From Lothian Street with Love

by Fiona Petty

As a child growing up at 51 Lothian Street in Annerley, my earliest memories were formed by walking to pre-school in Gowrie Street in 1975, holding my mother's hand. More memories were made walking to and from Junction Park State School for seven years, followed by five years at Yeronga High State School, shopping at Annerley Junction on Ipswich Road and catching the bus on school holiday visits into the city or out to Moorooka and even further afield to Garden City. I worked part time at the Sizzler restaurant on Ipswich Road in my last years of high school and while at attending the University of Queensland.

I eventually learned to drive in Annerley, but as youth, I had memorised every house and every crack in the footpath of both sections of Lothian Streets. I knew where all the friendly cats lived and where to cross the road to avoid aggressive dogs. I marked the change of seasons by waiting for the pink blossoms of the crepe myrtle trees along the nature strip to reappear on their winter-barren branches.

Many people in our street and surrounds were elderly and loved to chat about Annerley in the old days. They had beautiful gardens and, as I walked by their houses with my mother, they would give us posies of flowers or plant cuttings to strike. They spoke of how the street had changed over time, with several houses divided into sub-dwellings, or fully replaced by new brick structures. Indeed, my own house was in between two blocks of flats built in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

Over the years, I watched several houses sold to developers, split in half and prepared for their midnight departure on low-loaders for relocation to rural areas, making way for unit complexes be built on generous twenty four perches blocks in relative proximity to the CBD. One of the first houses I saw this happen to in Lothian Street had been occupied by journalist and author Hugh Lunn and his family in the 1950s when they operated Lunn's Bakery on Ipswich Road. Their house fronted onto Ekibin Road, but from our house we could see the side and rear of 'The Lunn's place', and although they had long ago moved out, it was easy for me to visualise some of the more colourful stories in his 1950s childhood memoir, 'Over the Top with Jim' when I read it many years later. Eventually, my very own house also succumbed to the same fate, replaced by a large unit complex in 1991.

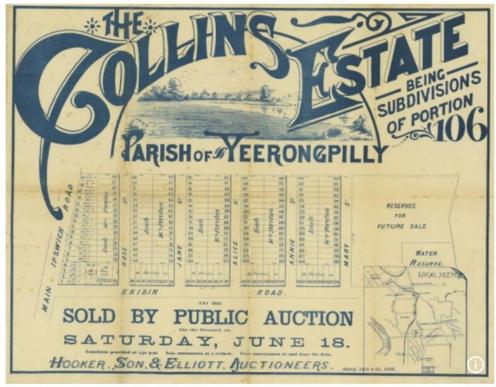
With few original homes remaining in Lothian Street, it is fortunate the Corley Collection (https://explorer.corley.slq.qld.gov.au/) captured images of some houses as they were in the late 1960s. Inspired by the Corley image of my own home and several others in Lothian Street and surrounds, I obtained the historical title deeds of my childhood home and began researching Lothian Street through newspapers, electoral and postal records and family history artefacts. Combining these records with information obtained from other Lothian Street past residents and my own memories, I now write this essay of social history, noting how the homes adjusted to changes in the ways people lived and worked from the early 1900s to the 1980s.

Each featured house reflects the character of Lothian Street, some being home to multigenerational families for decades, while some were workplaces or temporary accommodation for others. Several were investment properties long before that concept became as common as it is these days. An observation of social history, there are stories of politics, celebrations, scandals and grief, all told with great fondness for the suburb of Annerley; from Lothian Street with love.

Fiona Petty (nee Trewin), July 2021

Early Lothian Street

Lothian Street began its existence as Jane Street in June 1887 in the Collins Estate subdivision of portion 106 of Yeerongpilly and at that stage, was only a singular stretch between what was even then called Ekibin Road and what we now know as Dudley Street East.



Collins Estate, , Brisbane, 1887. John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland

Boasting frontage to Ipswich Road and proximity to the Junction Hotel and the Omnibus

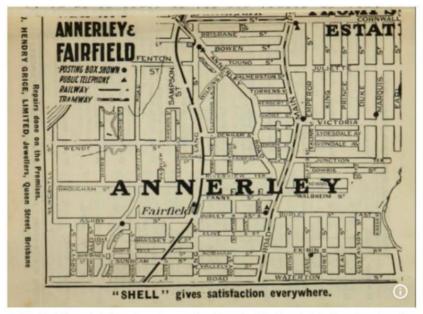
Tram stop, allotments in the Collins Estate were on what was described in the Figaro as a

beautiful gentle slope with rich chocolate soil and no gullies. The auction was reported as a

success with 53 allotments being sold in two hours with sale prices varying from £92 to £25.

By 1927, Jane Street was named in a long list compiled by the Works Committee of the

Brisbane City Council for street light installation to be undertaken the following year. One light was placed on the corner of Jane and Dudley Street. ²



Map of the Brisbane suburb of Annerley. Harris' street and road directories, 1917 edition. John Oxley Library, State Library of Queensland

Although a post box is shown on the 1917 street map above, the Daily Standard on March 9th, 1934, reported on public pressure for postal services in the area, resulting in a post box erected on the corner of Jane Street and Ekibin Road.³

LETTER BOX FOR ANNERLEY. Jane-street and Ekibin-road. IN reply to representations which he submitted to the Postmaste: General's Department, at the instance of the Annerley Progress Association. Mr. J. Francis (Minister administer ing War Service Homes and Assistan. Minister for Defence) has been advised that it has been decided to erect a letter receiver at the corner Jane-street and Ekibin road. Action will be taken at an early date for the erection of the posting box, and arrangements will be made for the clearance of the box at 8.30 a.m. and 11 p.m. daily, Monday Friday, and 8.30 a.m. on Saturdays, and 11 p.m. on Sundays and holidays.

Sewerage came later in 1937, coinciding with the push to rename Jane Street to Lothian Street, to differentiate it from 13 other Jane Streets in Brisbane, following a campaign taken up by the Deputy Director of Posts and Telegraphs, Mr A B Corbett. He urged the Council to

better identify the confusing array of 'streets with two names, no names, and streets with no numbers' which he described as 'an economic waste of time for everybody'.⁴

In researching this essay, some speculation is used when linking occupants listed in the Wise Postal Directories from 1909 to 1941 to houses in Lothian Street due to the lack of house numbers in those documents. However, some street numbers can be confirmed from addresses published in newspapers and Electoral Rolls, with such records also offering an insight into house names used by the occupants.

Recent Google Street view imagery, correlations to Corley Collection photographs and the corresponding actual street numbers is also clarified to the best of my ability without going to the expense of purchasing title deeds of the profiled homes, other than my own childhood home.

An aerial image in 1936 (Image 1) shows the houses on both sections of Lothian Street although the photograph unfortunately omitted a few houses at the end of Lothian Street where it meets with Dudley Street East. The July 1982 aerial map (Image 2) highlights the change in Lothian Street over time, with blocks of flats replacing several of the homes profiled in this essay. ⁵



Figure 1



Figure 2

Lothian Street between Ekibin Road and Dudley Street East

51 Lothian Street



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This is 51 Lothian Street, Annerley, my childhood home from 1975 to 1991. The original certificate of title for the land is dated November 1912, in the name of Louisa Jones, noted as 'wife of Henry Jones'. In April 1913, a Deed of Mortgage was recorded from Louisa Jones to the Workers Dwelling Board for £176, indicating the date of construction.⁶

Louisa was a widow and mother of four sons when she married Henry Jones, a wharf labourer. The couple lived in Fortitude Valley before building in Jane Street in the Collins Estate off Ipswich Road, with Louisa soon advertising her 'first class laundress' services from home in 1913 in the Brisbane Telegraph. Louisa's youngest son also lived with them.⁷

A new title was recorded in April 1918 for Thomas and Catherine Burnes and was then transferred to William James Trice in August 1920. Postal and electoral records indicate both Burnes and Trice resided in Coorparoo during this period, perhaps renting the house at

51 to David Barron who was listed at this location in 1923 and was also associated with number 48 Lothian Street for many years, directly opposite.⁸

By June 1921, Alfred Hedges Mackay held the title and a £140 mortgage for number 51, with his wife Eliza added to the Deed on re-mortgaging in 1923 and again in 1926.

A house painter from Rocklea, Alfred 'Alf' Hedges Mackay (1891- 1974) and his wife Eliza Shuttleworth (1892 - 1971) reared 3 children in Jane/Lothian Street; Dorethea Mary Westbrook -nee Mackay (1917-1999), Albert 'Joe' Hedges Mackay (1918 - 1992) and Joan Tiefenbrun/Garthe nee Mackay (1920- 2017), each enrolled at Junction Park school just as I was some 50 years later.⁹

In 1925, Alf posted a reward in the newspaper for his horse, lost from the back of Soden's, the blacksmith on Ipswich Road.¹⁰ Alf made the news in 1933 when he was injured after falling off a roof in Taringa.¹¹ Alf got some unwanted publicity for his house-painting business in 1936 when he pleaded guilty and was fined in the Industrial Relations court for employing a young lad for work outside the scope of an apprenticeship.¹²

Happier news appears in the social notices. In 1944, Joan Mackay received an engagement ring, sent by her fiancé's family from the United States. ¹³ Sixty guests attended a farewell party for Joan at home in Lothian Street in 1946 before she sailed to Missouri on the war bride ship, the *Mariposa*. ¹⁴

Pam Stewart, daughter of Dorethea (Dorrie) Westbrook nee Mackay, has fond memories of her grandfather Alfred (Alf) and Eliza (Cissie) from living with them at number 51 in the mid-1940s and later visiting during the holidays, playing with the Lunn kids on the corner.

Pam recalls, 'My first job was at Woolworths, not the grocery store but haberdashery, at the

Junction over the Christmas holidays. Many years later after Nana died, Pa was always to be found at the tram stop on the corner talking to any and everyone.'15

When my parents Alan and Daisy Isabel (Bell) Trewin moved in to 51 in 1975, the front fence had fallen over and was beyond repair. The grass was waist-height (for adults, but head-height for me), the roof leaked and many of the floorboards on the front corner of the veranda were rotten, as were the front stairs. We found reminders of the Mackay family, such as baskets, little medicine bottles, hand tools, horse-shoes, wooden clothes pegs, kerosene lamps and mirrors. Relics of Louisa Jones' laundry items were still there in the form of the ancient washboard, concrete tubs, a big boiling copper, a wringer and a rotted old, saggy clothes prop. I can also clearly remember the old carpet and curtains.





Author photos

There was a massive mango tree in the back corner of our yard which never produced edible mangoes except for the one Christmas we were away on holidays. We could reach out from our back landing to pick fruit from a pawpaw tree. The maiden hair ferns grew lushly under the back stairs. We also had three beautiful frangipani trees in our back yard, each with different colours and lemon tree, darkened and gnarled with age.

There wasn't much in the way of modern conveniences when we moved in, although there was a second toilet under the house. The only source of hot water was a gas geyser next to the bath tub, which gurgled and hissed into life with a whoosh of a lit match and a quick twist of the valves; a task only ever performed by an adult. I felt so proud when I grew tall enough to reach the old black Bakelite light switches high above the picture rails or to pull the chain to flush the toilet.

There was an incinerator in the back yard and a large woodpile, home to a family of huge blue-tongue lizards. The laundry was under the rear corner of the house and a corrugated iron arch-shaped recess attached to the side wall housed the copper for boiling water. There was another corrugated iron recess jutting from the back exterior wall of the house for the old Metters stove.

From our back windows, we could see glimpses of the South East freeway and the gasometer at Greenslopes. On her wedding day, my sister was photographed leaving from the front steps of number 51, just as Joan Mackay had in 1946.



Author photo



Photo of Joan Mackay provided by her niece, Pamela Stewart

Very soon after moving in, we removed the wooden slat blinds on the front verandah. We kept the blinds on the side verandah for a few more years but eventually replaced them with glass louvres, which required the removal of the wiring for my crystal radio set Dad and I had rigged up one Christmas. The front door to the side verandah was still the original square wooden lattice but Dad lined it with plywood.

My parents occupied the main bedroom at the front of the house which had French doors onto the side verandah, as did the living room. There were two other bedrooms on the other side of the house that didn't have a verandah. The bedroom doors each had a lovely timber fretwork panel above them for cross-ventilation. Our sliding rear windows and the door to the side verandah had panels of coloured textured glass.



Image from Pinterest

A huge arch linked the dining and living room. Internally, we removed a wall to open up the kitchen and provide more airflow. There were picture rails in the living room and all the interior walls were 'tongue and groove' vertically joined pieces of timber.

Roof repairs and repainting was an early priority. My parents clad the external walls with aluminium rather than remove all the lead-based paint Alf Mackay used on the weather boards but we retained the original blue front door, with its large knocker in the shape of a lion's head and the transom window above. The concrete front path, boldly painted dark red by Alf to match the roof, was still solid but faded.

One day, there was an enormous thud as one of the original timber stumps under the house fell over. It was time to re-stump the old girl, but instead we concreted in galvanised steel poles, removed the back external staircase, put in internal stairs and enclosed the under-house with Besser blocks, which is how many of the houses were 'modernised' in that era.









Author photos

Eventually, the house was sold to Shannon Nominees and the block was cleared. There are no records able to be found of where it was relocated despite contacting house-removal companies of the time who are still in business.



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www. https://www.realestate.com.au/sold/property-house-qld-annerley-127932830

One of the most recent examples of Lothian Street houses on large dual title block replaced by units, this home was originally occupied by Francis W Dalton and his family from 1913 to 1923. ¹⁶ Newspaper social pages described the Daltons involvement in coming-of-age parties, military send-offs and fundraisers for returned soldiers, along with the Robinsons in Bower Street behind them, Mrs McIvor from *Perriba* on the corner of Ekibin Road and the

Sandison's in the next section of Lothian Street at 15. Mr Dalton was known for his flute playing, while young Betty Dalton played the piano.¹⁷

From 1923 to the mid-1970s, this house was occupied by the Bryant family¹⁸. Mrs Audrey Bryant sought a girl to assist with housework in 1927.¹⁹ Mr Fred Bryant distributed copies of the booklet '*The History of Junction Park School from 1888 to 1933*' from home, known as *Camden*.²⁰ Fred junior took first place in the Farmers Competition in 1936.²¹ Not to be outdone, eleven-year-old June won a half crown for an essay competition in 1938.²²

COMPETITION
RESULTS
Street, Annerley, is the winner of the first prize in the Farmer's Competition as his answer was the first one chosen from the large packet of entries, and proved to be correct. The second prize goes to Clarence
Diefenbach, Valdora, via Yandina
The chickens were placed in peni as follows:— First pen 29 chickens
Second pen 23 chickens
Third pen 19 chickens
Fourth pen 15 chickens
Fifth pen 13 chickens
Total 99 chickens
Prize money will be sent to winner. by post at the end of the month.

The Courier-Mail (Brisbane, Qld.: 1933 - 1954) / Thu 20 Aug 1936 / Page 14

Mr Bryant, a draftsman and an ARP (Air Raid Precaution) Warden for the Stephens district, died in 1943.²³ His widow, Audrey, lived there until at least 1972 according to Electoral Records, dying in 1976.²⁴

Being a large house and perhaps as a necessity of circumstance during World War 2, Mrs Bryant may have subdivided it in the 1940s to accommodate lodgers. A memorial notice placed by the parents and sisters of Flight Sergeant Stanley Arthur Nystrom at 43 Lothian Street, describe an 'unselfish lad' killed in action flying a Lancaster bomber near Paris in June 1944.²⁵



Corley Collection



Obscured by the huge poinciana tree, its' growth evident in the 2020 Google Street image above, this house was first owned by carpenter, Stanley Martyn Roy Cross, and his wife Olive Pearl Cross in 1915.²⁶ By 1917, it was home to the Mullins family.²⁷ Baby Clotilde was born in the house in 1918 to Hugh O'Hara Mullins, a stationer and his wife Teresa.²⁸ The third occupant, Harry Munro appeared in the 1923 Wise Postal Directory, followed by Mrs A O Gardner in 1924 and Ernest Gregg in 1928.²⁹ By the 1940s, Peter Christian Lindholdt was in residence and placed classifieds advertisements seeking a woman for house cleaning, hoping to swap a ute for a sedan in, selling a chip heater and five tyres and offering a reward for a Pekingese dog.³⁰ His wife, Louisa Lindholdt, was still there in 1968.³¹

By my time in Lothian Street, the Hinds family lived there.³²



2008 Google Street view image

An early example of brick flats in Lothian Street, Trevor and Mavis Costin built the complex around 1972, occupying the large double storey flat at the back and renting out the four smaller flats.³³ I have fond memories of visiting the Costin's, learning the expression 'smoko' from Mr Costin and playing with their visiting grandchildren. I'd jump over our shared side fence and then over the Costin's back fence to play with the youngest child of the Clauss family in Bower Street who lived directly behind them. An older couple, the McQuillan's, lived behind us, but they didn't approve of fence jumping.

The earliest occupants of the original house at 47 were Samuel and Margaret Spear in 1923 when it was known as *Trevor*. ³⁴ In 1934, tailoress Elizabeth Brunton was staying with them long enough to be enrolled to vote. ³⁵

By the 1940s, a family by the name of Walter were in residence according to classified notices for a Fargo truck for sale and the engagement announcement of the eldest daughter, Dora.³⁶

Pam Stewart, granddaughter of the Mackay family at 51 next door, recalls 'There were Greeks in that house from when I was a child. They would migrate out, get themselves set up and purchase a house. Then another lot would arrive from overseas and do the same thing all over again.'

Indeed, the 1954 Electoral Record shows Stefanos George, a café proprietor, resided at number 47 and by 1958, he was joined there by George, a shopkeeper. They are both listed there in the 1953 and 1958 Electoral Records.³⁷

In 1953, Adelaide Street café proprietors, brothers George and Stefanos were fined £3 each for an industrial relations breach he appealed.³⁸ Further anecdotes of George and his role as an activist in shaping Brisbane's catering industry in the 1950s can be found within the Greek Café Project records held by the State Library of Queensland.



Photo sourced from https://greekcafesinbrisbane.wordpress.com/2017/06/19/queen-of-his-heart-george-glytsos/

Our neighbours on the other side of us at 51 were tenants of the flats at 55. That complex and the smaller set of flats alongside it at 59 were both built by Reginald Walter Potts, known as Pottsy. I recall him living on site and Electoral Records confirm he lived initially at 1/55 in 1968, moving to the building next door at 59 by 1977.³⁹



Circa 1976 photo by Jenni Pioch, retrieved from Facebook, Annerley Junction Community Page, posted 2014

The original house at 55 was built by James and Mabel Bagley, with their son born at home in 1916.⁴⁰ By 1918, they advertised it for sale, although they were still listed in the 1921 Wise Postal Directory.⁴¹

road, comfortable house, three large roans upstairs and one down, 32 perches, good garden, plenty fruit trees, fowl house and run, well drained and water laid on, 1000 gallon tais, built 5 years, £300, terms. Apply J. Bagley, Jane-street.

Pam Stewart, granddaughter of the Mackay family at 51, described the house at 55 as 'always a wreck even when I was young and was painted, I think, in some sort of linseed oil, which must have made Pa unhappy.'

The likely owners during that period were George Augustin Schafer and his wife, Phoebe.

They appeared in the 1924 Wise Directory, with newspaper records confirming the street number as 55 when George, a butcher, died in 1941 and Phoebe listed a Triumph motorbike for sale in 1947.⁴²

Widowed Phoebe was still listed there in the 1963 Electoral Roll.⁴³ The house probably fell into further disrepair, a ripe opportunity for Reg 'Pottsy' Potts to clear the site and build flats in the late 1960s.

The other, smaller structure of the flats built by Reg 'Pottsy' Potts in the late 1960s is still on this block. However, the original wooden house, probably typical of the others built nearby in 1913, was home to Otto and Agnes Kickbush.⁴⁴

From the 1920s to the late 1950s, it was occupied by the multi-generational Byrne and Fogg family and was known as *Pallas* in both Electoral and newspaper records. The 1921 Wise Directory listed both Byrne and Fogg at this address. ⁴⁵ In 1926, Mrs Bridget Byrne's funeral departed from the house, identified as that of her daughter, Anastasia Johanna Fogg, who was married to Archibald Vincent Fogg, a railway employee. ⁴⁶

In 1928, the Foggs hosted a fundraising euchre party and dance in their home, attended by the Mackay family at number 51and other locals, with proceeds going to the 'new Catholic Church on Ipswich Road', almost certainly what was to become Mary Immaculate. Archie Fogg was the acrobatics instructor of the Ekibin St Luke's Gordon Club for boys, which boasted 40 members in 1926, only two years after its formation, and in 1932, he hosted a Club fundraiser in his home.

In 1937, Mrs Fogg's father, John Lawrence Byrne died, aged 83.⁴⁹ The 1943 Electoral rolls lists Mr and Mrs Fogg and their daughter Betty Maude; a comptometrist clerk.⁵⁰ In 1945, young Margaret Fogg was engaged.⁵¹ Genealogical records reflect Archibald Fogg died in 1961, aged 75.⁵² His widow, Anastasia Johanna Fogg was the last of the family living there in 1968.⁵³

A.V. Fogg, one of the soldiers photographed in The Queenslander Pictorial, supplement to The Queenslander, 1917. World War I Soldier Portraits, 1914-1918. State Library of Queensland; South Brisbane, Queensland, Australia; Queensland, Australia, World War I Soldier Portraits, 1914-1918 retrieved from www.ancestry.com



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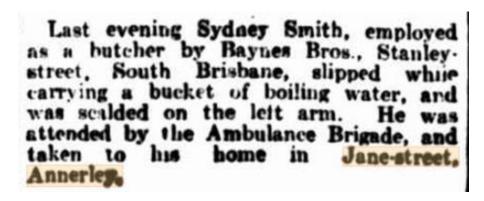
Now known as *Heath Rose Cottage* according to the 2020 Google Street view image above and looking very much loved, I used to cross the road to avoid this house as a child in the 1970s, even though my own was only a few metres away.

Dark, dilapidated and foreboding, it was home to an aggressive dog that once attacked me.

Back in 1914, it was home to Syd and Alex H Smith.⁵⁴

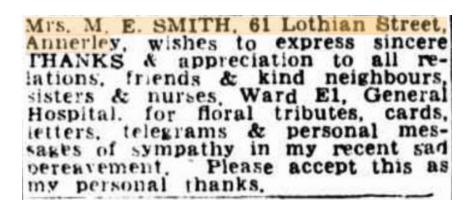
The 1917 Electoral Roll listed Mabel and Sydney Smith, a butcher, residing with Benjamin Smith, a mechanic and Anna Smith. ⁵⁵

In 1917, Syd survived a work mishap and had a ride home in an ambulance.



The Brisbane Courier (Qld.: 1864 - 1933) / Fri 9 Mar 1917 / Page 6

In a quant custom of the era, Mabel placed a family notice in the Telegraph, thanking her neighbours and others for their kindness when Syd, died in 1948.⁵⁶



Brisbane Telegraph (Qld.: 1948 - 1954) / Sat 18 Sep 1948 / Page 6 / Family Notices

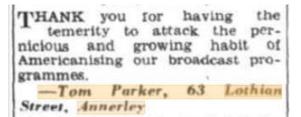


Google Street view 2009

This was the residence of chartered accountant David Watt Ogilvie and his wife Jessie from 1918 to 1930 upon his sudden death at home.⁵⁷ In 1940, it is identified in a public notice to claimants under the Dead Soldiers Estate Act for Lance Corporal Clive Roche.⁵⁸ Further tragedy struck at the address in 1951 for the Bromley family, when their son Archibald, aged 30, was killed in a trench collapse in Yeronga, which was subject to an inquest.⁵⁹

Newspaper records in 1947 announced the birth of a son, David, to Mr and Mrs Tom Parker of *Ellendene* and captured an opinion on the post-WW2 American influence on

broadcasting.60



Sunday Mail (Brisbane, Qld.: 1926 - 1954) / Sun 9 Mar 1947 / Page 6 / "AMERICAMANIA" ATTACK BACKED

Electoral records of multiple unrelated people at the address suggest the house was subdivided into flats in the 1960s, if not earlier.



Corley Collection



Google Street View 2019

Wise Postal Directories for 1914, 1915 and 1921 listed Edward Besley, C W Kollmar and David L Williams respectively living on the corner of Jane and Dudley Street East.⁶¹ However, Electoral records didn't list any of those people at that address during that time, suggesting they had only short-term residencies, perhaps tenancies.

A clue may be in this 1915 newspaper advertisement.



The 1923 Wise Postal Directory identified James C Dawson as the occupant, confirmed by the 1925 Electoral Roll for James, a machinist, Agnes, home duties, Myrtle, a typist and Horace, a clerk.⁶²

Then in 1945, ham was served at the McMurray table, easing the pressure of rationing.

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RAFFLE RESULTS, 2nd A.I.F. Nurses' Stall, 6/4/45. Turkey: No. 5389, Miss L. Kaus, Raby Road, Greenslopes; ham. No. 354. J. R. McMurray, 67 Lothian St., Annerley. E. A. Newman Wilson, Hon. Sec.
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The Courier-Mail (Brisbane, Qld.: 1933 - 1954) / Mon 16 Apr 1945 / Page 6 / Advertising

The next resident, Curtis, placed classified advertisements selling a new Hoover washing machine in 1952 and a Morris Z ute at a 'bargain' price in 1954.⁶³

From the 1960s to when I lived in Lothian Street, this was the Hensler home.⁶⁴ I can recall they had lovely gerberas growing along the side of the house that I would admire when I turned the corner into Dudley Street East, heading to Stephens Street on my morning walk to school. In the afternoons, I completed the loop by walking home via Blacket Street.

62 Lothian Street (previously also known as 64)

Always a block of 1970s orange brick flats in my time in Lothian Street, the original house was called *Airlie*; home to the family of James Edmonds from 1914 through to the 1930s.⁶⁵ In 1916, they heard their son, Alfred Ross Edmonds, a WW1 signaller had arrived safely in England.⁶⁶ In 1919, they were advised he was coming home on the troopship, *Maine*, due to land in Melbourne.⁶⁷ More happy news was reported in detail for the Edmonds in 1923.

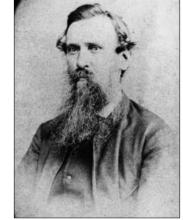
The Congregational Church, Annerley, was prettily decorated by friends of the bride on September 29, when the Rev. P. North officiated at the marriage of Mr. Frederick Therkelsen (son of Mr. and Mrs. Therkelsen, Nanango) to Miss Nellie Grant Edmonds (second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edmonds, Annerley). The bride, who was given away by her father, wors a gown of brocaded satin with silver sleeves and side panel draped and caught with satin and silver roses. Her embroidered well was arranged with bebe ribbon and seed pearls, and she carried a sheaf of lilies. Miss Belle Edmonds (sister of the bride) attended as bridesmaid, and wore a frock of bro-caded crepe de Chine adorned with pale pink and lavender flowers, with a hat match. George (brother of the bridegroom) carried out the duties of best man. Miss I. Rickwood presided at the organ. At the conclusion of the ceremony the guests were entertained by the bride's mother at the Wattle Cafe. Mrs. Edmonds were a gown of black crepe de Chine relieved with cream, with a hat to match. The bridegroom's present to the bride was a xylonite toilet set, and to the bridesmaid a xylonite manicure set and brush. The bride's present to the bridegroom was a xylonite shaving set. The bride received a set of cutlery and silver from the Public Works Department, which she was connected for many years. On leaving for the honeymoon, which was spent at Maroochydore, the bride wore a navy coat and skirt with a grey hat frished with China-blue flowers.

The Brisbane Courier (Qld.: 1864 - 1933) / Tue 9 Oct 1923 / Page 15 / Family Notices

In the 1925 Electoral Roll, Alfred's post-war occupation was a station hand, but he lived at *Airlie* with his parents and his sister, Bella, a music teacher.⁶⁸ In 1929, James Edwards died and by 1933, only Bella was in residence.⁶⁹

In 1931, the Lang family were recorded living at *Airlie* in Jane Street, comprising Elizabeth Lang, her son Gilbert Stephens Campbell Lang, an accountant, and two of her daughters, Annie Campbell Lang and Marjorie Elizabeth Lang.⁷⁰

Elizabeth 'Bessie' Lang's father was the Honorable Thomas Blacket Stephens; Member of the Legislative Assembly, Mayor of Brisbane, Treasurer of Queensland, proprietor of the Brisbane Courier newspaper and one of the earliest landowners in the district.⁷¹



Thomas Blacket Stephens 1867, retrieved from https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Blacket_Stephens

She had married Gilbert Thomas Chalmers Lang in 1883 at her parents' home, *Cumbooquepa* in South Brisbane.⁷² In 1929, Elizabeth's husband Gilbert died in their East Brisbane residence.⁷³ More tragedy came within a year of widowed Elizabeth moving to Jane Street, when her son, Gilbert junior, died in 1932, aged 42.⁷⁴

Airlie on Jane Street was the Electoral Record address for Elizabeth, Annie and Marjorie in 1937.⁷⁵ Elizabeth Lang's 1940 funeral notice specified it as 64 Lothian Street .⁷⁶

In 1941, a public notice in both the Melbourne Argus and Courier Mail identified Annie and Marjorie as executors of their widowed mother's will for her property on the corner of Dudley and Jane Streets and stated their address as number 64 Jane Street.⁷⁷

With various developments of the nearby properties over the decades, it appears the numbering of this block has changed to 62.



Google Street View 2016

The absence of street numbers in early records makes it uncertain, but it is likely that salesman Ferdinand Hall Farebrother and his wife Edith were at this property in 1918, if not this actual dwelling, perhaps an earlier format.⁷⁸

From 1919 Edward Augustine Walsh, a clerk and Phyllis Walsh were in residence.⁷⁹ The 1929 Electoral Roll identified the house as *Lauriston*, but with only Edward listed there in 1934 and 1937. ⁸⁰

Electoral records from 1949 to 1958 and a 25th wedding anniversary newspaper notice confirm number 60 as the address for John Kennedy Willis Clark, a motor driver and his wife Margaret. ⁸¹

Based on various electoral listings of multiple unrelated names, the house was subdivided into flats in the 1960s, perhaps earlier.



Another example of an old home on a wide double block lost to modernisation, this 2008 Google street view image shows the original house at 56-58, the home of the multigenerational Wiley, Hair, McKenna and Vonhoff family from 1913 to 1980.

Victor Hair, a railway employee and his wife Edith, nee Wiley were the first owners of what they called *Emo Ruo*. 82 Quite the housekeeper, Edith appeared several times in the

newspapers.83

Eighty-Third Birthday

KEENLY interested in modern conditions and a constant reader of "The Telegraph" is Mrs. E. Wiley, who to-day celebrated her 83rd birthday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. V. Hair, Jane Street, Annerley, Mrs. Wiley, who was born near Tamrookum station, retains many thrilling memories of the early days when blacks were prevalent in the district and settlers had all manner of hardships with which to contend.

Mrs. Wiley is the mother of seven children, four of whom survive. To-day, in honour of her birthday, her daughter, Mrs. Hair, entertained a few old friends at luncheon, when the table was decorated with bowls of dahlias.

TO CLEAN TILED
WALLS

Milk Is Magical

Nothing complicated about this hint on how to clean tiled walls. Milk is always on hand and its effect is magical on tiled or polished surfaces.

THE hint was submitted by Mrs. Hair, of Jane-street, Annerley, and she gains the weekly £1 prize.

Mrs. Hair suggests: Wring out a cloth dipped in fresh milk and wipe over the tiles. Polish with soft clean rag, and a bright, clean, non-slippery surface will result.

Truth (Brisbane, Qld.: 1900 - 1954) / Sun 18 Jul 1937 / Page 36 / £1 PRIZE

The Telegraph (Brisbane, Qld.: 1872 - 1947) / Fri 25 Mar 1938 / Page 11

Pamela Steward, grand-daughter of the Mackay family at number 51, recalled Mrs Hair as being one of the few people in the street who had a phone. "She would race down to Nana and Pa if there was an urgent message."

Edith's brother, Arthur Leslie Wiley was living in Jane Street 1929 when he was fined £1 for being found on the premises of a licensed venue after closing time.⁸⁵ The 1949 Electoral Roll refers to him living at 'Hairs' and working as a machinist.⁸⁶ The 1951 death notice of his daughter Rose indicated she had also lived there.⁸⁷

Electoral Records in the 1940s also show the Hair's married daughter, Norma and her labourer husband, Arthur McKenna, also in residence.⁸⁸ Arthur was mentioned in the newspaper in 1944 for surviving a war wound.⁸⁹ "Made In Japan"

"Made In Japan"

Arthur Bywater, of Oriel Road, Clayfield, was having a blood transfusion before being wheeled into the operating theatre for a leg amputation when he noticed that the bottle containing the lifeglving fluid was marked "Made in Japan."

"Best Japanese blood, I take it, sister?" he queried. Even the doctor had to laugh.

An Annerley boy, Arthur McKenna, of Lothian Street, went abroad with one of Queensland's most famous battalions and fought in Syria. Private Richard Kelliher, V.C., came from the same unit.

A bullet in the groin put McKenna out of action, and placed him on the records as one of the most remarkable recoveries of the Ramu Valley campaign.

Evidently Arthur recovered well from his groin injury as he and Norma announced the birth of their son, Robert Victor, in 1947.⁹⁰

In 1950, Boer War veteran and family patriarch, Victor Hair, died. 91

The 1972 Electoral Roll listed Arthur, Norma and their son, Robert Victor, a laboratory technician and Norma's relatives from Oakey, John Vonhoff, a mechanic and Cleone, a bank officer. By 1980, the only remaining McKenna in residence was Norma, along with the Vonhoffs. 92



Seen above in this 2008 Google Street view image, this house has since been replaced with townhouse complex spanning 54 to 58 Lothian Street. In 1914, it was home to factory worker Allan Harley and his wife Alice. ⁹³ From 1919 to 1925, the new owner James Gready, a seaman and James Junior, a plumber, appeared in Postal and Electoral records, the house then named *Nararra*. ⁹⁴ The next owner was Albert John Barter, a fresh produce merchant in family business with his brother at the Roma Street market, who died in the home in 1937. ⁹⁵

OBITUARY A. J. BARTER The death of Mr. Albert John Baroccurred, after a long illness, at his home in Jane Street, Allies, in Thursday evening. He was born in Brisbane 59 years ago, and was the third son of the late Mr. Esau Barter, tounder of the firm of G. and W. Barter Pro., Ltd., produce merchants, and the late Mrs. Barter. He was educated the late Mrs. Barter. He was educated at the Brisbane Boys' Grammar the Brisbane Boys' Grammar School, and later joined his father's business, in which he was a partner with his two brothers at the time of his death. For the last 12 years he had lived at Annerley. He was associated with the work of the Cracknell Road Congregational Church, and for a number of years he was a vice-president of the Church cricket club. He is survived by his widow and one son. Mr. Graham Barter (Annerley). Messrs. George Barter (Dornoch Ter-race, South Brisbane) and William Jackson Barter (Toowoomba) are bro-thers, and Mrs. E. Allison and Miss D. (Annerley) are sisters Mount The The funeral will forning to the morning to Thompson crematorium.

Upon Albert's death, his son Graham and widow Amy occupied the home, by then called *Caversham*. 96

By 1949, Graham had married and moved.⁹⁷ Amy Barter was still there until her death in 1959.⁹⁸



In 2014, Jenni Pioch posted this circa 1976 photo (above) of her house on the Annerley Junction Community Group Facebook page, along with the photo of Reg Pott's flats at 55 and my home alongside, as seen on page 17.

In 2017, Jenni and I shared recollections of our neighbours around us in the 1970s. Jenni's mother Margaret Elston, worked in the florist on Ipswich Road. I still have two little ceramic snails I purchased there with my pocket money as a gift for my mother.

A stately home called *Braemar* is clear in my memory. It appeared to be made mostly of concrete, rendered with white textured paint; quite different to the wooden houses nearby.

An elderly couple lived there and seemed as quietly dignified as their home. Mr Reginald Vaughan Woodbury carried himself like the ex-police sergeant he was, always wearing neatly pressed trousers, a collared long-sleeve shirt and a hat. He had practiced as an accountant for the police service in his retirement and his eyes still twinkled with intelligence. His wife, Eileen, wore old-fashioned floral dresses and a straw hat. Beautifully spoken, she once asked my mother if she would object to them giving me a huge box of Cadbury Milk Tray chocolates they had received as a gift but had no appetite for. I can clearly remember the surprise of discovering a second tray of chocolates under the first.

Earlier occupants of *Braemar* were the Ferguson family in the 1940s, listed in several Electoral Records from 1943 to 1951.

DEATH OF MR.

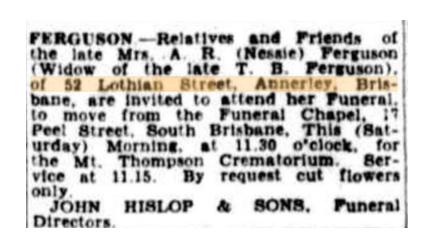
The death occurred suddenly in Warwick yesterday of Mr. Thomas Benjamin Ferguson, well known Queensland headmaster, of Braemar, 52 Lothian Street, Annerley, Brisbane.

Mr. Ferguson, who was on holidays on the Darling Downs, arrived in Warwick the previous day and had returned from a motor drive in the country when he collapsed and died. He was aged 73

Well known as a bowler in Brisbane and Gympie, Mr. Ferguson was, before his retirement, head master of the Gympie One Mile Boys' School for 25 years.

School for 25 years.

He served also under the Department of Public Instruction at Goondiwindi, Coulson and Central Boys' School, Gympie. He is survived by Mrs. Ferguson, three sons (Mr. E. A. Ferguson, Assistant Under Secretary, Premier and Chief Secretary's Department, Mr N. W. Ferguson, manager State Government Insurance Office, Warwick, Mr. B. F. Ferguson, Bank of New South Wales, Brisbane, and by two daughters, Miss Inez Ferguson, Department of Labour and National Service, Brisbane, and Miss Joan Ferguson, Bank of New South Wales, Brisbane.



Brisbane Telegraph (Qld.: 1948 - 1954) / Fri 23 Feb 1951 / Page 6 / Family Notices

The Telegraph (Brisbane, Qld.: 1872 - 1947) / Thu 19 Dec 1946 / Page 2 / DEATH OF MR. T. B. FERGUSON



Corley Collection



Author's photo - January 1976

Directly across the road from my home was *Glenthorne*, occupied by George and Joan Gudgeon. ¹⁰⁰ I recall he was Scottish, she English. Joan was always first on scene, at any time of the day or night, to the frequent car collisions at the four way intersection of the two halves of Lothian Street and Ekibin Road. They were lovely neighbours and took the photos from their front steps of my sister leaving our house on her wedding day, as seen on page 10.

With fresh light green weatherboards, breezeway blocks painted white and a bright silver roof, their home seemed modern compared to other houses in the street. However, it may have been known as *Glaslyn*, occupied by Harry and Doris Bullen from 1914 to 1915.¹⁰¹

David Grant Barron, a taxi-driver turned carpenter, was listed at several Annerley addresses in Electoral Records from the 1920s to 1940s but was also named in Jane Street in the 1920s Wise Postal Directories. He advertised a 'six roomed house' for rent in Jane Street in 1923.¹⁰²

David Grant Barron was again noted at number 48 in his 1949 funeral announcement, as was his wife Ellen upon her death in 1954. This suggests he retained ownership of the property since the 1920s, leasing it to the Richards, followed by the Rea families who operated a dairy for over 20 years at this address.

In the early 1930s, experienced dairyman, David Charles Richards expanded his *Garryowen Dairy* from Bertha Street, Eagle Junction to 48 Jane Street. His classified advertisements suggest a modest but successful set up of a 'milk cart, a horse quiet and stanch, a week's trial and no fancy prices' with increasing demands for reliable supply of milk from vendors, growing from first 20 to eventually 55 gallons a day for a delivery area radiating from Ipswich Road. Hos

His two sons were involved in the milk run, with 15-year-old Robert Lloyd Richards found unconscious in Wooloongabba in 1935 and hospitalized after a hit-and-run accident. From 1935 to 1939, newspaper classifieds listed *Highgate* in Jane Street as the place for young lads to apply to Richards for milk runs at the *Garryowen Dairy*. 107

During the 1940s, the milk run business was operated by the Rea family. The 1941 funeral notice for David Rea, a retired schoolmaster, declared his wife's address as 48 Lothian Street. The 1943 and 1949 Electoral Rolls listed widow Mary, Elspeth Annie Rea, a milk

vendor, Eamond David Rea, a milk carter and Leo Joseph Rea, a clerk.¹⁰⁹ Leo's occupation as a clerk may have extended to him providing written opinions about which horses to bet upon. Unfortunately, he sent those tips to an undercover policeman.



The Courier-Mail (Brisbane, Qld.: 1933 - 1954) / Fri 13 Dec 1946 / Page 7 / TIPSTER PICKED WRONG MARK

Several other members of the Rea family were reportedly good at keeping records.

MILKMAN HAD RECORD OF **196 BETS** Details of 196 bets, ranging from 2' to £8, on horses running in Brisbane. Sydney and Melbourne were contained in seven sheets of paper found in the possession of Kevin Rea, 35, milkman, when police visited his home in Lothian Street, Annerley, it was stated in the Police Court today. Rea pleaded guilty to a summons charge that on October 12 he was a vagrant in that, without lawful ex-cuse, he had in his possession in-struments of gaming. Plainclothes Sgt. G. R. Davissen, who prosecuted, said that Rea had told police the bets were his own and he had made them with an offthe-bourse bookmaker. However, details on the sheets were in different handwriting, and the word "commission" was written on them. indicating that he had been acceptmr. C. K. Maguire (Messrs. Chrystal and Maguire) for Rea, said that the people living in Rea's house were betting people, and it was not unisual for them to have up to five bets in the one race. relative from Sydney was visiting Rea, and all the bets, with the exception of 30 or 40, were for him. Mr. Murray (S.M.) fined Rea £15, in default a month's imprisonment. with 6 costs.

The Telegraph (Brisbane, Qld.: 1872 - 1947) / Fri 1 Nov 1946 / Page 3 / MILKMAN HAD RECORD OF 196 BETS



Corley Collection

During my childhood, this house was still impressive but run down, making it ripe for development. It was the first house I witnessed replaced by units, a box-shaped block of flats imaginatively named *Villa Romantica*.

Another multi-generational family home, number 44 was first occupied by August Rieck, a storeman and his wife, Lizzie in 1913.¹¹⁰ Their youngest son, Arthur Norman Rieck, died in 1919, his funeral procession departing directly from the Children's Hospital.¹¹¹ By 1926, their oldest son Archibald George, a clerk was also listed in the Electoral Roll and by 1928, so was another son, Percy William, a plumber.¹¹²

In 1930, a summary of quite quaint traffic offences by today's standards, included Percy being fined £3 for a breach of lighting regulations and ordered to pay '3 and 6' in costs. 113 Other newspaper references indicate the Rieck men were involved with the Associated Churches of Christ and the AO (Ancient Order) of Foresters in South Brisbane. 114 In 1934, tragedy struck when August was killed in a workplace accident.

FATAL SHOCK TO LINESMAN

Rib Pierces Heart In 35ft Fall

When he received an electric shock and fell 35ft. from the top of an electric light pole in Ipswich Road, Darra, yesterday morning, August Thomas Rieck, of Jane Street, Annerley, sustained injuries which resulted in his death a few minutes later.

Rieck, who was a linesman in employ of the City Electric Company, was sent with two com-panions to repair a broken wire between Darra and Oxley. Shortly after pole, but the 8 a.m. he ascended the mishap occurred before he had justed his safety belt to comm belt to commence work. His companions, John Hancock, of Logan Road, South Brisbane, and William Brown, of Upper Edward Street, city, who had remained on the ground, saw a vivid flash, and Rieck, who appeared to be hurled from the pole, fell face downwards on roadway.

The ambulance was summoned, but before they arrived the man was dead. Apparently his left arm had come in contact with a live wire, for the sleeve of his shirt and singlet had been burned through, and he had a burn on his left hand. He sustained fractures of the ribs, one of which pierced his heart, and a compound fracture of the left arm.

The Courier-Mail (Brisbane, Qld.: 1933 - 1954) / Mon 22 Jan 1934 / Page 11 / FATAL SHOCK TO LINESMAN

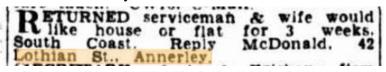
Lizzie Rieck on at number 44 for another 30 years according to the 1968 Electoral Roll, when the next occupants were Brian and Kathleen Asher were also listed. Lorraine Harley was in residence in 1980. Eventually, the property was sold for redevelopment.



Corley Collection

Somewhere behind the 1960s makeover, this house was *Hillview*, the residence of widow Mrs Sophia Dobe from 1913 until her death at age 77 in 1937.¹¹⁷

The Reeve family, listed at *Eledore* in Bower Street in the 1920s, became the new occupants of number 42 Lothian Street in the 1940s. ¹¹⁸ John Francis Reeve, a plumber, lived with his wife, Edith Lillian, a shop assistant and their daughters, Dorothy Alice, a public servant and Elsie Frances, a dressmaker. ¹¹⁹ Edith died in 1942, but happy news was announced in 1944 with Elsie engaged to a local boy, Corporal Leslie McDonald. ¹²⁰ In 1946, the newlyweds were planning a Gold Coast holiday.



The Courier-Mail (Brisbane, Qld.:1933 - 1954) / Tue 15 Jan 1946 / Page 7 / Advertising

The McDonalds lived at number 42 for several more years. 121 Then Schafer family lived there from the 1960s through to approximately 1980. 122

Lothian Street between Ekibin Road and Waterton Street

7 Lothian Street



Corley Collection

This was home to carpenter, Herbert Roy Waugh and his wife Janet May according to the 1914 Wise Directory and the 1919 Electoral Roll. ¹²³ In fact, Waugh was the only name listed in the Wise Directories for this section of Jane Street until 1918.

From the 1920s and for several decades, the house was known as *Towers Villa* by James Andrew Wilkie and his wife Hannah. James died in 1951. Hannah remained in the home, listed in the 1958 Electoral Roll. Occupants listed in the Electoral Rolls from the 1960s through to the 1980s were Atkinson, Budd, Brown and Newton.



Google Street View 2020



Corley Collection

From 1919, this home was known as *Rotherwood*, occupied by Albert Oliver Dowling, a compositor, his wife Mary May Dowling, and their children Samuel Albert Wonnacott Dowling, Beryl May Dowling and Roy Wonnacott Dowling.¹²⁸

Albert (Bert), an ARP Warden, died on shift during a widespread air raid extending to the Sunshine Coast and the South Coast, (now known as the Gold Coast), triggered by the mistaken sighting of a 'friendly' plane. His obituary in the Telegraph acknowledged him as a previous employee.



Warden's Death

The ambulance brigade reported 20 cases of collapse, mostly of elderly people, and 15 cases of people falling or fainting.

Senior Warden Albert Oliver Dowling, 59 of post 2. No. 2 division, Stephens, collapsed and died at his post during the alarm He lived in Lothian Street, Annerley, Sympathy with Mr. Dowling's relatives was expressed by Mr. Hanlon last night.

The Courier-Mail (Brisbane, Qld.: 1933 - 1954) / Thu 27 Aug 1942 / Page 3 / PARENTS' LESSON IN RAID ALARM

Widowed Mary, a victim of petty larceny from her backyard chook pen in 1949, lived on at *Rotherwood* until the mid-1960s. 130



Brisbane Telegraph (Qld.: 1948 - 1954) / Sat 22 Oct 1949 / Page 9 / MENU IDEA BACKFIRED

The Kristaly family then lived there from the mid-1960's until the early 1980s. 131



Google Street View December 2015

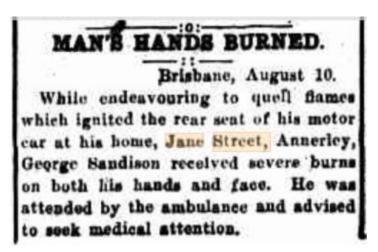
Always difficult see behind the vigorous growth of date palms for as long as I can remember, when I was in high school, it was the home of the Krasnic/Krasnici family and I would sometimes walk home with their son, Adam. This image taken after a significant pruning reveals the multigenerational home of a potter of historical significance to the Brisbane craft community and his daughter, a championship dog kennel owner and breeder.

Named *Elsinore* in 1918, George and Emilie Sandison lived here with their children Thelma and Neville for decades, with Thelma and Neville's spouses eventually moving in too. 132

George's father, James Thomas Sandison, started working as a potter at the age of 12 in Victoria. A few years after moving to Queensland, he established *Victoria Pottery*, in Ekibin in the late 1880s. Until a year before his death in 1941, aged 94, he was still working in his retirement at the new location of *Sandison's Pottery* in Frederick Street, Annerley, where George continued the family business.¹³³

J T Sandison was referred to as 'Grandpa Sandy', and George Sandison as 'Uncle George' by younger potters including Milton Moon, who wrote a memoir in 2013, around the time the site on the corner of Frederick and Waverley Street was being redeveloped into \$6.6 million residential project, *The Sandison*. Moon recalled working with George's nephew, Harry Memmott and Mervin Feeney, an engineer who partnered with George Sandison after the war to develop the business beyond flower-pots, bread crocks, poultry feeders and butter dishes. Moon recalled George was still impressive as he aged, 'throwing' four flower pots a minute. 134

In 1931, George, suffered a significant injury at home.



The Beaudesert Times (Qld.: 1908 - 1954) / Fri 14 Aug 1931 / Page 3

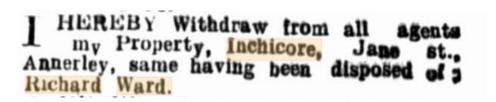
By the 1940s, George's daughter Thelma McKnight, was operating the '*Maxwelton Kennels*' from *Elsinore*, with her husband, Tom, and acting as the Show Secretary of the Queensland Scottish Terrier Club. One of their champion dogs, *Nonnoc Elsinore*, turned his back and scratched dirt over the Queensland Governor's wife at the 1946 inaugural show. Fortunately, Lady Lavarack's favourite breed of dog was the Scottish Terrier and she laughed it off, saying she would prefer to continue seeing more dogs rather than having afternoon tea.¹³⁵

The Macleod family was the next in residence from 1968 to approximately 1976.



Corley Collection

Richard Stephen Ward, a labourer and his wife Mary Veronica appeared in the 1918 Postal Directory and 1919 Electoral Roll, with the full ownership of *Inchicore* declared in 1920.



The Telegraph (Brisbane, Qld.: 1872 - 1947) / Mon 9 Feb 1920 / Page 6 / Advertising

In 1929, Richard offered a reward for a small purse, containing bank notes and a key that was lost between Ekibin Road and the Brisbane Milling Company. 136

The Ward children grew up at number 19, with daughter Frances Margaret, known as Mollie, becoming a clerk typist and Brian Maurice a bank clerk.¹³⁷ A few weeks before Christmas 1951, tragedy struck when Mollie, by then married to Jack Doyle and living at Nundah, died suddenly while visiting her parents at *Inchicore*.¹³⁸

By 1958, Richard was widowed and living at *Inchicore* with his son Brian and daughter- inlaw, Maureen Patricia Ward. Only Brian and Maureen were still listed there in the 1963 Electoral Roll.

This 2008 Google Street (Image 1) shows number 12 just before it was moved much closer to its neighbour, number 16, maximising the potential of this large block. A new dwelling, identified as number 10, can be seen to the left and the rear of number 12 in the aerial 2021 Google view (Image 2).

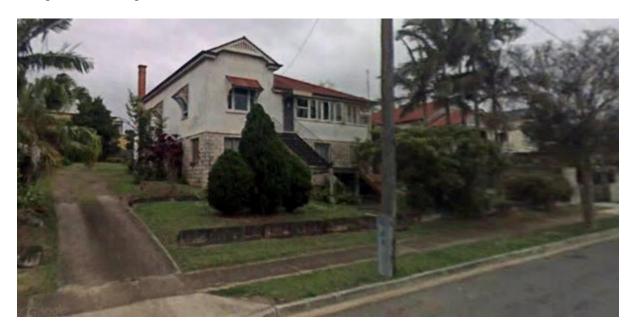


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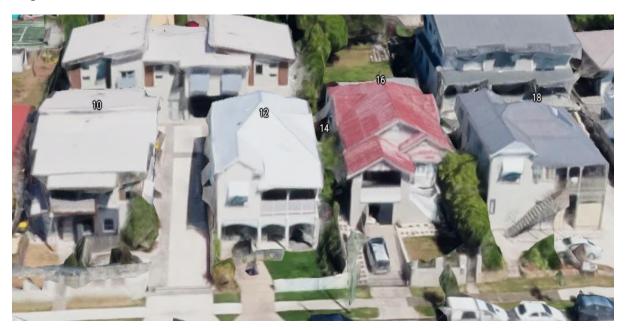


Image 2

Stephen Dudley, the Chief Inspector of the State Health Department, lived here from approximately 1917 with his wife Amy and sister Penelope, until his death in the home. 140

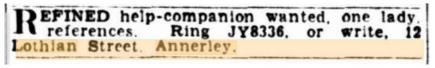
Death of Mr. S. Dudlev Mr. Stephen Dudley, who was well known in various parts of Queensland as chief sanitary inspector of the Department of Public Health, died at his resi-dence, Lothian Street, Annerley, yesterday The late Mr. Dudley was born at Darlington, England, 68 years ago, and came to Queensland with the family when seven years of age. His father was the late Mr. Stephen Dudley. He went to school in Brisbane and afterwards served his time at the engineering trade at Sargeant's foundry. When the State Health Department was established Mr. Dudley entered branch of the Public Service and re-mained associated with it till last June. His services were retained beyond the usual period of life because of his value to the department. He did particularly good work at the Lazaret, at Peel Island. and at many other public institutions. He also was a member of the local board

Mrs. Dudley, who was Miss Amy Perry, survives her husband. There is no family. There also is a sister. Miss Penelope Dudley.

of examiners for the Institute of Sanitary Engineers, a position which he re-

tained till his death.

The Telegraph (Brisbane, Qld.: 1872 - 1947) / Mon 6 May 1940 / Page 14 / Death of Mr. S. Dudley Soon after Dudley's death, a clue in the classifieds suggests his sister left the household.



The Courier-Mail (Brisbane, Old.: 1933 - 1954) / Mon 22 Jul 1940 / Page 14 / Advertising

Strover was the name of the next family in residence. Harold Arthur Lindsay Strover, a bank manager, his wife, Emma Jane and their daughters were at number 12 until the mid-1950s. 141 In the 1968 Electoral Roll, it was the address of schoolteacher, Mrs Marguerite Russell and John and Janet Hilko; the Hilko's appearing in subsequent Electoral Rolls until 1980. 142

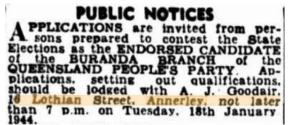


Corley Collection

Albert John Goodair, an accounts clerk, brought his widowed mother, Rebecca, from Ipswich to this house in the mid-1930s. His fiancée Nellie Evelyn (nee Howe) was presented with a salad bowl at an engagement dinner at the Hotel Canberra in 1939, which perhaps came in handy at her new home *Blinkbonnie*, when she moved in with Albert and his mother. Here

Albert authorised the 1940s election campaigns of WR Kingwell, the Independent Candidate for Griffith and Russell F Roberts, the Queensland People's Party Candidate for

Buranda. 145



The Courier-Mail (Brisbane, Qld.: 1933 - 1954) / Sat 8 Jan 1944 / Page 5 / Advertising

By 1954, Albert was a public accountant and moved elsewhere. The Romanovsky family then lived at number 16 until the 1980s. 146



This 2008 Google Street view image is a reminder of how this old home once looked before it was smartened up in recent years and a second dwelling built behind it, as seen in Image 2 on page 46.

Walter Beynon seems to have owned this house from 1914 to 1953. A jeweller by trade, he emigrated from Wales in 1885. A member of the Manufacturing Jewellers and Silversmiths Association of Queensland, his operated his jewellery manufacturing business at *Gilbert Place*, 32 Queen Street from 1911, then at the *Inns of Court* in Adelaide Street from 1917. 147



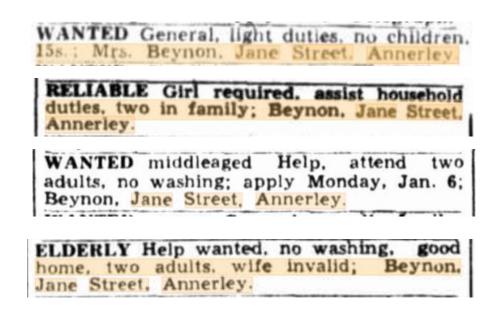
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He married his first wife, Mary Ann, in 1913.¹⁴⁸ She was ten years his senior and had been previously married to Joseph Albert Craker, with whom she had six children. Her two youngest children, Violet and Joseph Junior had been placed in the St Vincent's Orphanage at Nudgee in 1903 following several years of hardship arising from Mr Craker being sent to the Stradbroke Island leper colony facility in 1898.¹⁴⁹

Even with her new life in Jane Street, tragedy loomed for Mary when she was notified that her son, James Craker, had been shot in the leg in 1917 and was being treated in hospital in England. By April, he was missing. In January 1919, James sent her a telegram saying that he had been taken as a POW (Prisoner of War) in Germany and soon followed with another telegram with the good news that he was returning home in August. 150

In the 1925 Electoral Roll, her children James and Violet Craker were listed here at *Walmar*, which was presumably a combination of Walter and Mary's names. James was a labourer and Violet a theatre doorkeeper.

By the mid-1930s, Walter and Mary were on their own and needed domestic help. Mary advertised several times in *The Telegraph* in 1935 and 1936, slightly changing the wording to attract the right candidate as her health declined.¹⁵¹



Mary Beynon died in 1940.¹⁵² According to the 1943 Electoral Records, Walter moved with the new Mrs Beynon, Dorothea Helen, to Gaythorne, and rented out 18 Lothian Street to three women, all by the name of Cockburn. They appeared to have been there since 1942 when young Mavis Cockburn was injured when she and a RAAF serviceman were thrown from a motorbike when it collided with a car at Coolangatta.¹⁵³

In 1947, a tenant by the name of Thornton, advertised a 1939 Hillman ute for sale for £196.¹⁵⁴ By 1949, Walter and Dorethea Beynon were again listed at 18 Lothian Street in the Electoral Record. In 1952, Walter advertised items for sale in the classifieds; a semi-light trailer and a late 1949 model Austin A40 which could be inspected at number 18 after 5:30pm on any evening other than Sunday.¹⁵⁵ In April 1953, his young daughter Helen won a Malvern Star bicycle in a newspaper competition for arranging letters in many combinations.¹⁵⁶ By August,

Walter was dead. 157



Dorethea Beynon remained at 18 until 1958 with her son, Peter, a storeman and Helen. 158



More often and more correctly identified as 44 Waterton Street, this home has multiple lot numbers, making it challenging to confirm continuity of occupancy without accessing each title deed. Electoral records confirm it was the home of William McCormack, the Premier of Queensland from 1925 to 1929. He lived there from at least 1932 with his spinster sisters until his death in 1947, with one of his sisters, Annie, still in residence until 1968. ¹⁵⁹



https://www.flickr.com/photos/queenslandstatearchives/26560344878

In 1915, it may have been the home of William Christian Sommer, a Justice of the Peace. ¹⁶⁰

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Sommer have removed to their new residence (corner of Jane and Waterton streets, Annerley). Mrs. Sommer will be at home next Thursday, and subsequently on the third Thursday of each month.

The Brisbane Courier (Qld.: 1864 - 1933) / Sat 13 Mar 1915 / Page 15 / SOCIAL.

A unit block for as long as I can remember, this site may have had a single dwelling in the 1940s based on newspaper clues. A 1941 death notice and probate announcement listed this as the address for Benjamin Marsland, a retired bank clerk, and his wife Winifred. In 1953, Mrs M B Winterford was to be contacted at number 24 for details about a doll making competition to raise money for the Save the Children's Fund, with the winning doll to be presented to Princess Anne. 162

8 Lothian Street

A 1960s brick home is all that is evident on the site of what may have been an earlier structure to the left of Stephen Dudley's home at number 12, occupied in 1914 by Walter Bott, in 1915 by William Frank Bott, a clerk and in 1918, by Robert Ruddy, a butcher. However, from 1905 to 1919 the Bott's were also listed in Rose Street, subsequently known as Lambton Street, so perhaps this site had dual street frontage and access. ¹⁶³

Unallocated residents of Jane or Lothian Street and Ekibin Road corner dwellings

A family that is not attributable to a specific address were the Bullocks who were listed at Jane Street in the 1934 and 1937 Electoral Records. Johnson George Wright Bullock had a significant career as Military Officer, and housed his wife and four other adults, so it is likely it was a family-sized home rather than sub-lodgings.¹⁶⁴

Oakleigh was the name of a home on the corner of Jane Street and Ekibin Road, occupied by George Leonard Board. After a career in the Queensland Government Lands Department since 1871, he moved to Oakleigh with his wife Sophia, around the time of his retirement in 1921, by which time he had attained the role of Under Secretary of Lands. He died in Oakleigh in 1932.¹⁶⁵

George Thomas Job Crew with his wife Clara Helen, known as Nellie, lived at *Garston* on the corner of Jane Street and Ekibin Road in 1925 with their daughter Margaret Gwendoline, a clerk. Gwendoline's parents were still listed there in the 1929 Electoral Record, but she had moved out after marrying in 1926, her wedding breakfast hosted at home at *Garston*. A ship foreman, George T J Crew likely named his home after the shipwreck of the *Garston* in 1889. Another clue to the exact location of the home was in the probate notice in 1935 following his death, with the subdivisions at 53, 54 and 55 of Portion 107 in the County of Stanley in the subdivision of Yerongpilly to be claimed by Clara. This would suggest the land may have been in the vicinity of what is now 39 or 48 Ekibin Road.

Another home on the corner of Jane Street and Ekibin was occupied by Edith McIver/McIvor. In the 1919 Electoral Roll, her address is *Perriba*, in Ekibin Road, living with her daughter, Rita, a music teacher but the 1923 Wise Postal Directory stated she was in Jane Street. In 1915, Miss and Mrs McIvor were noted in newspaper social notices involving their neighbours Dalton (at 43-45), Mullen (likely to have been Mullins at 41) and Sandison from number 15. This suggests *Perriba* may have been what is now in the vicinity of 50 Ekibin Road. ¹⁷⁰



2017 Google Street view of 50 Ekibin Road

What is more certain about 50 Ekibin Road is that it was the property of storeman Alfred Aubrey Constable from at least 1934 to 1941. Upon the death of Alfred, a public notice declared his widow, Ada Agnes Constable as having lawful rights to the Resubdivision 2 of subdivisions 80 and 81 of Portion 106 of in the County of Stanley in the subdivision of Yerongpilly. From looking at the original subdivision sale map on page 3, this correlated with the site numbered 50 Ekibin Road. The 1937 Electoral Record for the Constables revealed the name of the house as *Letsworth*, but it was misspelled as *Tetworth* when Mrs Constable won a prize in the Lucky Star Word Competition in the Telegraph in 1934. As mentioned earlier in this essay, the first house I saw removed for site redevelopment had been the home of author Hugh Lunn in the 1950s and his family who operated a bakery on Ipswich Road. In his day, the house was positioned to face Ekibin Road. The brick structure that replaced it fronts into Lothian Street, although the postal address is 40 Ekibin Road.



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