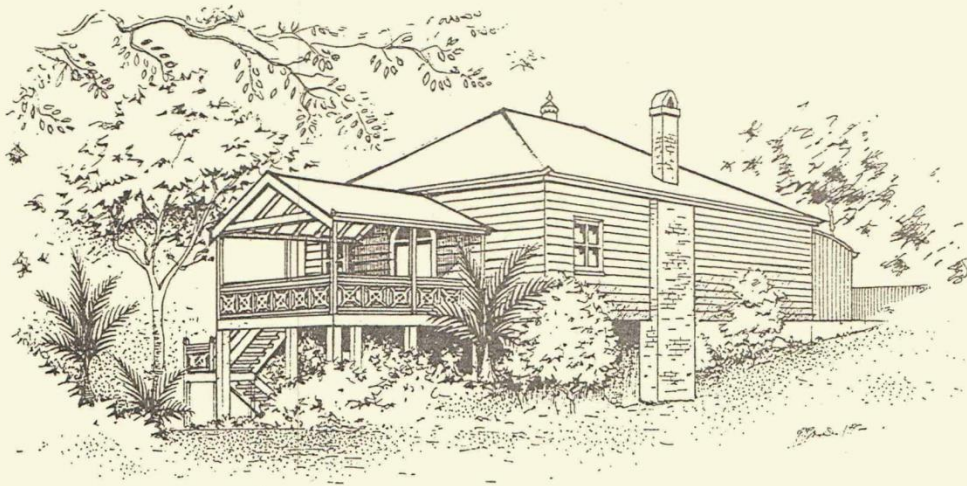
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No 8 Regent Street

Ray White

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BE SURPRISED



8 REGENT STREET, PETRIE TERRACE

Walk through the front door of this romantic cottage and you will be drawn instantly past the cosy fireplace, beautifully renovated kitchen and bathroom through to the most stylish private rear deck surrounded by trees with views to the mountains.

R.P.D. LOT 54 R.P. 10683 VOL: 1508 FOLIO: 65
AREA: 185SQM RATES: \$279.79 (including Firelevy)

TO BE AUCTIONED ON SITE
31st OCTOBER at 1.30 pm

1992

ENQUIRIES TO JAN GIDDINS A/H 369 8815 OR 018 719 811 OR
MICHAEL BARTON A/H 367 0692 OR 018 738 245

RAY WHITE PADDINGTON 369 6488



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No 10 Regent Street



Mrs. Minnie Turner, who won the court decision.

IF the residents of Regent-street, Petrie-terrace, didn't enjoy themselves as much on New Year's Day as they traditionally should have, it was because they did not have ringside seats for the day's outstanding local event. Two well-known residents, Mrs. Lola Olsen and Mrs. Minnie Turner, had an argument whose last echoes rang through Brisbane Summons Court only the other day when Mrs. Turner asked that Mrs. Olsen be bound over to keep the peace. The forthcoming fight between Tommy Burns and Vic. Patrick will probably attract a bigger gate, but there was a good enough gallery when the legal battle was heard.

RIGHT ROYAL ROW AND IT WAS ALL OVER 1s. 2d.

The referee, Mr. A. H. O'Kelly, S.M., awarded the decision to Mrs. Turner, and Mrs. Olsen was ordered to enter into a bond of £20 to be of good behavior for six months, and further to pay professional fees and costs, totalling £2/18/-. A month was allowed her to pay.



Mrs. Lola Olsen, ordered under a bond.

THERE was no finessing or shadow-sparring when Mrs. Turner entered the ring. Aply seconded by Mr. Ken Mitchell (of Messrs. Murphy and Mitchell), she went in, patently intent on a knock-out.

Some time before New Year's Day, she said, Mrs. Olsen came to her place, and asked her to ring up the Landsborough police regarding Olsen, who had cleared out three weeks earlier.

"She can't speak on the 'phone," Mrs. Turner went on, "and when

asked why, replied, 'She can't read a letter, and she said she couldn't use the 'phone, and asked me to do so for her.'"

"I told her the cost was 1/2, and she said she would give it to me later. About 3 p.m. on New Year's Day, she was passing my place when I called out to her, 'Norah, when are you going to give me the 1/2 you owe me?'"

"She came across with the money, then she ... and swore at me. She said, 'I'll kick your — guts in! Come out here and I'll stick a — knife in you!' She went on something terrible. She broke the gate, and threw stones. One went right through the house, and hit a lady on the arm. She threw the 1/2 down. That was the cause of our argument.

"THE POLICE CAME."

"The police came four times to her house in the 24 hours," Mrs. Turner further declared. "They threw her on the bed, and gave her a hiding and told her if she didn't behave they'd send her to Goodna."

"I was afraid of her. She is a treacherous woman. She smashed things in her own house, and her husband is afraid of her. I was talking to him on the veranda outside the court to-day."

To Mr. J. Aboud (for Mrs. Olsen) Mrs. Turner said she had not fought with Mrs. Olsen before, although the latter had fought with all the other neighbors.

Complainant also denied she had said that Mrs. Olsen had to marry her husband. "I am not afraid of her, but she carries knives," she said. "Her husband had to hide the knives on January 2."

She would be surprised to hear that Mrs. Olsen and her husband spent that day together in the Gardens, Mrs. Turner declared.

Mrs. Irene Mabel Rolfe did not pull any punches when called as witness for Mrs. Turner. On New Year's Day, she said, Mrs. Olsen came down the street abusing everybody. Witness's attention was attracted when Mrs. Olsen picked up a big stone and threw it.

When asked what words Lola used to Minnie, witness "smothered up." "I heard it, but I don't swear," she said.

Mr. Mitchell pressed her, whereupon the S.M. drily said, "Don't ask the lady to swear, Mr. Mitchell." Witness subsequently repeated the words.

"PLENTY TO DO."

To Mr. Aboud, witness said tartly, "I have plenty to do without keeping a constant watch on Mrs. Olsen."

"Well, why don't you mind your own business?" counsel asked.

Witness replied, "I don't think that is a very nice way of putting it."

Loudly announcing that her name was Norah Kathleen Olsen, but that she was known as "Lola," defendant said, "I was passing Mrs. Turner's when she called out, 'Norah, when are you going to pay me the money?'"

"I went back and got it and put it into her hand, and she took it," she went on. "I told her not to talk about my business in front of everybody in the street, and she called me 'a —' and 'a dirty —.' She said Mr. Olsen was forced to marry me, and I said, 'Prove it.'"

Mrs. Olsen denied the threats alleged, and said she had never carried a knife in her life.

Mr. Mitchell asked how many times the police had been to see her. "None at all," Mrs. Olsen replied.



"Mrs. Rolfe rings up every time my husband and me have a little tiff. She has the 'phone, and sits on the side veranda. We have told her to go inside and not stickbeak into our business."

"I did not throw stones. I am not a child," defendant said further. She also denied that she had threatened to burn Turner's and Rolfe's house down. "I don't want to

go to gaol for life burning people's houses down," she said.

Defendant also heatedly denied that her husband had cleared out. "He went away for three weeks' holiday," Mrs. Olsen said. "He had the New Guinea fever, and I wanted to find out where he was."

Without bothering to hear addresses, the S.M. "called time" on making the order as stated.

Truth 20 January 1946

(National Library of Australia Trove digitised newspapers)

Minnie Turner lived at No 10 Regent Street (1943/49 electoral rolls) and Lola Olsen around the corner at No 63 Wellington Street (Olsen family here on 1943 electoral roll)

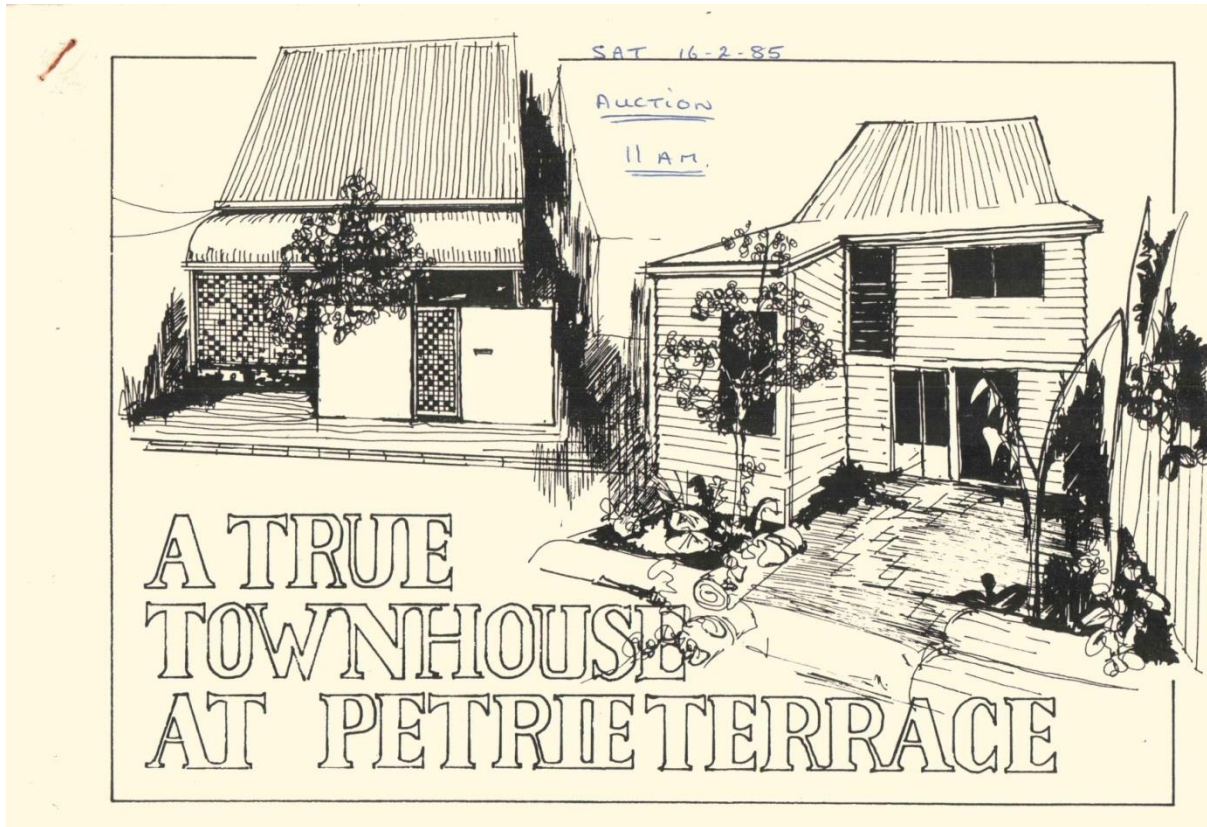


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No 14 Regent Street



A TRUE TOWNHOUSE IN BRISBANE
AT 14 REGENT STREET, PETRIE TERRACE, 4000

Situated at Regent Street, Brisbane is a true townhouse. A townhouse in style and location being within walking distance from the centre of the city in one of the few development controlled residential areas.

Unlie modern home units this renovated property is a single dwelling house on a single title possessing the low maintenance benefits of unit living without the Body Corporate rules and charges.

TRANSFORMATION

The Regent Estate bounded by Regent, Hale and Cricket Streets was an estate subdivision registered in 1863. Number 14 Regent Street is one of the few original structures in the estate remaining.

When the property was purchased it was found by architects to be derelict, unsound and beyond restoration. A decision was made to renovate the building keeping its character and outward appearance to complement the future development control plan for Petrie Terrace.

The building was relocated on the site centring it six metres back from the front alignment.

This enabled the use of the natural terrain to create another floor level below and a private court with off street carparking for one car at the front road level.

No expense was spared in reconstructing the building into a new condition. In every respect the house is new despite its outward appearance. This includes all services - plumbing, electrical and gas - as well as the fittings, finishes and integrated split system air-conditioning unit.

AREAS AND ACCOMODATION

Street Level:	Outdoor Car Space	18.0 sq m
	Front Courtyard	28.8 sq m
	Front Verandah	9.1 sq m
	Living Area	14.4 sq m
	Dining Area	11.4 sq m
	Bedroom	11.8 sq m
	Bedroom	9.9 sq m
	Kitchen	8.6 sq m
	Bathroom	4.0 sq m
	Rear Verandah	13.2 sq m
	Internal Stair	7.6 sq m
Lower Level:	Laundry & Utility	7.5 sq m
	Storeroom	4.0 sq m
	Living Area	17.0 sq m
	Bedroom + Ensuite	21.5 sq m
	Study	8.0 sq m
	Back Courtyard	63.5 sq m
Total Residential Area:		148.0 sq m
Comprising Indoor Area		125.7 sq m
Verandahs		22.3 sq m

<p>Real Property Description: Subdivision 52 on Registered Plan 10683, Parish of North Brisbane, Volume 4835, Folio 123, Rate Assessment No 302</p> <p>Site Area: 184 sq m</p> <p>Zone: Residential A, Future Development control</p> <p>Important Note: In the event of accidental destruction of the existing house, re-development with a single dwelling is permissible on the site.</p> <p>Rates (1983) \$ 374.05</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SERVICES</p> <p>An all new copper water service runs to all points. A new Vogue gas stove and hot water system have been installed. The electrical system is new and has a remote, discreet, fence mounted meter box and indoor circuit breakers for safety and security. There are numerous power points flush mounted in every room and lights upstairs have dimmers. There are four built-in telephone points. External flood lighting illuminates the landscaping in the courtyards.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AIR-CONDITIONING</p> <p>The split system, reverse cycle air-conditioning plant is ducted into each of the bedrooms providing silent year round heating or cooling to the entire upper floor area.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LOCALITY</p> <p>Petrie Terrace is to become a development controlled area zoned for residential living. A great deal of restoration and refurbishing has taken place and will continue as property values in the area increase over the next few years.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">BUILDING FABRIC</p> <p>The building is timber framed with C.C.A. treated hardwood weatherboards externally. Walls are plaster lined as are the three metre high ceilings. Double insulation in walls and ceiling isolate the building from noise and heat. The lower floor has a steel structural frame with concrete stumps externally for bracing. Concrete slab floors are certified poisoned against subterranean termites. Wall finishes are washable satin vinyl paint. Floor covering to the upper living, dining and bedroom areas is bonded coir herringbone pattern. The floors to the kitchen and bathroom areas are ceramic tiled.</p> <p>Floor covering to the lower living, study and bedroom area is berber carpet. The floors in the laundry, utility and ensuite areas are ceramic tiled.</p>	

The postcode for Petrie Terrace is 4000, the Brisbane Central Zone, and yet the area is so quiet that the city hall clock can often be heard chiming.

So many amenities are close at hand including a public swimming pool, sports and entertainment centres, hotels, restaurants and speciality shopping in nearby Paddington. There is an active community centre and schools and repertory theatres are a stones throw away.

This information has been prepared by the owners for the purpose of selling the property at 14 Regent Street. Any inquiries should be directed to the selling agent:

Ray White Real Estate
183 Given Terrace
Paddington



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No 15 Regent Street



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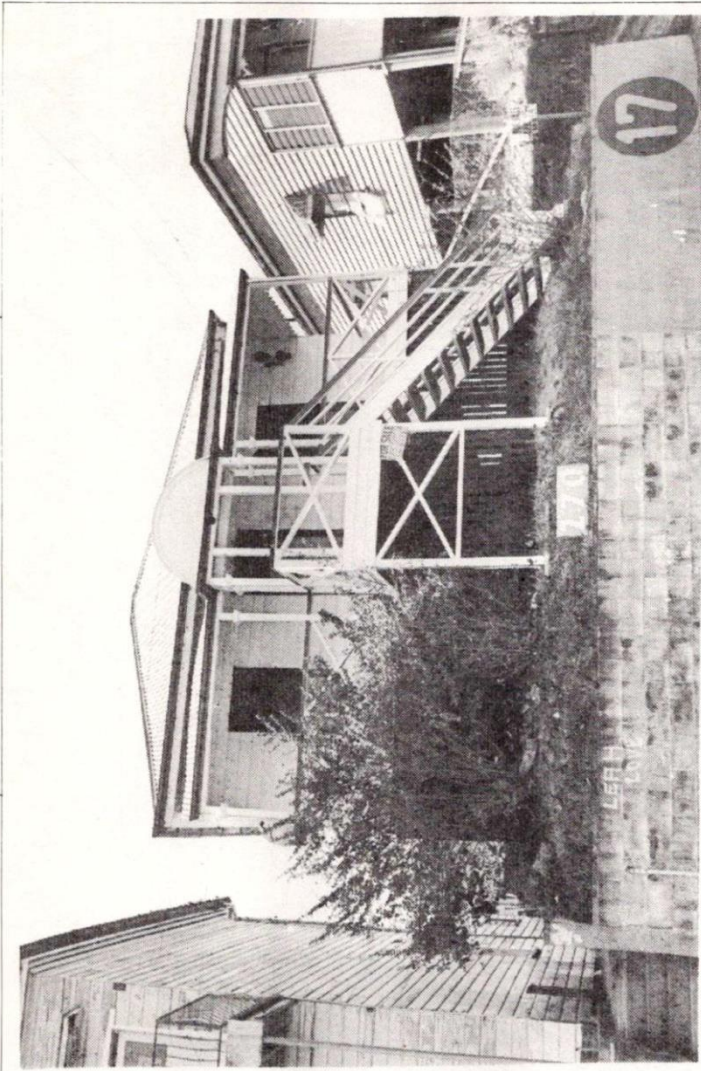


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No 17 Regent Street

C.S. Hale St MAP D1 79 STREET 17 REGENT STREET SUBURB PETRIE TERRACE
 ENDOR/S HONE TENANT PHONE LISTING No. 29270/1

BASE	tmb	stps	w/bd
ROOF	CGI	INT. WALLS	vers/T&G
AGE	60	PATIO	firt/back
L & D	Lounge	BDRMS.	3
OTHER RMS.	(fireplace in lounge)		
KIT	off rear sun deck		
BATH	shower	SHR. REC.	
STOVE	gas	H.W.S.	yes
LAUNDRY	new SS	SEWD.	yes
CAR ACCOM.		HIGH/LOW SET	HF/LR
AND APPROX.	44.3m ²	FRONT APPROX.	
ENGED	part	ZONING	Res A
ATES	\$138.83 1/2	ASSESS No.	
V.G.		TRPT.	
R.P.D.	S.4/305 Plan 10686 Vol. 5122		
FOL. 129 C/Stanley P/Nth Brisbane	V.P.		
DEED HELD	ANZ Rode Rd		
INSPECT	Key with L.A. or at 188 Musgrave Rd., Red Hill *		
FRONT STEPS	12	REAR STEPS	2
UNDER HOUSE	clean		
ASPECT			
L.A.	R.S. Melloy P/L		
SUB.	Chermside		
PHONE	599722		
A.H.S. REP.	Max Goldsmith 2633587		



REMARKS: This home in first class condition now - repainted t/out, new wiring, new carpets (W/W), new kitchen, new bathroom. Only 2km from City, close to Lang Park, transport, shop etc. Must be inspected as would suit business couple.
 * Key for kitchen & bathroom over fireplace in lounge.

PRICE: \$25,750 ONO

to be Auctioned

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

31st August, 1976

MULTIPLE LISTING BUREAU OF QUEENSLAND. FORM 2.



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No 18 Regent Street



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No 22 Regent Street



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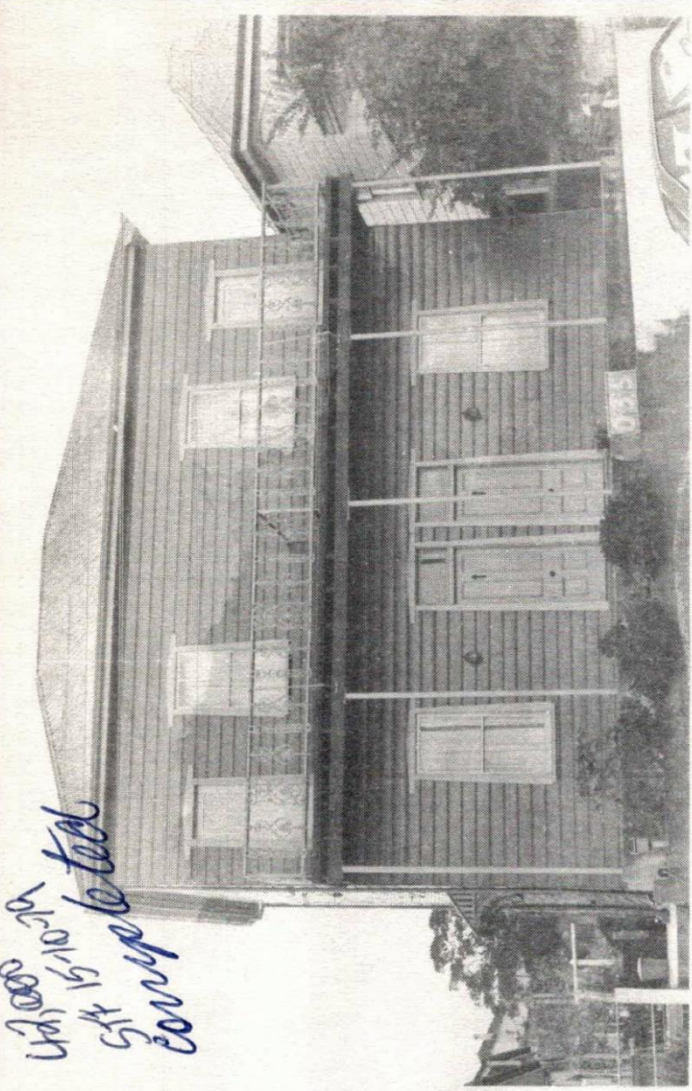
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No 21 & 25 Regent Street

N.C.S.	Hale St	MAP E1 79	STREET	21-25 REGENT STREET	SUBURB	PETRIE TERRACE
VENDOR/S PHONE			TENANT PHONE	Both tenanted		LISTING No. 44035/1

BASE	O/S WALLS	w/bd
ROOF	iron	
AGE	60yrs	VJ
L & D	separate	
OTHER RMS.	BDRMS.	2
KIT good in both		
BATH	good in both	SHR. REC. SOB
STOVE	2 gas	H.W.S. 2 gas
LAUNDRY	outside	SEWD. yes
CAR ACCOM.		HIGH/LOW SET
LAND APPROX.	44.3m ²	FRONT APPROX.
FENCED	yes	ZONING
RATES		ASSES No.
V.G.		TRPT.
R.P.D.	S.3 Allot.305 on Plan.10686 C/Stanley P/Nth Brisbane	
DEED HELD	F.C.A.	
INSPECT	Strictly by appointment with L.A.	
FRONT STEPS	nil	REAR STEPS nil
UNDER HOUSE		
ASPECT	South	
L.A.	George Trueman Real Estate	
SUB.	Paddington	
PHONE	36 1355	
A.H.s. REP.		

44035/1-79
SH 15/10/79
Completed



REMARKS: This property has been tastefully renovated and furnished and comprises 2 Town Houses on one Title let to very good tenants for \$65 and \$70, total \$135, and is an excellent investment with no money to spend.

PRICE: \$45,000

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



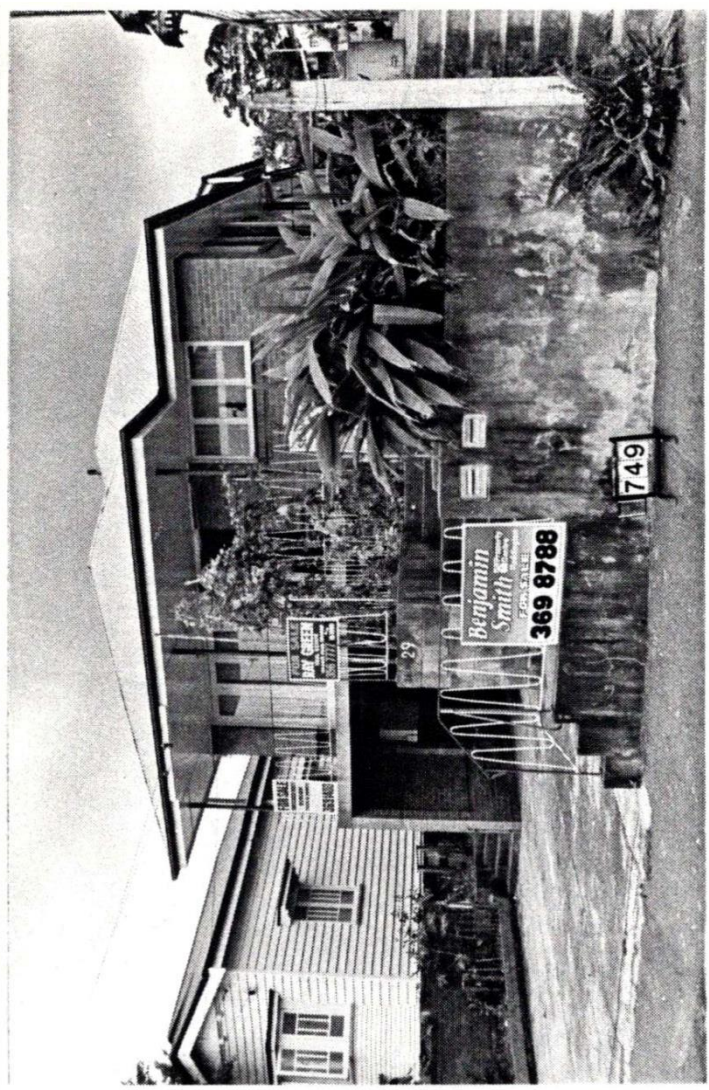
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No 29 Regent Street

N.C.S. HALE ST	MAP F 1 1	STREET 29 REGENT ST	SUBURB PETRIE TCE
VENDOR/S PHONE	TENANT PHONE		LISTING NO. 72749/1
BASE BRK	OS WALLS		
ROOF	INT. WALLS BRK		
AGE 18	PATIO PLSTR		
L&D	BDRMS		
OTHER RMS	POOL		
	STOVE 2 GAS		
KITC.	SHR. REC. B/S COM		
BATH	SEWD YES 2		
LAUNDRY	TPORT		
CAR ACC. 2	HI/LO SET		
LAND AREA 442M2	ASPECT		
FENCED YES	ASS. NO. S		
RATES 890P.A.	ZONING RES		
V.G. 7655	STEPS		
R.P.D. 52 OF A305 ON P10686 V			
1772 F12 STANLEY/NTH BRISBANE			
UNIT FLOOR	ADMIN LEVY		
SINK FUND	V.P.		
DEED	INSPECT ANYTIME TENANTS O.K.		
VENDORS MOTIVATION	UNDER HOUSE		
L.A. RAY GREEN REAL ESTATE			
SUB. GRANGE			
PHC E 3567777			
A.H. REP RAY GREEN 383960			
CONJUNCTION 50%			



REMARKS 2X2 BDRM BRICK FLATS U.F. RETURNING \$87 PW PRICE:-
 COULD BE RAISED CONSIDERABLY. TENANTS PENSIONERS. \$ 85000
 REGISTERED FLATS. \$85000 S.A.O.
 [Courtesy Windsor & District Historical Society/
 Churchill Real Estate Archive]

Early 1980s



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No 34 Regent Street

Century-old cottage near city restored

ARCHITECT Andrew Magub, a designer of big sport complexes, took on a smaller scale project in city fringe Petrie Terrace.

The century-old cottage has been extended by a rear deck in his renovations in keeping with its history of add-ons.

Originally two small rooms of wide horizontal timbers under a steep pitched roof with a bullnose front veranda, the home's profile has grown over its life.

A lean-to style roof slopes down at the rear and the front veranda is also enclosed adding a little extra space. And in this cottage every bit counts.

The front door is less than a metre from the front fence and the footpath, in character with the rest of the cosy cottage-filled streetscape.

A buttery cream and heritage green colour scheme continue from the exterior in, with the simplicity on the eye retaining a flowing feeling through the house.

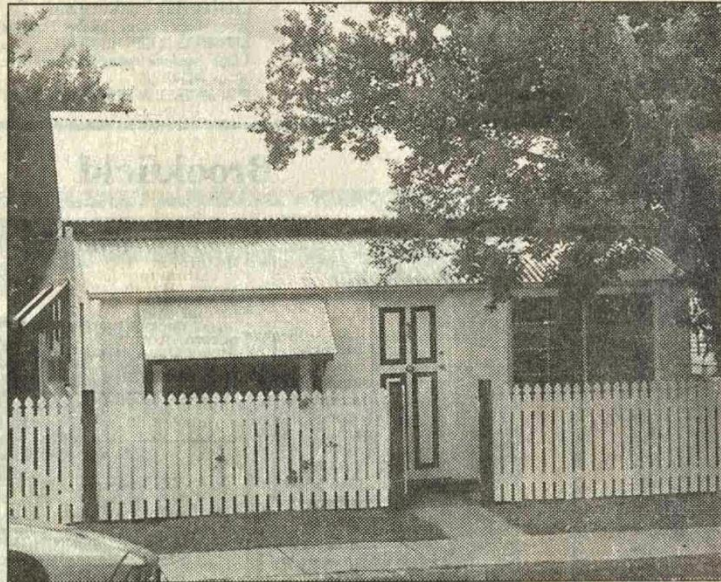
There is a small entry with a step down to the lounge room, which is large enough for a basic furniture ensemble.

An open-plan approach through the living spaces alleviates a cramped feel.

Panels of narrowly corrugated iron around the kitchen and on the splashbacks rimmed by timber bar tops are a modern touch, but draw on the home's original building materials.

Most of the kitchen has not been replaced in Mr Magub's renovation, with old cupboards spruced up. There is plenty of bench space and a double sink in the U-shaped design.

Across the small corridor which runs down one side of



RENOVATED . . . 34 Regent St at Petrie Terrace.

SUMMARY

34 Regent St, Petrie Terrace.

Two-bedroom cottage, with deck.

Land: 177sq m.

Price: \$165,000.

Agent: Conias, Paddington.

the kitchen is a recess for the refrigerator, a dishwasher hidden in a cupboard and a pantry.

That extra space was added to the kitchen at the expense of the second bedroom making its shape irregular.

A double bed would fit at a squeeze, but the space would make a roomier study.

The main bedroom, in the original segment of the house, is larger and has a big walk-in robe.

A bathroom at the rear of the house is well laid out to provide a separate bath and shower, with toilet and vanity in a small space.

However, the brown-based decor has a distinctly 1970s feel.

There is a dining room on the other side of the kitchen with new french doors leading onto a big dining deck partly shaded by a tree.

Another door leads down to the yard and under the house with a slab of slightly elevated timbers marking the laundry.

The garden is courtyard-sized with a small patch of grass hedged by established lush gardens including mature avocado and banana trees.

The washing line is extendable and discrete.

Most of the house has exposed timber floorboards, with cork in the kitchen and a worn-looking carpet square in the dining room.

Agent Andrew Scriven said the home was rented at \$200 a week.

— JOANNE BEVAN

1996



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No 38 Regent Street

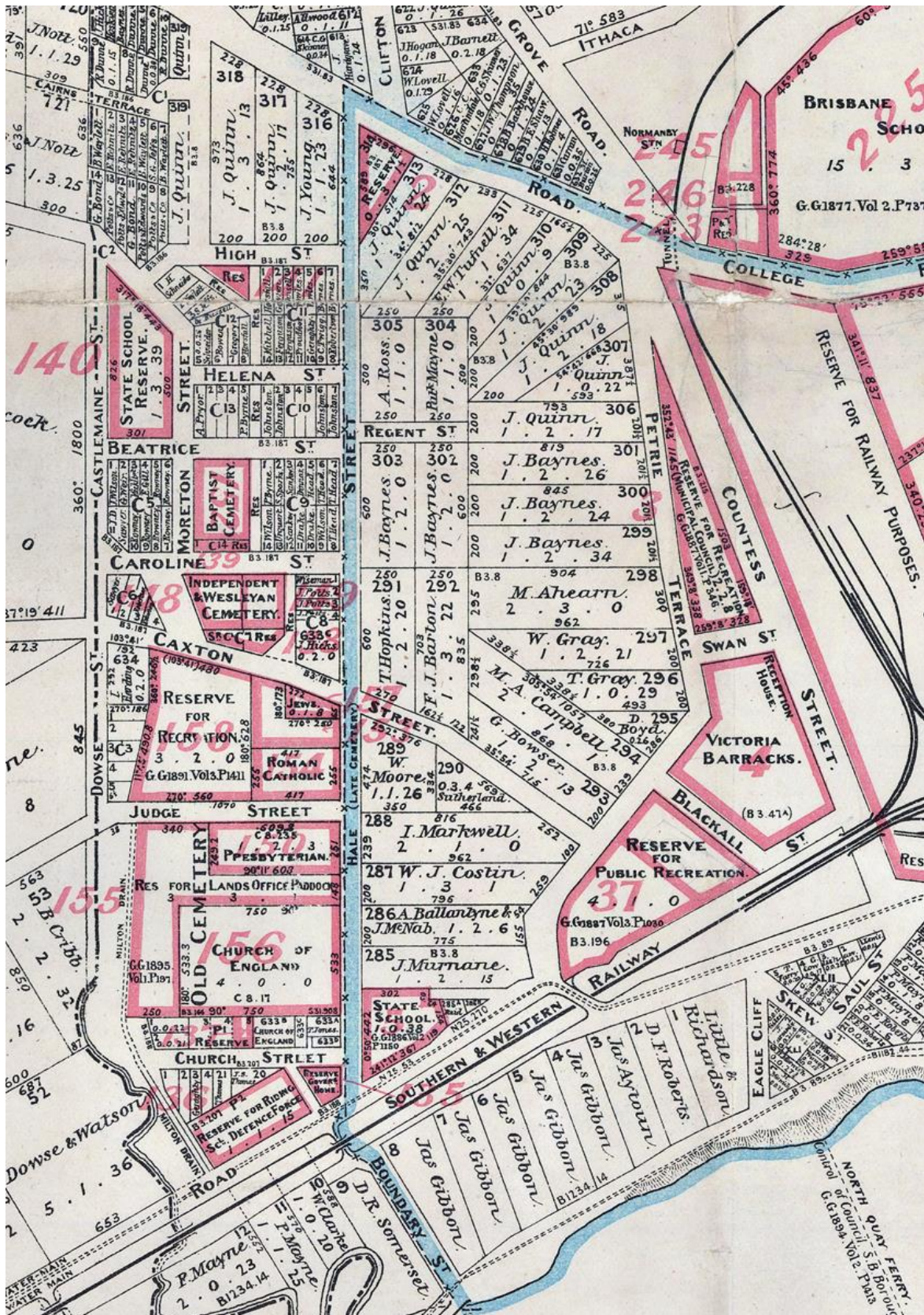


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Regent Street looking east



July 1900 Plan of City of Brisbane & Suburbs according to the original land grants
(Surveyor General's Office –State Library of Queensland)



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