

Historic Homes tell a story

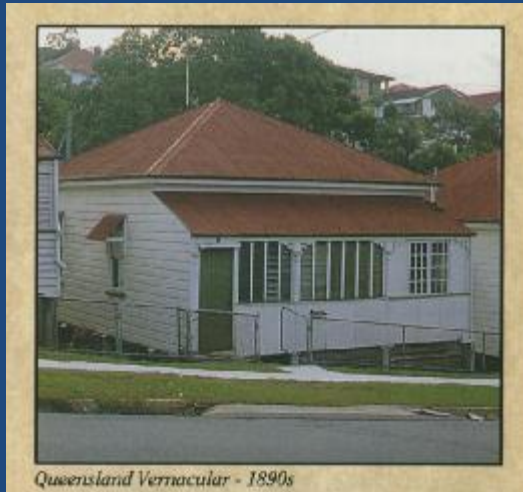
How to research your historic home's history and determine the age of your house



Observation

Ø Architectural style will give clues about the possible age

Ø Design features such as cast iron balustrading, finials, window hoods and decorative details also give clues.



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Background Reading

Ø Histories of Ipswich

Ø Ipswich City Council Heritage Trails

Ø Ipswich City Council Heritage Survey

Title Search

Most reliable search

Provides:

Ø History of land ownership from the original Deed of Grant to the present

Ø Details of mortgages – clue for construction date

Ø Details of transmission by death

Ø Family history material such as marriages, deaths, wills

Ø Lease information – indicates building on site – not necessarily yours

How to do a title search

You will need:

- Ø an accurate street address
- Ø Real Property Description (RPD).
- Ø A map showing street location (optional but helpful)

An RPD is something like:

- Ø Lot 1 on Registered plan 4123
- Ø or Subdivision 2 of re-subdivision A of Subdivision 5 of Allotment 11, portion 2, parish of Stanley.

The easiest source of RPD's is from a rates notice

Titles records are held by the Department of Natural Resources and Water. The type of search is called an "historical search".

Ø Using the RPD start from the most recent title and work backwards.

Ø Work back to the original Deed of Grant or stop after you think the building was constructed

Ø (At around \$12 a title this search can become expensive)

Ø In the left hand corner of each Certificate of Title a reference to the previous title appears.



Ø Follow these previous titles as they go back in time

Warning: there are traps for new players!

ØAs you progress back the land becomes larger in area.

ØOriginal land grants were often 100 acres and were frequently subdivided and re-subdivided into smaller suburban blocks

ØA typical pattern was that in the 1880s the land was purchased as a large land holding. It was subdivided in the 1920s and again in later years.

ØYou may find that there are several previous titles as the land splits off and you have to work out which subdivision or re-subdivision to follow

No. 9197

QUEENSLAND

(C)

No. of PREVIOUS *conveyances of title*

1710	23444
1811	23445
1912	23446
2013	23447
2114	23448
2215	23449
2316	23450
2417	23451
2518	23452
2619	23453
2720	23454
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2922	23456
3023	23457
3124	23458
3225	23459
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3629	23463
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3831	23465
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4235	23469
4336	23470
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7063	23497
7164	23498
7265	23499
7366	23500
7467	23501
7568	23502
7669	23503
7770	23504
7871	23505
7972	23506
8073	23507
8174	23508
8275	23509
8376	23510
8477	23511
8578	23512
8679	23513
8780	23514
8881	23515
8982	23516
9083	23517
9184	23518
9285	23519
9386	23520
9487	23521
9588	23522
9689	23523
9790	23524
9891	23525
9992	23526
10093	23527

Register Book, Vol. 4136 page 33

CERTIFICATE OF TITLE.

A particularly horrid title search with lots of previous titles!!

No. 512141 TRANSFER of 26²/₃ pchs sub 27

to Mary Hannah Cullen produced

1911 at 10:20 a.m. registered 15 Nov 1911

Cancelled as above vide

Vol. 1184 Fol. 231 } Dep. Registrar of Titles

No. 512142 TRANSFER of 26²/₃ pchs via 24 of sub 27 of E 2 16 100

to Joseph Rice and Bliza Betha Henri Rice produced

5 Dec 1911 at 10:57 a.m. registered 22 Dec 1911

Cancelled as above vide

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No. 552166 TRANSFER of 1.052 3/4 pchs (includes sand 9 of sub 27 5 E 2 109

to James Arthur Allen produced

18 Nov 1912 at 3:51 p.m. registered 25 Nov 1912

Cancelled as above vide

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Note the numerous transfers as the land is subdivided.

On completion of the title search you may have a history that reads:

- 1884 Thomas O'Sullivan purchased portion 675 A, an area of 55 acres and one rood
- 1887 Charles Mullen purchased subdivisions 107 and 108 of portion 675A in October, an area of 33 perches and 11/25perch
- 1888 Bill of Mortgage produced 27 March 1888 and registered 29 March 1888 for £170 from Federal Building Land and Investment Society Ltd
- 1891 Bill of Mortgage from Charles Mullen to William Leworthy Good Drew Thomas Mylne and Michael Malley for £210. Produced 3 March 1891 and registered 9 March 1891
- 1900 New Title to Thomas Henry Bull on 16 February 1900. Registered 20 February 1900
- 1900 Bill of Mortgage from Thomas Henry Bull to The Brisbane Permanent Building and Banking Company for £130. Produced 16 February. Registered 20 February 1900
- 1910 New Title to Arthur Hoare. Produced 5 May 1910. Registered 10 May 1910
- 1918 New Title to Gordon Miles Archibald. Produced 20 May 1918. Registered 29 May 1918

Post Office Directories

Armed with the titles information you can now search post office directories. These are like telephone books and contain:

- Ø An alphabetical listing of the building occupant, usually name and occupation

- Ø A directory of trades and professions with street addresses

- Ø A list of businesses

- Ø Created between 1868 and 1949.

- Ø Held by the Ipswich City Council Library and the State Library of Queensland on microfiche.

- Ø In early volumes Ipswich is listed in the country directory and may only provide the alphabetical listing

- Ø Ipswich PODs do not have street numbers

Example
of Trades
Post Office
Directory,
1888.

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COUNTRY DIRECTORY.

Blackstone ; Stafford Bros., Bundamba ;
Bergin's Coal and Coke Co., Bundamba ;
Lindsay's Braeside Colliery, Bundamba ;
David Morris, Rhondda Colliery,
Bundamba ; Borehole Coal Co., Bun-
damba ; Scarborough & Co., Bundamba.
GEO. WARE, NIL DESPERANDUM
(see advt., page 51A)

COMPANIES—Ipswich Co-Operative Co.,
Down street, North Ipswich : Secretary,
F. H. Allen. Ipswich Gas and Coke Co. :
Secretary, W. C. Kilner. Ipswich and
West Moreton Permanent Benefit Build-
ing and Investment Society : Secretary,
H. M. Scott. Queensland Woollen
Manufacturing Co. : Secretary, J. Gore.
Singer Sewing Machine Co., Brisbane
street : S. Greenbury. Wertheim
Machine Co., Brisbane street : H.
McNevin. Ipswich Coal and Coke Co.,
Limited : Secretary, W. C. H. Kilner.
West Moreton Coal and Coke Company,
Limited : Manager, J. S. Green ;
Secretary, D. Robinson. Borehole Coal
Co., Limited : Secretary, D. Robinson.

CONFECTIONERS—J. Bouchard, Brisbane
street ; S. G. Melvin, Brisbane street ;
F. Whitehouse, Nicholas street

CONFECTIONERS (Manufacturing) — J.
Bouchard, North Ipswich ; C. J. Gordon,
North Ipswich

COOPER—G. Livermore, Bell street

CROCKERY WAREHOUSES — Brady Bros.,
Brisbane street ; Gibb & Foots, Bell

Wilkins & Co., Brisbane street ; GEORGE
WARE, PINE AND LOWRY STREETS
(see advt., page 51A)

ENGINEERS AND IRONFOUNDERS — S. Shil-
lito & Son, East street ; Springall &
Frost, North Ipswich

FANCY GOODS DEPOTS — Mrs. Wilkinson,
Brisbane street ; Joseph Rose, Brisbane
street ; Norman Ball, Nicholas street

FARRIER—J. Butler, South street

FINANCIAL AGENT—E. BOSTOCK, BRIS-
BANE STREET

FRUITERS — F. Blanchard, Nicholas
street ; J. Bouchard, Nicholas street ;
W. Lewis, Nicholas street ; Miss Fer-
guson, Brisbane street ; F. Strachan,
North Ipswich ; W. Haenke, Brisbane
street ; M. Reichardt, Brisbane street ;
Miss Mahr, East street ; J. J. Lancasier,
East street ; A. Grieve, East street ;
J. Martin, Brisbane street ; Mrs. Moss,
Brisbane street ; Mrs. Smith, Brisbane
street ; F. Whitehouse, Nicholas street ;
F. H. Mead, Brisbane street ; P. O'Brien,
Brisbane street ; W. Saunders, North
Ipswich ; T. Crane, Ellenborough street ;
Mrs. Flint, Brisbane street ; Mrs. Gehr-
mann, Terrace street, North Ipswich ;
Mrs. Hansen, Nicholas street ; Mrs.
Ryan, opposite station

FURNITURE WAREHOUSES — E. Meggitt,
Brisbane street ; J. Hucker, Brisbane-st.

GINGERBEER AND CORDIAL MANUFACTURERS
J. Ferguson, Brisbane street ; Mrs. J.

Example of
Alphabetical
Post Office
Directory,
1900

INV—IPS

QUEENSLAND TOWNS DIRECTORY.

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INSKIP POINT—continued.
Dempster George, timber merchant
Foster Daniel, timber merchant
Gorman Daniel, lightkeeper
Gorman Elliott, tel. operator
Heiton John, asst. lightkeeper
Ignatious & Sons (Pablo), fishermen
Johnstone Robert, station owner
Kenny William, assistant
Leary & Co. (Patk.), timber mchts
Leftwich R. W. & Sons, oyster mers
McDonald John, boatman
McMahon John, lightkeeper
Missing Herbert & Co. farmers
Moffat John, farmer
Reilly Sam. J. pilot & rec. off
Reilly Stephen S. boatman
Seary & Co. (Patrick), timber mers
Ward John, oyster merchant
Wheeler Henry, fisherman

INVICTA (North Kolan), Wide Bay
dist. 237 m. N. fr. Bris.; rail to
Avondale, thence 8 m.

Amos Edw. T. storekeeper
Anderson James, farmer
Anderson James, jun. farmer
Anderson Thomas, farmer
Ashton Benjamin, selector
Batstone James, sugar planter
Bloomfield George, Bucca
Boisen Neils P. farmer
Boisen Peter, farmer
Brown David, selector
Brown Thomas, farmer
Budgen O. farmer
Buss & Others, sugar mills
Charteris J. farmer
Cistowski Henry, farmer
Clark Charles, farmer
Clark James, farmer
Cullen James, builder
Cunningham Robert, farmer
Francis Grosvenor G. mgr. Buss &
Others
Gorris James, baker
Graham Thomas, sawyer
Green Samuel, farmer
Haig A. C. sugar planter
Hendricksen Mrs. farmer
Hill James, farmer
Holliday Joseph, overseer
Hunt William J. farmer
Janhnke E. farmer
Kivien Thomas, farmer
Larsen Oscar, selector
Larsen Sadoc, farmer
Madsen Anders J. farmer
Madsen Mads C. carpenter

IPSWICH, STANLEY CO. Moreton
dist. 24 m. W. fr. Bris. by rail,
on the Bremer river; 5 branch
banks (A. J. S. Australasia,
Q. N., N. S. W. & Royal);
5 newspapers, "Queensland
Times" (Tues. Thurs. & Sat.),
"The Standard" (Wed. & Sat.),
"Fassifern Chronicle" (Sat.),
"Railway Times" (monthly) &
"Fraternity" (monthly); post,
tel. & M. O. O.

Abbott Robert, Basin Pocket
Adair Miss, Smith street
Adamson Rev. J. (Meth)
Ah Chong, gardener, Ipswich West
Ah Man, gardener, Ipswich West
Ah Wah, gardener, Ipswich West
Aldridge William, Newtown
Allen Fred C. chemist, Brisbane st
Allen F. C. H. Flint street
Allen G. W. South street
Allen George, Burnett street
Allen Robt. bootmaker, Brisbane st
Alliance Assoc. Co. (H. Wyman,
agent), East street
Amos Thomas, Nicholas street
Anderson Andrew, Gordon street
Anderson Mrs. M. Terrace street
Archibald George, Eastwood street
Argon Francis, Moores lane
Armstrong David, mgr. Royal Bank
Armstrong Frank, Lennon lane
Armstrong Thomas, Ferguson street
Ash Sydney, fruiterer, Brisbane st. w
Assinin Mrs. draper
Asylum for Insane (St. Lewis, supt)
Auld James, Ferguson street
Auld William, Ferguson street
Aust. J. S. Bk. (Anty. W. Darvall,
manager)
Aylott R. Smith street
Bailey Mrs. L. fruiterer, Nicholas st
Baines E. R. Nicholas street
Baines George, Darling street
Baines Mrs. Martin street
Baines Thomas, auctnr. Brisbane st
Ball James, seedman & stationer,
Nicholas street
Bank of Aust. (J. M. Gillespie,
manager), Brisbane street
Bank of N. S. W. (Alex. F. White-
hill, manager), East street
Barclay James, Darling street
Barden Mrs. Roderick street
Barff Mrs. Eliz. Limestone street
Barker Miss, East street
Barker Mrs. T. R. East street

Beale Sewing Machine Depot,
William Barrett, manager
Bean J. H. bootmaker, Brisbane st
Bean Mrs. S. fruiterer
Beasley Jos. Lowry street, Ipswich N
Beattie Jas. Lowry st. Ipswich Nth
Bedford Mrs. J. Railway hotel, Ter-
race street, Ipswich North
Beer Mrs. Mary, Martin street
Beirne & Co. (T. C.), drapers (br.)
(W. Bryan, manager), Nicholas st
BEMI W. W. printer & bookbinder;
propr. "Fassifern Chronicle,"
Ellenborough street. See advert
Bennett Henry, Thorn street
Bennett Robert, Thorn street
Bennett Thomas, draper & grocer,
Brisbane street
Bennett William, Thorn street
Berrett William, Ipswich North
Berry Alex. Burnett street
Berry John, Burnett street
Berry Jos. Pelican st. Ipswich Nth
Berry William B. Limestone street
Betts Wm. (Perry & B.), N. Ipswich
Biddle Edward, Ipswich North
Bilton Andrew, Smith street
Bilton James, South street, Ipswich
Bishop Hy. foreman Rly. car. wrks
Bindley Wm. Pine st. Ipswich Nth
Bishop John, dyer, Brisbane street
Black Jos. blacksmith, Down street,
Ipswich North
Blair Gordon, Hardin road
Blair J. W. barrister
Blakely Arthur, Smith st. Ipswich N
Blakie Mrs. nurse, Down street,
Ipswich North
Boatwright Hy. Tiger st. Ipswich W
Boatwright Jn. Tiger st. Ipswich W
Boatwright T. W. Omar street
Bolten James, Darling street
Bolton Frederick, Syntax street
Bolton Patk. Down st. Ipswich Nth
Boody Thomas W. hairdresser,
Nicholas street
Boody Wm. cab propr. Wood End rd
Boody W. J. Herbert street
Boole M. A. Limestone street
Booth Mrs. Camang street
Booth Samuel O. Martin street
Boothman J. W. Market square
Boothman Jos. W. (Robinson & B)
Boothman Mrs. G. Warwick road
Booval Brewery Ltd.
E. Pittock, sec. & mgr
Born Jacob, Syntax street
BORN J. AMERSON, solicitor &c
Nicholas st. Ipswich. See card—

Pitfalls of Post Office Directories

Ø People's names can be omitted or spelt incorrectly

Ø Places can be inadvertently changes around or the street number listed incorrectly

Ø Not always up-to-date

Ø Lessees rarely appear in titles and they may be listed in Post Office Directories so there will be no correlation with titles

Ø Whilst a far from perfect source when they do match with the titles office records there is a good indication that a buildings exists on site

Almanacs

Almanacs like Pugh's Almanac in 1916 are useful for businesses

IPSWICH—Continued

FURNITURE DEALERS.

Colthup, J. B., Nicholas street
Cribb and Foote, Brisbane street
Bowden, G., Brisbane street
Harper, W., Brisbane street
Loynes, Mrs., Brisbane
Reed, J. W., Brisbane street
Reilly, T., Brisbane street

GROCERS AND GENERAL STOREKEEPERS.

Barry and Roberts, Nicholas street
Beavis, R., North Ipswich
Brown, A., North Ipswich
Clegg, J.
Cribb and Foote, Brisbane street
Dallin Bros., Nicholas street
Evans, T., West Ipswich
Faulkner, T., Brisbane street
Glover and Love Bros., Warwick road
Hefferan, H. D.
Hooper, H. T., and Co., Limestone street
Johnston, W. G., Brisbane street
Middleton, L., Pine street, North Ipswich
Reid, M., Brisbane street
Reid and Greig, Brisbane street
Reilly, H., Down street, North Ipswich
Shire, D., Brisbane street
Siemon, W., and Sons, Brisbane street
Smith S., West Ipswich
Sprauer, J., North Ipswich
Summerville, E., North Ipswich
Teall, D., North Ipswich
Ware, George, North Ipswich

GUNSMITH and LOCKSMITH.

Volger, J., Brisbane street

HAIRDRESSERS and

TOBACCONISTS.

Brinkman, W., Brisbane street
Boddy, J., Nicholas street
Frost, C., North Ipswich
Hawkins, R., Brisbane street
Mulloy, M. J., Brisbane Street
O'Dea, J., Brisbane street
Scott, A., Brisbane street
Short, E., Brisbane street
Thomas, T. H., Nicholas street
Woods, P., Brisbane street

HOTELS.

Bellevue, Geo. Cooper
Caledonian, D. Callaghan
Central, H. Burnett (North Ipswich)
Central, —, Walsin.
City View, John P. Gordon, Brisbane st. West
Club, S. H. Cox
Commercial, J. Barlow
Coronation, E. Chatwood
Federal, S. Pearce
Grand Hotel, G. S. Kennedy, Brisbane street
Metropole, Mrs. E. Ryan.
North Australian, M. Sheehy
North Star, E. Hardiman
One Mile, J. Lynch.
Palais Royal, E. McCamey
Prince Alfred, W. J. Edwards
Queensland, D. Barlow
Racetrack, Chas. Woods (Booval)
Railway, J. Bedford, North Ipswich
Ulster, D. Horgan, Brisbane street
Union, C. Nash, Brisbane street

INSURANCE AGENTS.

(See "Agents—Insurance.")

JOINERY WORKS.

Deadman, A. J., and Sons, Brisbane street
Foote, A., City Joinery Works, North Ipswich
Loynes, Mrs., Brisbane street
Macgregor, D., Ellenborough street
Wright, E., Woodland Pocket

MACHINERY MERCHANTS.

Barbat, F. E. and Co., North Ipswich
Cribb and Foote, Nicholas street
Shatto, S., and Sons, East street

MEDICAL MEN.

Brown, E. E., Limestone Hill
Cameron, J. A., East street
Flynn, J., Limestone street
Hart, B., East street
Macdonald, H., East street
Macdonald, J., Brisbane street
Patterson, M., Brisbane street
Von Lossberg, W. H., Waghorn street

MERCHANTS.

Cribb and Foote, Brisbane street
Siemon, G. F., and Sons, Nicholas street

MONUMENTAL MASONS.

(See "Stonemasons.")

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

WAREHOUSES.

Western Dept., Brisbane street
Darker, W. B., Brisbane street
Macrow, A., Nicholas street
Nicholson and Co., Brisbane street
Whitehouse, B. B. and Co., Nicholas street

NEWSAGENTS.

(See Booksellers.)

NEWSPAPERS.

"Queensland Times" (only daily paper in the West Moreton District, 1d.)
"Queensland Leader"
"Railway Times"

OYSTER SALOONS.

Black, J., Brisbane and Nicholas street

PAINTERS.

Darker, F., Quarry street
Gruinger, H., Brisbane street
Holmes, T., North Ipswich
Kerr, G. A., Brisbane street
Mannett, R., One Mile
Riley Bros., Ferrett street
Wallis, J., Darling street

PHOTOGRAPHERS.

Whitehead, F. A., Brisbane street
Williams, H. O., Nicholas street

PLUMBERS.

Bragg, O., North Ipswich
Cuthbert, J., Ellenborough street
Eanby and Dangorfield, Brisbane street
Palmer, H., Brisbane street
Payne, A. E., Limestone street
Pye, V. J., Brisbane street

PRINTERS.

(See "Newspapers.")

PRODUCE MERCHANTS.

Barrett and Risson, Nicholas street
Cribb and Foote, Brisbane street
Reid, M., Brisbane street
Shire, D., Brisbane street
Siemon, W., and Sons, Brisbane street
Wilson, G. H., and Co., East street

Newspapers

Advertisements can provide clues about buildings such at this *Queensland Times* Advertisement

If you are keen you can search for tender notices – a time consuming and often un-rewarding process.

Note the non-specific location details!

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 1886.

JAMES M'GILL & CO.,
NICHOLAS-STREET, IPSWICH,
ARE IN RECEIPT
OF
REGULAR SHIPMENTS
OF
ALL CLASSES OF HARDWARE,
FROM
ENGLAND, THE CONTINENT, and AMERICA.

Among the LATEST SHIPMENTS may be noted the Following Lines:—

WINGS, FILES AND RASPS	FRENCH POLISH
CARTLAND'S BRASS FOUNDRY	SPIRIT VARNISH
SOBBY'S CHISELS AND BITS	OLIVE AND COPAL VARNISH
GRAY'S SAWS—All Kinds	SWANK'S NAILS
RABONE'S MEASURES AND RULES	CLOUT NAILS
GLASS-PAPER	DECK SPIRES
BLACK-LEAD	BRUNSWICK BLACK
KNIFE-BOARDS	WOOD-SCREWS

BISSELL'S GENUINE FLOORING-CRAMPS,
AND LAST, NOT NOT LEAST,
FOOTBALLS! FOOTBALLS!! FOOTBALLS!!!

369 Hon. Sec.

To Contractors.

TENDERS are invited, up to noon on **MONDAY**, the 1st February, for **BUILDING a SHOP** in Brisbane-street.
Plan and Specifications may be seen at my Office.
S. SHENTON,
Architect.
January 25, 1886. 472

To Contractors.

TENDERS are invited, up to Noon on **FRIDAY**, the 5th February, for **BUILDING ADDITIONS and REPAIRS** to **TWO HOUSES**, about One Mile from Town.
For particulars, apply to
S. SHENTON,
Architect.
January 27, 1886. 500

Mutdapilly Divisional Board.

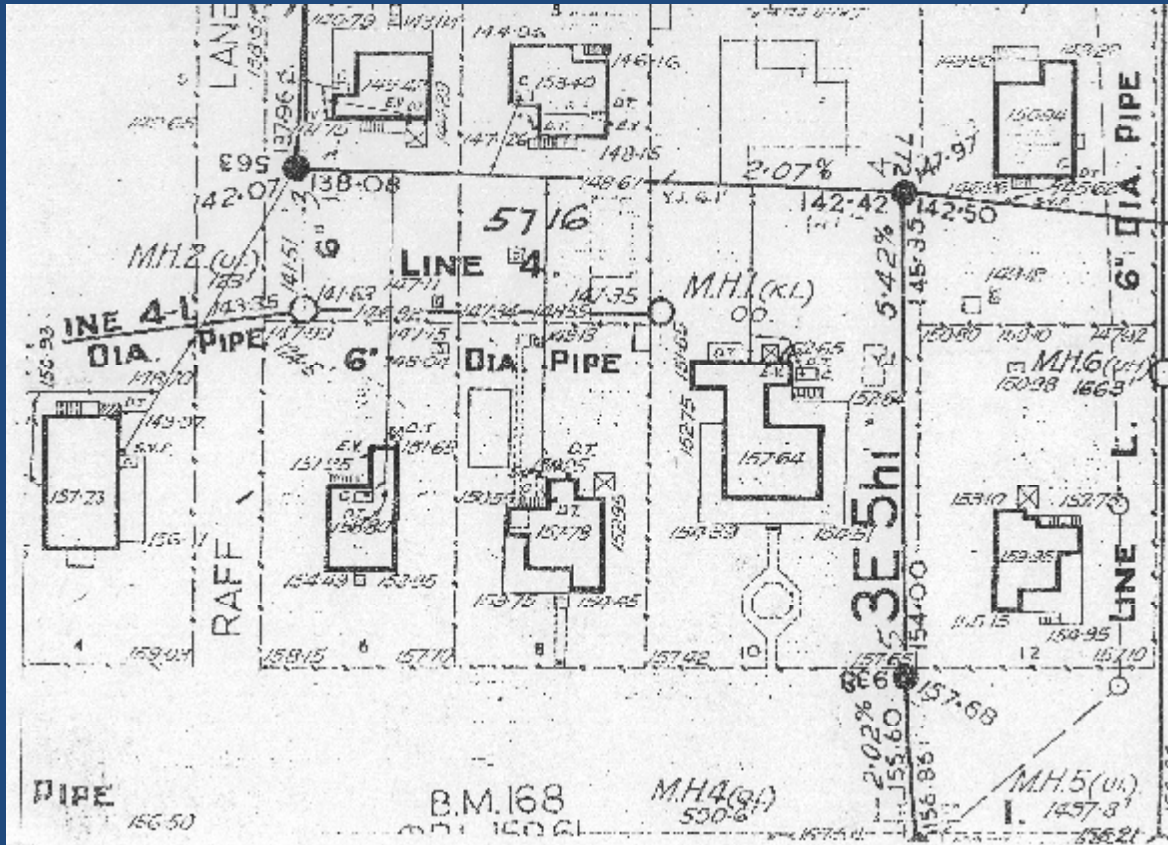
TENDERS will be received at this Office, until 11 o'clock a.m. on **SATURDAY**, the 6th February, for the following **CONTRACTS** :—

Contract No. 1.—Fencing Both Sides of New Road in Portion 64, Parish of Thorn (Mr. C. CHRISTENSEN'S); Fifty Chains (more or less); Two Rail Split Fence.

Contract No. 2.—Repairs to Roads and Culverts about Grandchester.

Council Records

Ø Sewerage plans held by Ipswich City Council



Ø Council rate books and valuation registers held by Queensland State Archives

Photograph Collections

Ø Ipswich City Council Library - Picture Ipswich

Ø John Oxley Library in State Library of Queensland

Ø Ipswich Historical Society

Oral Sources

ØTalk to neighbours

ØContact former owners from the names in the Title records and post office directories

ØMay hold photographs, diaries and manuscripts of interest

Architects records

Ø Fryer Library, University of Queensland, holds extensive collection of architectural plans

Ø John Oxley Library also holds some manuscripts such as architect's tender books

Further reading:

Ø Ipswich City Council heritage Information Kit

Ø Guides to researching your house by Brisbane City Council

Ø Guides by National Trust of Queensland

Good luck with your
research!