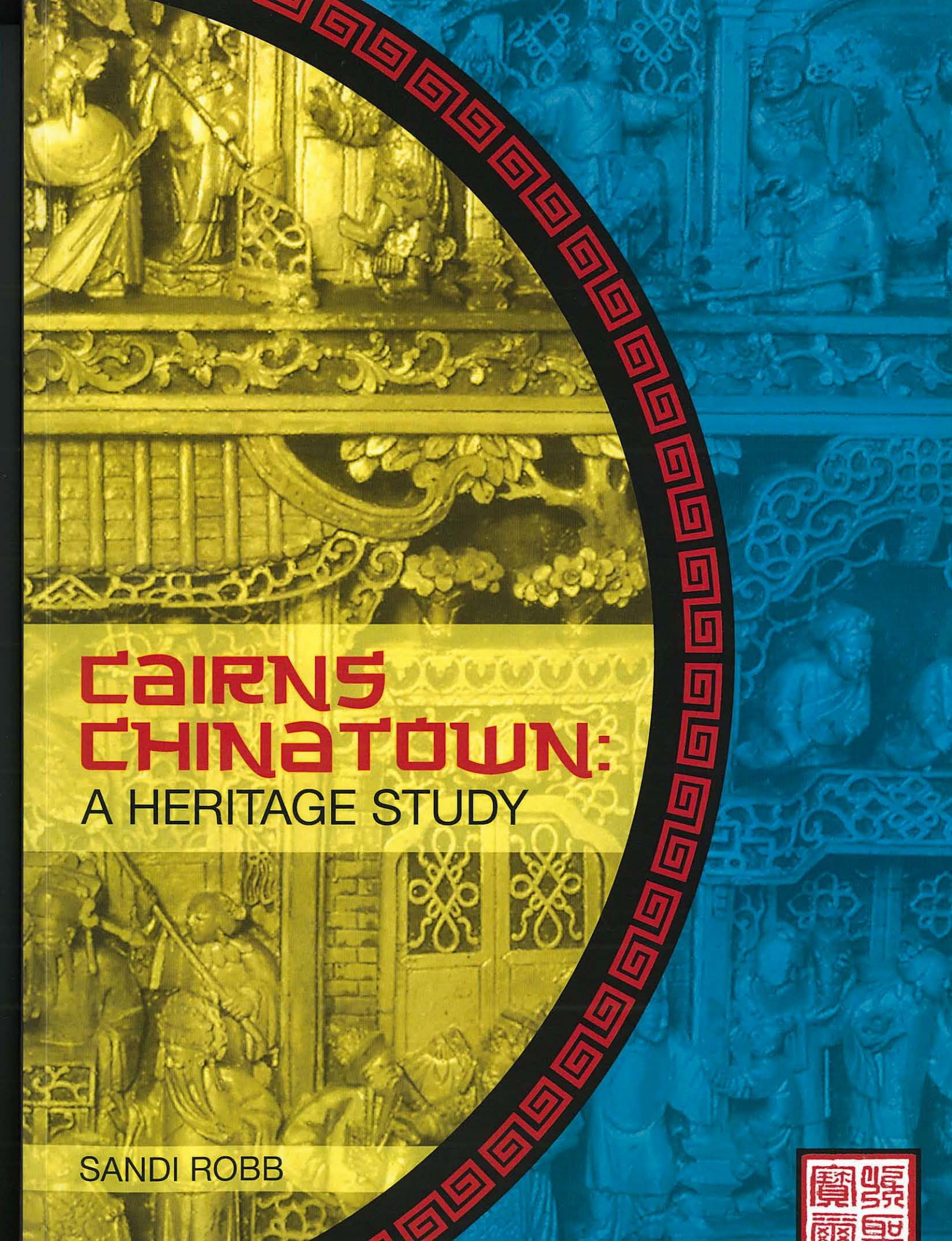




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APPENDICES

Appendix I.

2004 PROJECT BRIEF FOR A CULTURAL HERITAGE STUDY OF CAIRNS CHINATOWN

In 2004, The Cairns and District Chinese Association Incorporation (CADCAI), in their role as custodians of the Cairns Chinese cultural heritage, commissioned a cultural heritage study to research, identify and record the Chinese history of Cairns and remaining cultural heritage sites in a precinct known as the former Cairns "Chinatown". The study was funded through the Queensland Cultural Heritage Incentive Program 2001-2003 which was an initiative of the Cultural Heritage Branch of the Queensland Environmental Protection Agency.

HISTORIC OVERVIEW

The Yidinji and Yirrganydji Aboriginal traditional owners were the earliest occupiers and custodians of lands throughout the Cairns district. The earliest non-Aboriginal people to move into the area were the beche-de-mer fishermen who came from the islands to the north of Australia. The discovery of gold led to the permanent settlement of the region. A port was established in Cooktown in the early 1870s to support the Palmer River Goldfields. A port further south was sought after the discovery of gold at the Hodgkinson River. A site on Trinity Inlet was selected, surveyed and the new town of Cairns declared a port of entry by November 1876. The position and the topography of Trinity Inlet made settlement difficult. However, the settlements proximity close to a natural deep-water harbour and fresh water made it an ideal location.

When gold mining declined in the 1880s many Chinese, established and pioneered agricultural ventures on the coast. As Cairns was developing into a strong commercial centre Chinese entrepreneurs were leaders in experimenting with large scale agricultural forays including sugar cane, rice, tobacco, bananas, lychee and market gardening.

By the mid 1880s, the population of Cairns had reached 1,376 people of whom approximately a quarter were Chinese. The commercial centre of Cairns developed along Abbott Street with the Chinese business and retail centre developing in Sachs (later Grafton) Street.

Chinatown was substantially confined within the two blocks either side of Grafton Street (formally Sachs Street) between Shields Street (to the north) and Spence Street (to the South). It is believed that settlement commenced on the northern side of Sachs Street but the Chinese community eventually aligned themselves along respective sides of the street according to their Chinese provincial origins.

PURPOSE OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE STUDY

The purpose of the cultural heritage study was to locate, identify and record places of possible cultural heritage significance associated with the urban use of the area and to develop recommendations for the future management of the place.

SCOPE OF COMMISSION

- To undertake a Cultural Heritage Study of Cairns Chinatown.
- To develop recommendations for inclusion in the Cairns City Planning Scheme.
- To identify all places of cultural heritage value and analyse the physical and documentary evidence utilising the principles of the Burra Charter. This stage of the project should establish:
- To analyse the past development and use of the place particularly in relation to its surviving fabric;
- To record the context of the changes, including comparison with contemporary developments and similar types of places;
- To investigate any other aspect, quality or association with the site to form a useful basis for the assessment of significance.
- To assess the potential of the area to contain archaeological evidence of the historic use of the site.
- To ensure that the cultural heritage significance of the Cairns Chinatown area is assessed in a manner appropriate for nomination of places to the Queensland Heritage Register according to Section 23. (1) of the *Queensland Heritage Act 1992*.
- To identify each place on a map of the study site. The survey map is anticipated to provide heritage input to the Cairns City Council Planning Scheme and to provide graphic information for use during planning for future development of the study area.
- To prepare an annotated bibliography of historic and other research materials relating to Cairns Chinatown.

This is Cairns Chinatown: a cultural heritage study.

Appendix II.

The Hap Wah Mill*

Chinese inspiration, business and agricultural enterprise provided a crucial impetus to the development and economic viability of early Cairns. Chinese entrepreneurship and commitment to the region led to the establishment of the first sugar plantation and mill in the district which was widely celebrated as the beginning of the local sugar industry. The Hap Wah plantation (1878-1886) was a solely Chinese venture managed by Chinese entrepreneur and civic leader Andrew Leon. As a naturalized citizen, Leon was able to purchase land and he selected 505 hectares south of Chinaman Creek. Leon was the spokesman for the Hap Wah Company, a consortium of shareholders including both local Chinese settlers and international Chinese partners from Hong Kong. Up to 200 Chinese employees worked the plantation.

Excited by the agricultural growth in the North, public support for the Hap Wah plantation was positive with newspaper reports chronicling its development. The company's mill began crushing in 1882 and the *Morning Herald* wrote that the 'procession of drays loaded with sugar passing along the main street of Cairns is a proof that the sugar industry is fairly started'.** Hap Wah's significance and the optimism it injected in the region were reflected in the name of its mill, 'the Pioneer'.

Victorian investment financed the much larger Hambledon plantation of Swallow & Derham which commenced cane sugar production in 1883 and the Loridan brothers' Pyramid plantation in 1885. Together these three plantations brought prosperity to Cairns at a critical period in the district's settlement. International pressures in the sugar industry caused world sugar prices to fall dramatically in mid-1884 and the effects were felt throughout Queensland. Many smaller plantations such as Hap Wah were unable to remain viable and in early 1886 the plantation was sold to Thomas Mills of Charters Towers while the standing crop and all else were sold to a group of Cairns businessmen. By the end of the 1886 season mill operations ceased entirely and the steam-powered open-pan mill machinery was sold to the Noakes Brothers of Bundaburg in 1887.

Following the sale and closure of Hap Wah plantation, Leon redirected his interest to a 1200 acre citrus fruit venture near Kuranda. Following his inclination for civic duty, he purchased an allotment in Chinatown which became the site of the Lit Sung Goong Temple built in 1887.

Hap Wah plantation has remained hidden in history, obscured by the absence of photographs and company documents. However, the significance of the Hap Wah plantation site, as the first sugar plantation north of the Johnstone River in Far North Queensland and the beginning of the district's sugar industry, remains current. The former Hap Wah lands are presently covered by the contemporary suburbs of Earlville and Woree.

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Appendix III.

CHINATOWN BY DECADE

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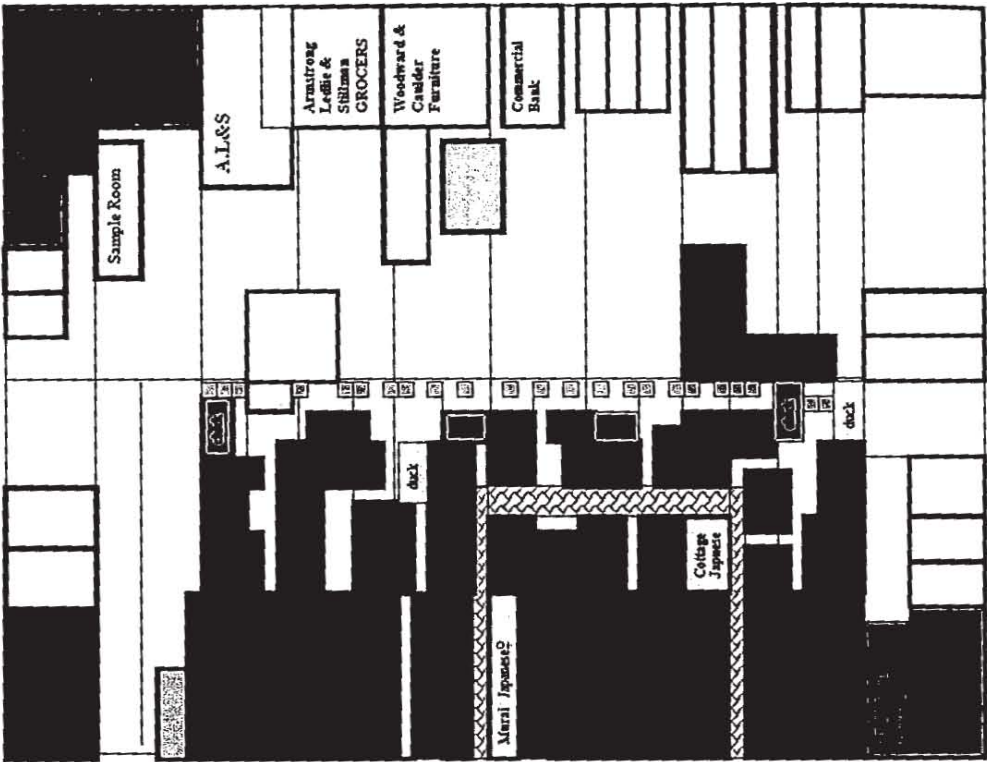
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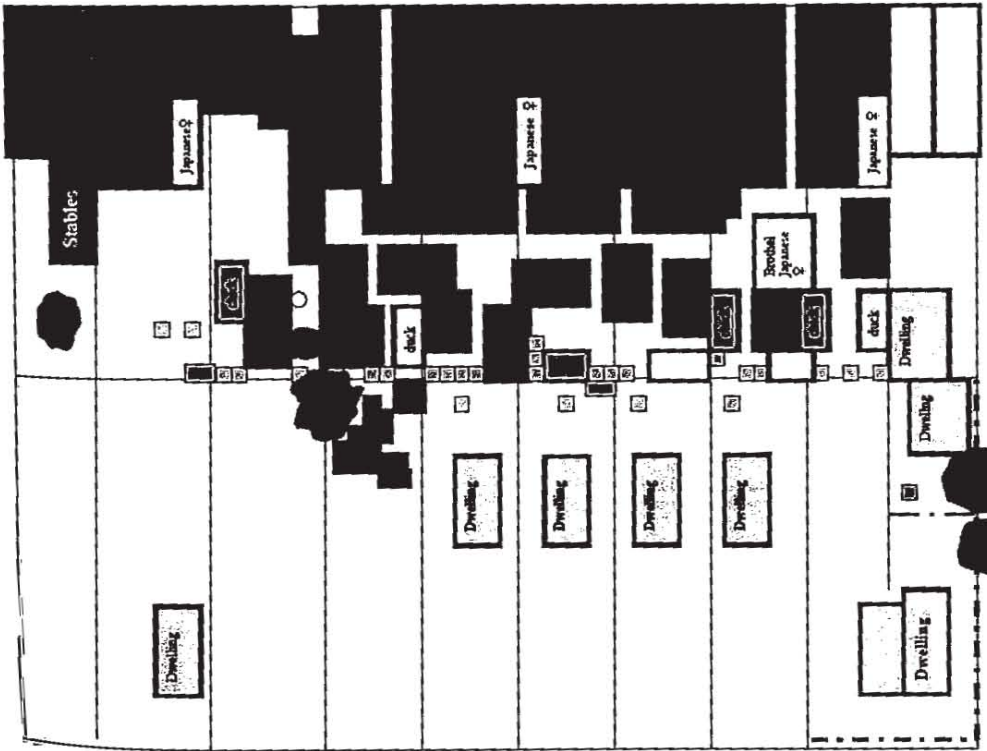
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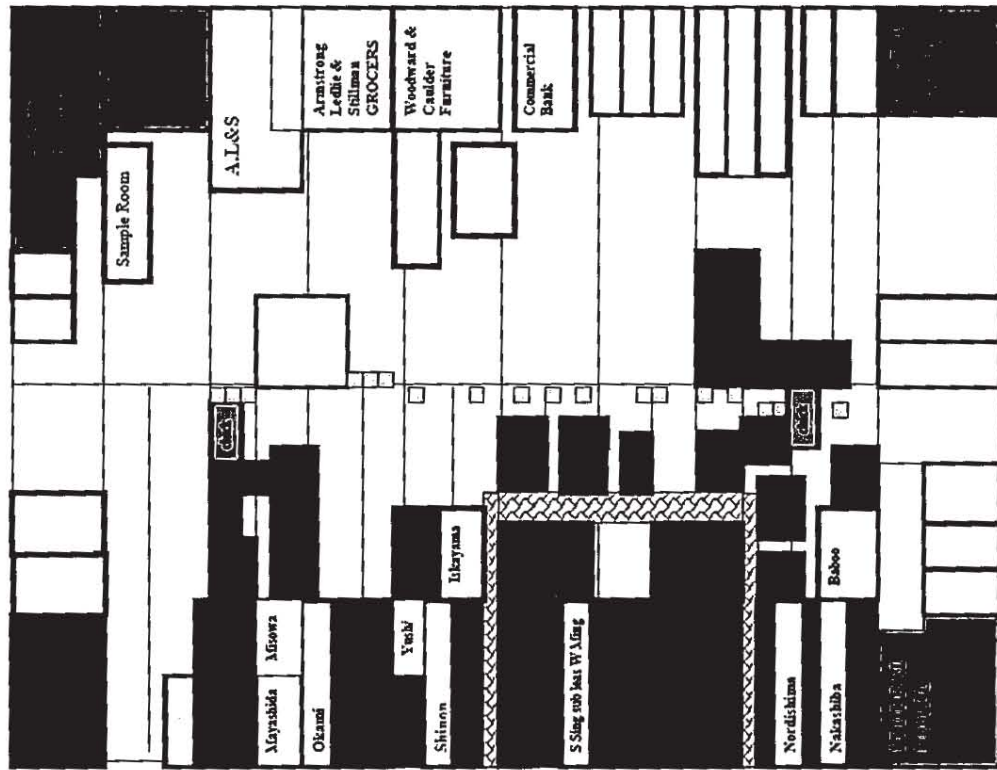
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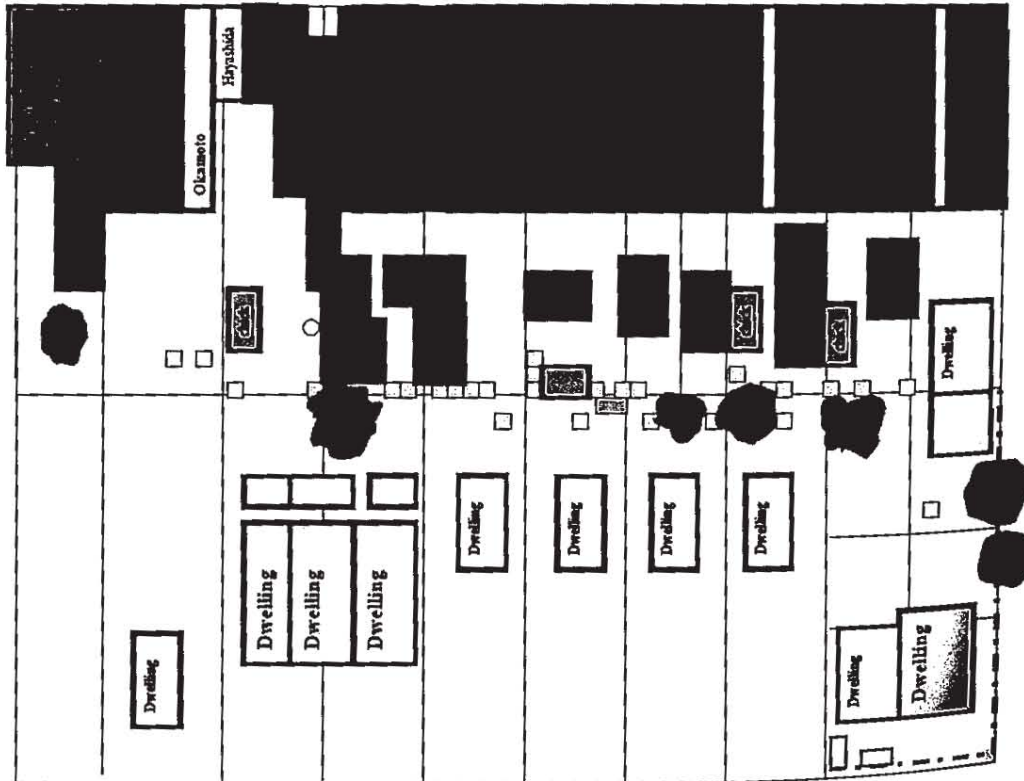
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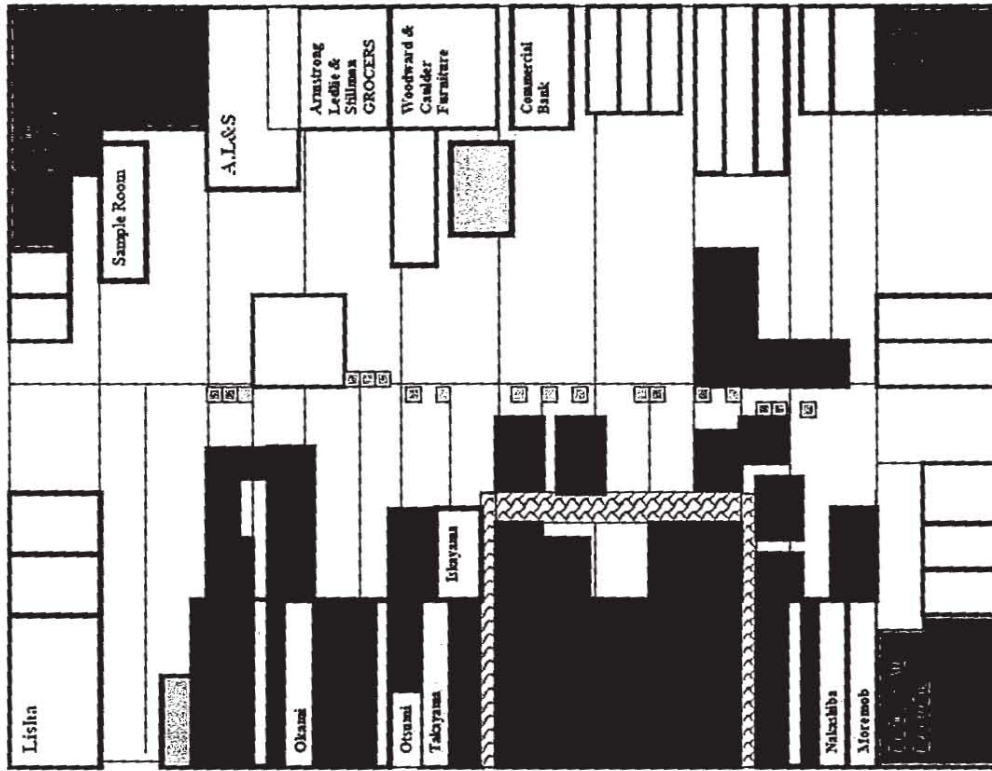
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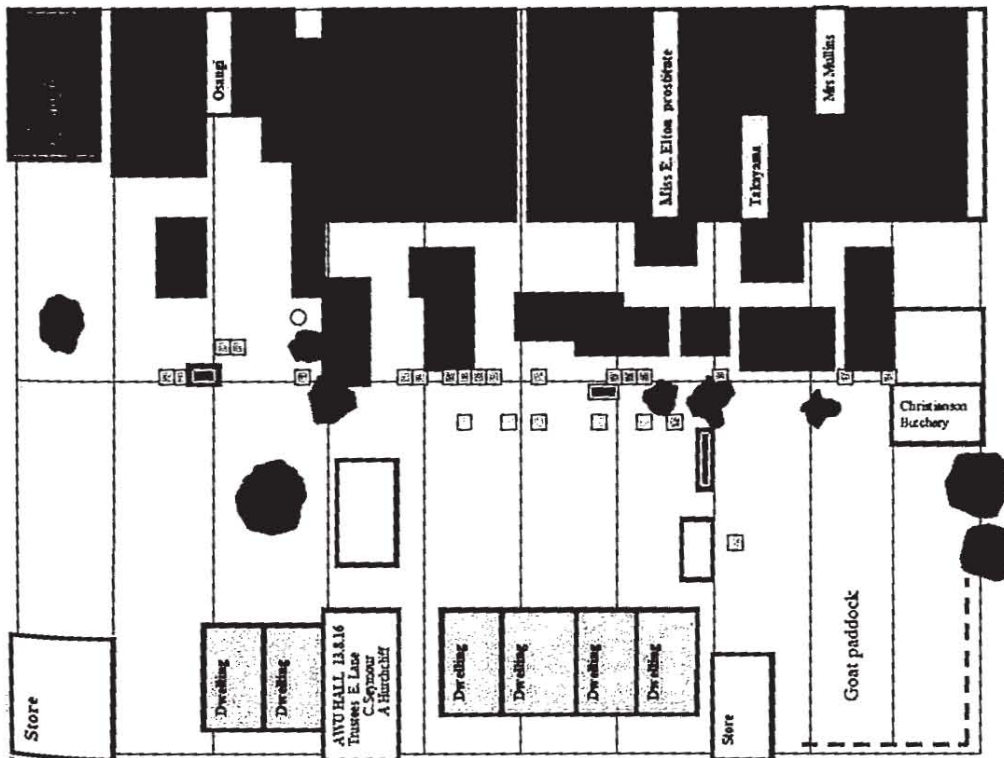
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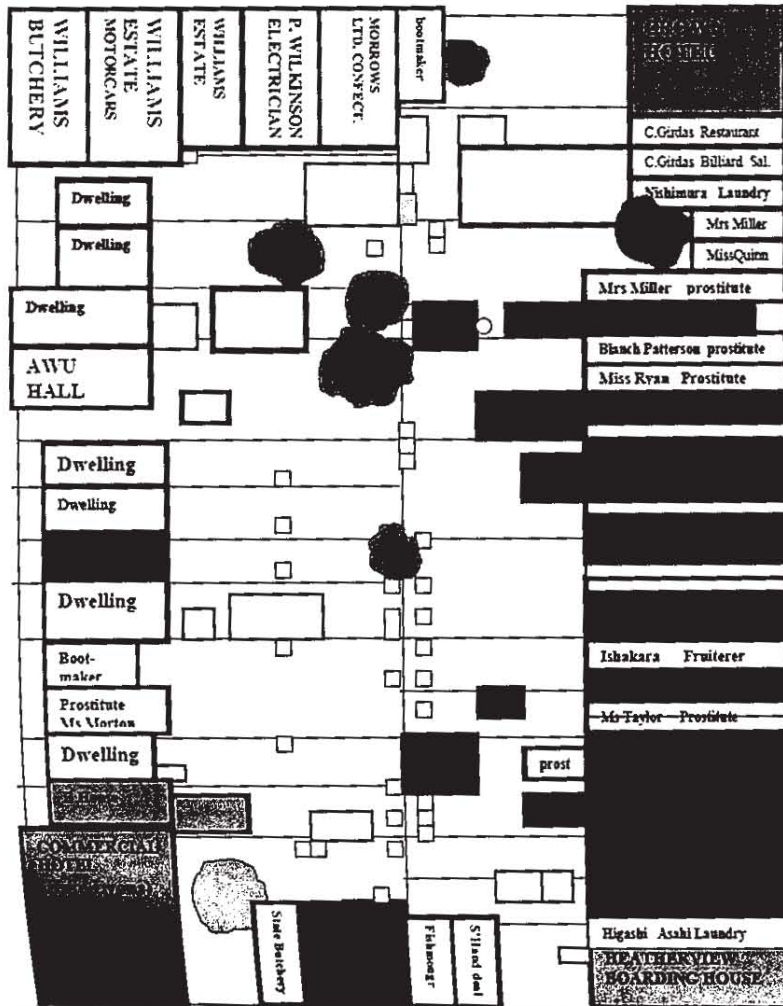


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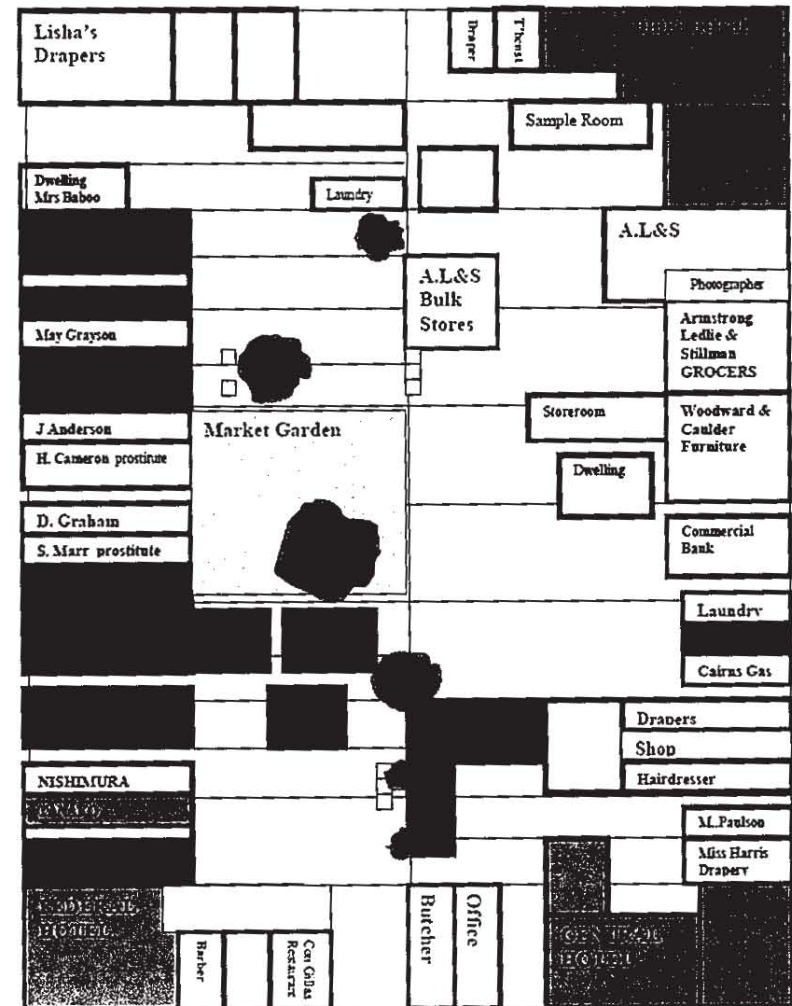
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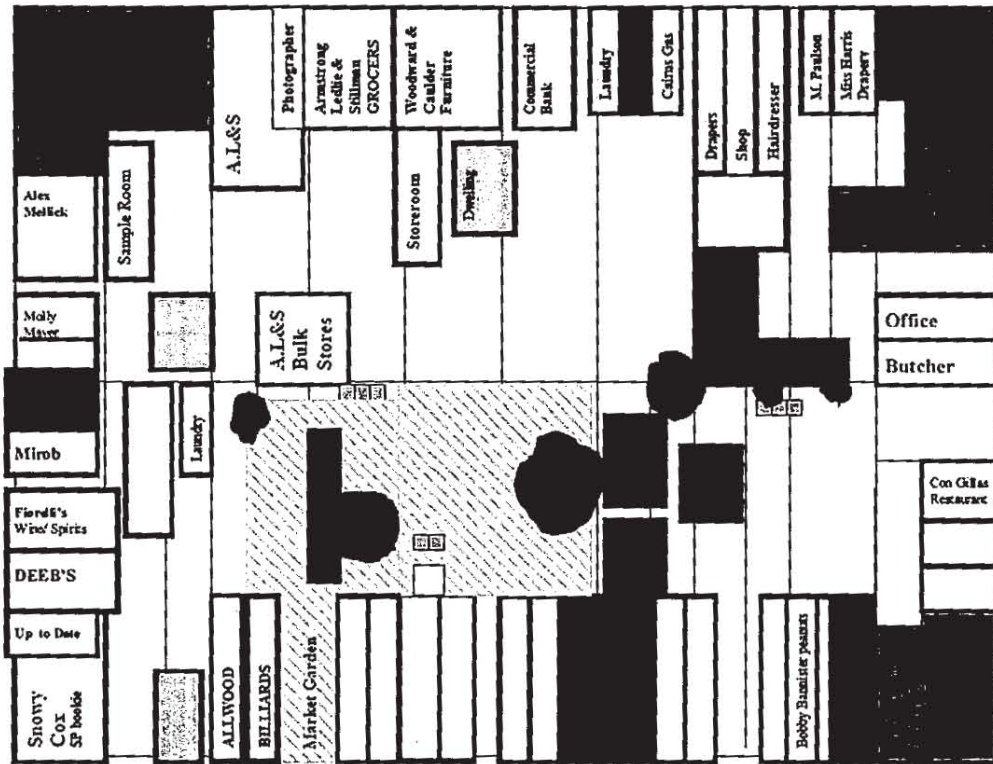


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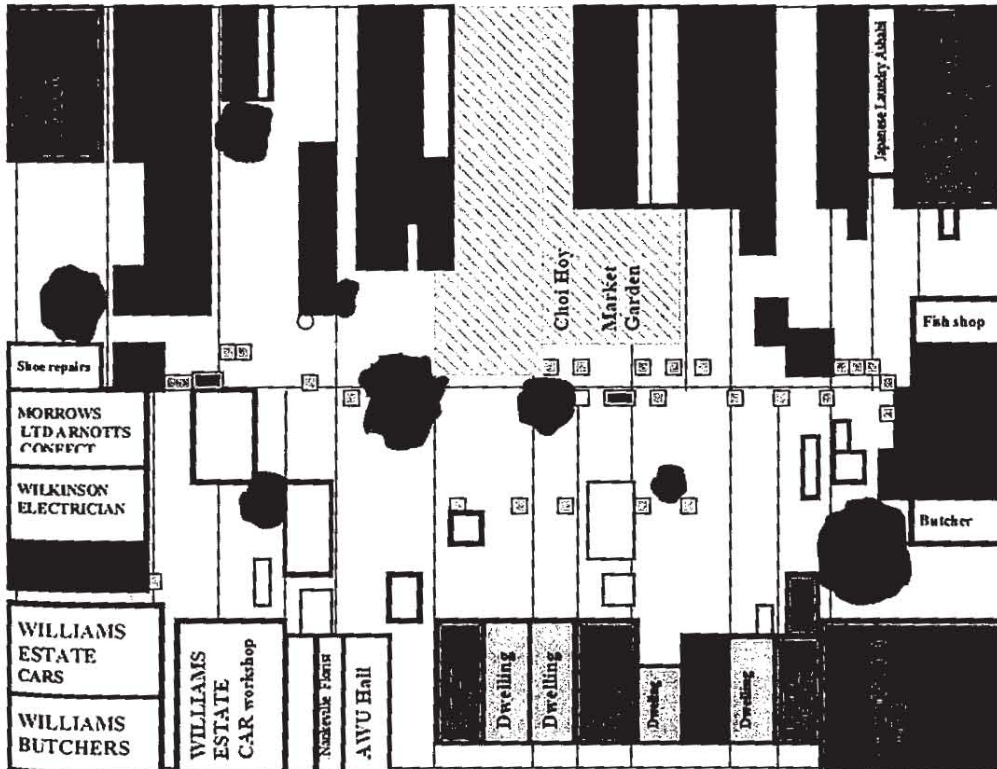
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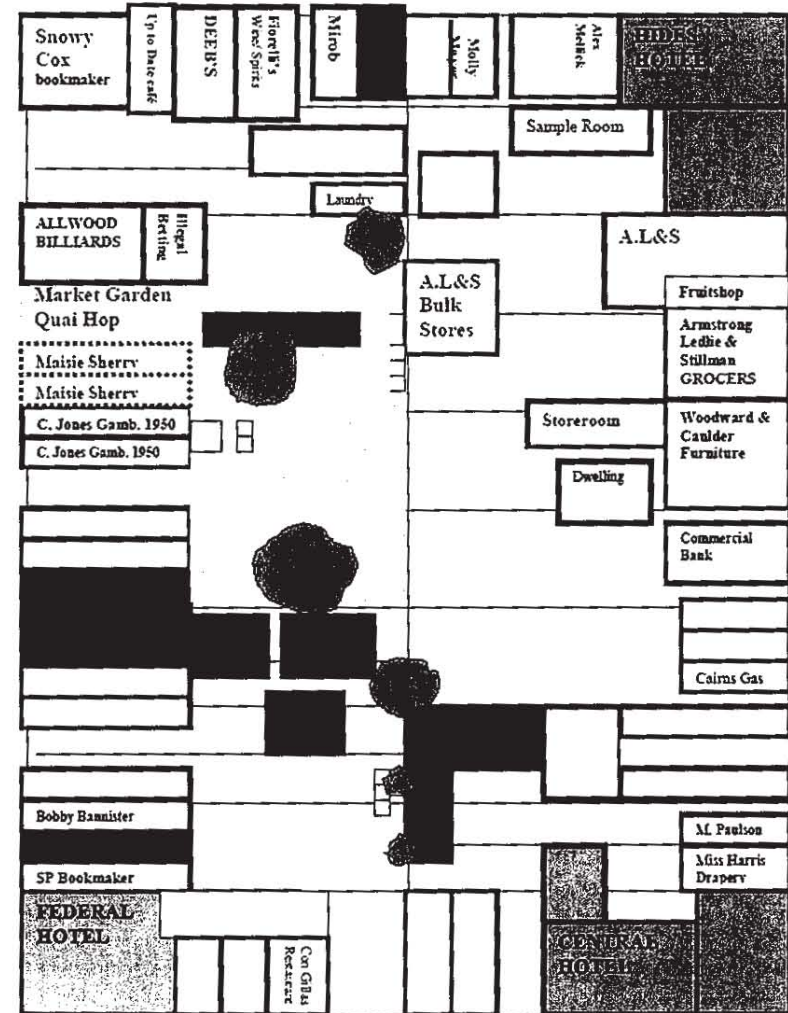
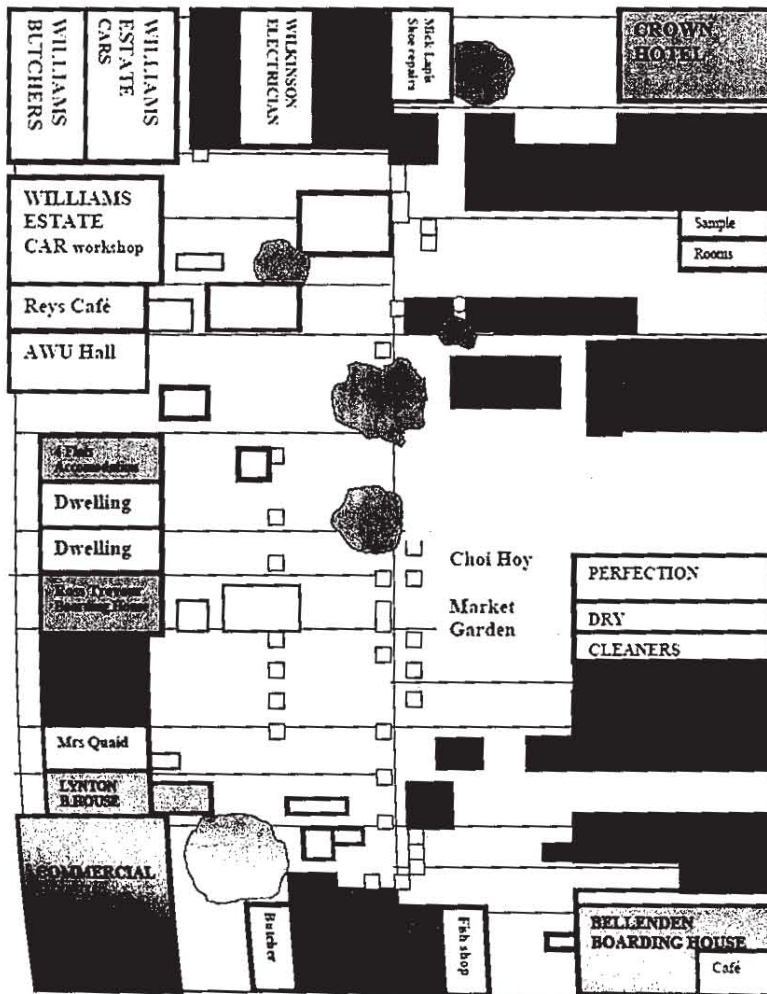
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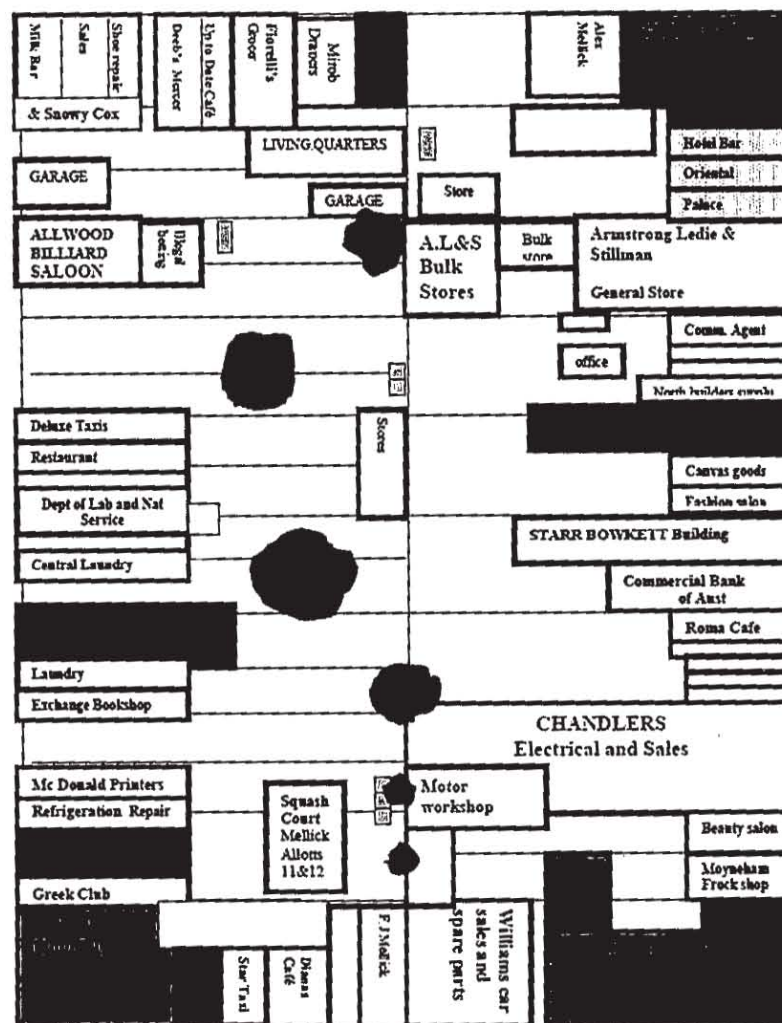
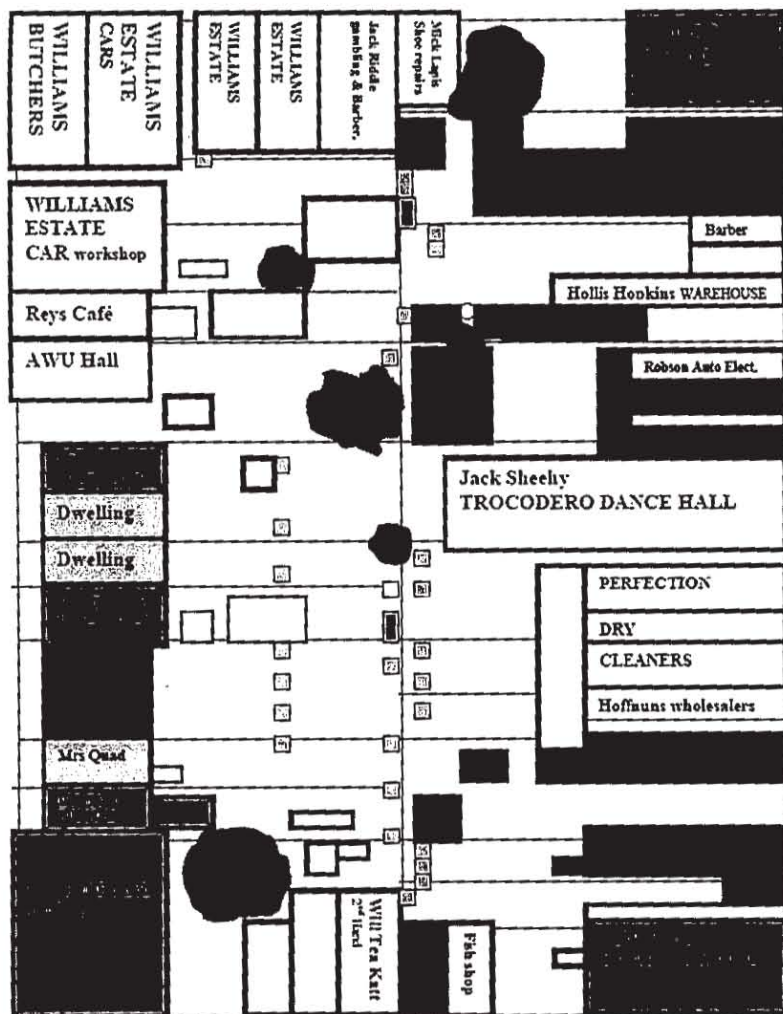


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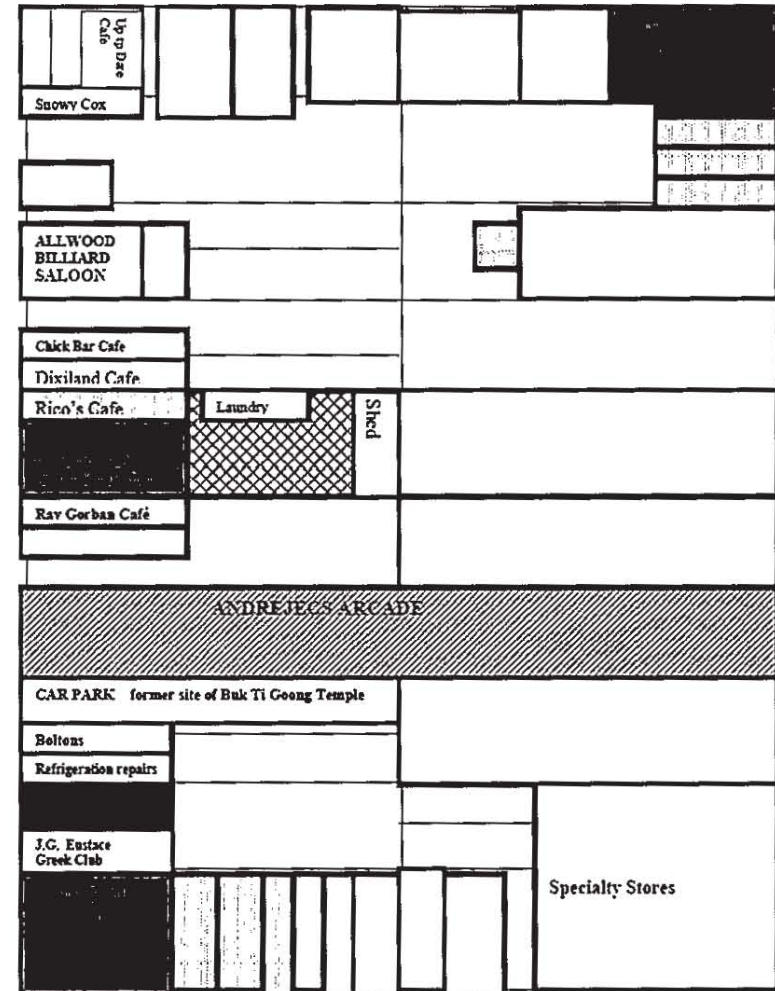
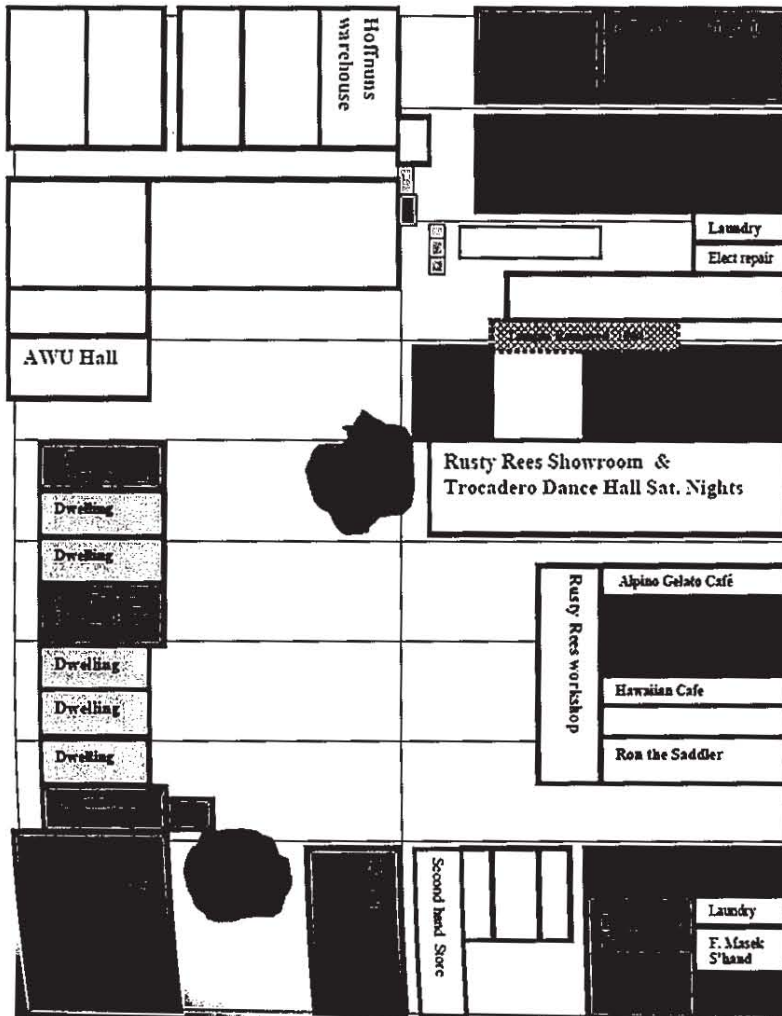


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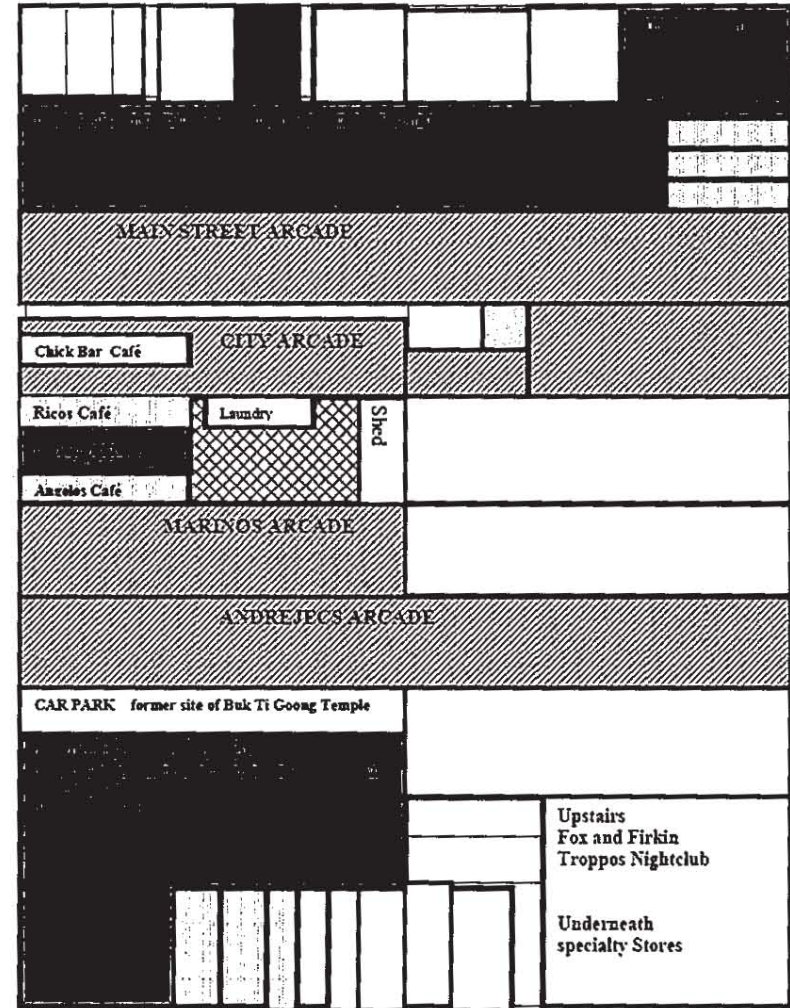
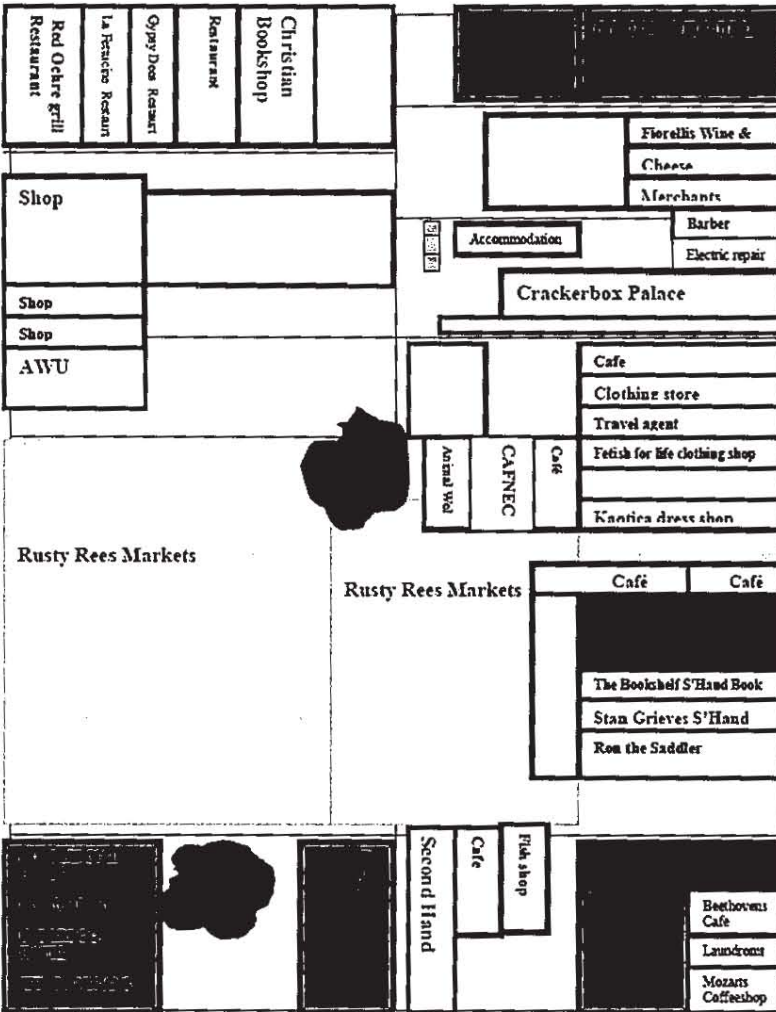


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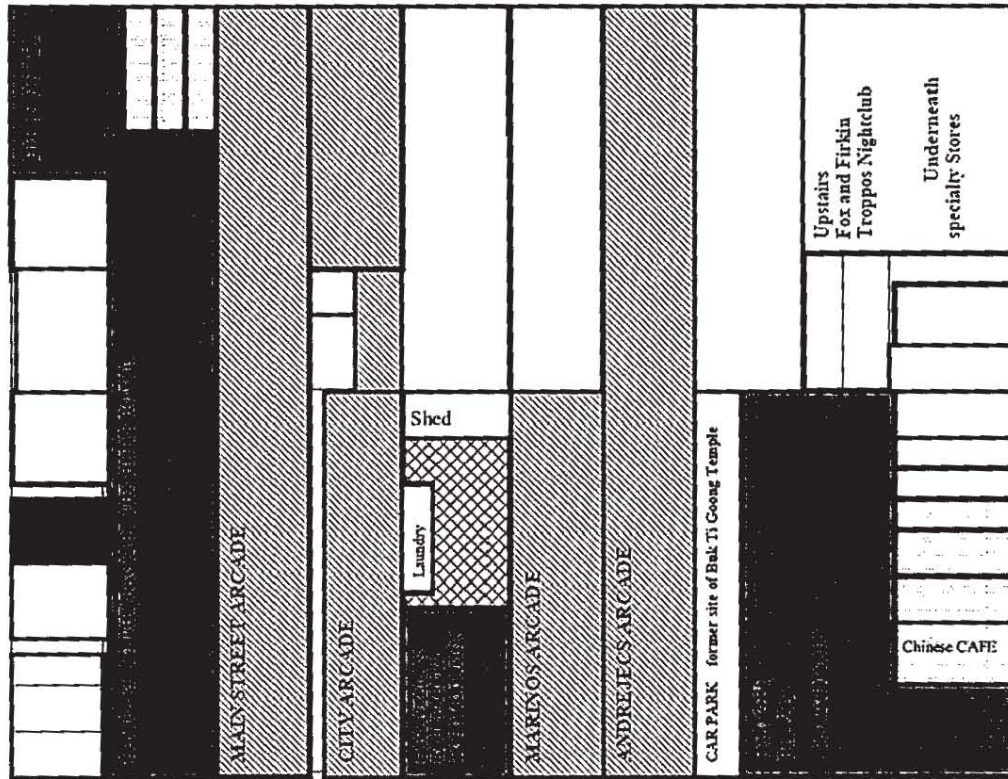
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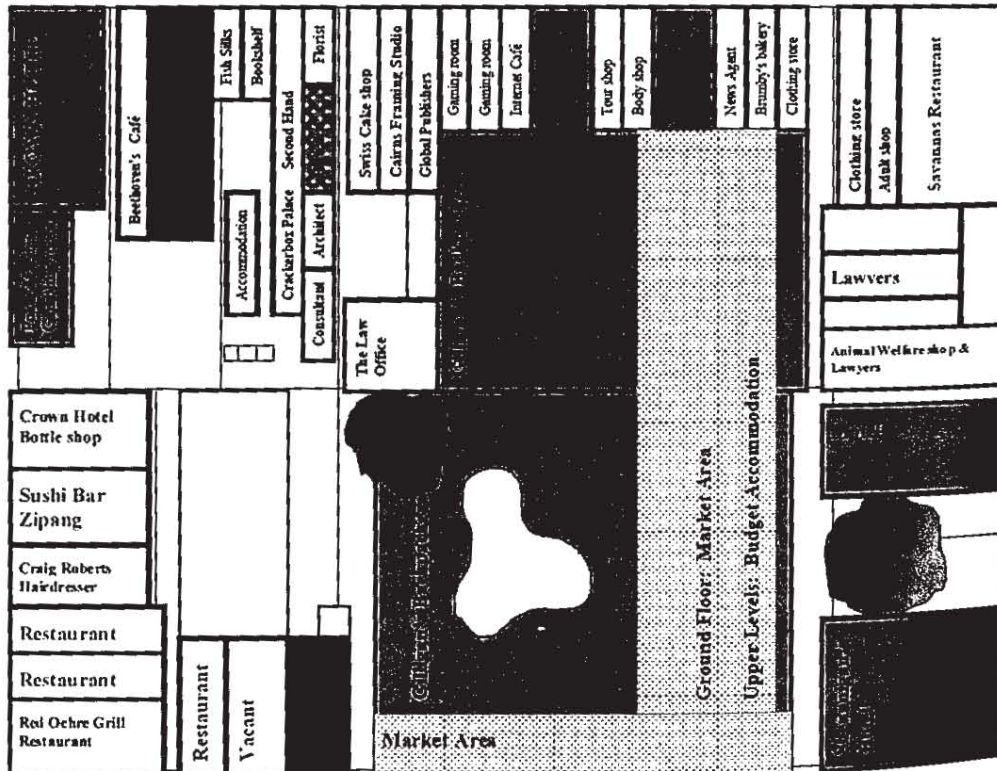
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²³ CMCM, 11 April 1889
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²⁵ Queensland National Bank Accounts Book for Cairns Municipal Council, Sachs Street Account 1888-1889, p.155
²⁶ CMCM, 2 February 1888
²⁷ CMCM, 24 December 1889
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³³ CMCM, 23 September 1888
³⁴ May, *Topsawyers*, p.64.
³⁵ Kirkman, 1984
³⁶ May, *Topsawyers*, p. 65. & Interview: Major General Darryl Low Choy, Brisbane, 8 July 2002
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⁴⁰ *Cairns Post*, 3 August 1887. They were given an official welcome as visiting dignitaries and were received by the Mayor who took them to Swallow and Derham's plantation which had over 150 Chinese workers. The Commissioners went on to visit Hap Wah Estate and then Chinatown. In particular they were shown around the Temple and several stores before having lunch with Sun Kwong Kee. Mayor Severin, had lunch with the dignitaries.
⁴¹ *Cairns Post*, 22 February 1888. In a show of community solidarity many Chinese went to the Temple to protect it, angry that their place of worship had been violated.
⁴² Certificate of Title: Volume 91, Folio 188, Number N1573
⁴³ Queensland National Bank Accounts Book for Cairns Municipal Council: Incoming Monies. Money for soil carted to "Joss House A/C." 16 September 1890
⁴⁴ *Cairns Post*, 24 July 1884
⁴⁵ CMCM, 18 January 1887
⁴⁶ CMCM, 15 March 1887
⁴⁷ Outgoing correspondence, Municipal Town Clerk to Inspector of Nuisances, 15 November 1888
⁴⁸ *The Cairns Post*, 4 June 1890, Municipal Council Minutes, p.2
⁴⁹ He is referring to the old idea that rotting organic matter produced a miasma, a smelly vapor, which caused a disease in the body when inhaled.
⁵⁰ *The Cairns Post*, 4 June 1890, Municipal Council Minutes, p.2
⁵¹ Queensland National Bank Accounts Book for Cairns Municipal Council: Incoming Monies. Money for soil carted to Lee Yen Brothers, 16 September 1890
⁵² *Cooktown Herald*, 17 February 1877, Departures. Andrew Leon married Mary Piggott in 1869.

⁵³ Sandi Robb, 2002, Out of sight, Out of Mind : Wives of Chinese men in North Queensland, Strategies for Survival 1875-1935, B.A.(Hons) Thesis, James Cook University, Cairns. p. 80

⁵⁴ James Ah Ching was married to Sarah Hadley in Townsville in 1878

⁵⁵ James Ah You married Agnes Sommerville in 1883. They were married in Ah Chow's residence in church of England rights and had James Ah Ching and Sarah Hadley as the witnesses.

⁵⁶ The witnesses were Agnes Ah You and Ah You and the couple were married at Ah Chows residence in a primitive Methodist ceremony.

⁵⁷ Country Births, Deaths and Marriages, (CBDM), microfiche 1860-1900

⁵⁸ *Cairns Post*, 18 October 1890

⁵⁹ Sandi Robb, Out of sight, Out of Mind, p. 81

⁶⁰ *The Cairns Post*, 20 June 1888. Ah Sam verbally and physically abused Mrs Jessie Ah Hee in Chinatown. She had unwisely suggested at the time that the books he kept were those of the Fan Tan table.

The Cairns Post, 8 February 1888. Jane Ah Hon was verbally abused by Alfred Trellor in Chinatown.

⁶¹ *The Cairns Post*, 26 July 1885. Birth of a boy to Mrs Ah Chow at her residence in Sachs Street. There are also during this period European women married to Ah Hee, Gee Wah, Ah Foo, Pang Muen Young, and Sam Hee to identify a few. Unfortunately for Sam Hee, his wife was indeed perhaps a disreputable women, as she was last noted in 1903 charged with indecent exposure and sentenced to three months gaol. She had been before the court many times including one case of assaulting her husband.

⁶² C.Y. Choi, 1975, *Chinese Migration and Settlement in Australia*, Sydney University Press, Sydney. p. 11. Education within China had always been important and was available only to the boys of the family. It was also available to the concubines, as concubinage was not only concerned with sex but about culture and intellect, in contrast to the usual western perception of prostitution, which is about paid sex. Within China it was not unusual to have corporate clan ownership of land to support schools. Clans held a large proportion of village land, which was then rented to individual families either inside or outside of the lineage, which provided an income for schools or scholarships. This then increased a system of ownership of schools.

⁶³ *The Cairns Post*, "Cairns State School Building Fund", 26 March 1885,

⁶⁴ *Ibid.*

⁶⁵ May, *Topsawyers*, p. 83

⁶⁶ *The Cairns Post*, 15 December 1888, p. 2

⁶⁷ *The Cairns Post*, 20 November 1889

⁶⁸ *The Cairns Post*, 23 November 1889

⁶⁹ *The Cairns Post*, 4 December 1889

⁷⁰ *Cairns Argus*, 25 November 1890

⁷¹ *The Cairns Post*, 7 December 1889

⁷² QSA SRS 4646/1, Cairns Municipal Rate Receipts Book, 1885

⁷³ CBDM 1860-1900

⁷⁴ QSA SRS 4641/1, Cairns Municipal Council Rate Book, 1890, p. 63

⁷⁵ Outgoing correspondence, Municipal Town Clerk to Inspector of Nuisances, 15 November 1888

⁷⁶ Cairns Municipal Rate Receipts Book 1886, Plan, Town of Cairns, 1886, The Office of Surveyor General, Brisbane

⁷⁷ CMC, 13 June 1889, it was granted to Louis Severin for allotment 12 section 3.

⁷⁸ Outgoing correspondence, Municipal Town Clerk to Mr D. J. Hobson, Editor of the Cairns Argus, 11 December 1889

⁷⁹ *Cairns Post*, 17 March 1888. Despite push to restrict Chinese businesses to Chinatown one did open a business in Lake Street in 1891. *Cairns Post*, 15 November 1891

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⁸⁰ Queensland Votes and Proceeding, Volume IV, 1889, Report into the Sugar Commission. Loose notes, C May.

⁸¹ May, *Topsawyers*, p. 246, Appendix A

⁸² *ibid.* p. 125

⁸³ *ibid.*

⁸⁴ *Cairns Post*, 19 September 1891

⁸⁵ May, *Topsawyers*, p. 69

⁸⁶ *ibid.* p. 199

⁸⁷ John Potts, 1888, *One year of Anti-Chinese Work in Queensland with incidents of Travel*, Davidson and Metcalf, Brisbane, pp.5-8

⁸⁸ *Cairns Post*, 8 July 1897

⁸⁹ May, *Topsawyers*, p.197

⁹⁰ *Cairns Post*, 20 October 1898. In 1898, leading merchants, Wong Fong, Sam Sing, Sun Wo Ti, Lee Yan and Sun Shum Lee signed a petition to the Chamber of Commerce in relation to assistance on the fruit fly issue.

⁹¹ *ibid.*, p.197

⁹² May, *Topsawyers*, p. 196

⁹³ Outgoing correspondence, Town Clerk Municipal Council,

⁹⁴ *Cairns Post*, 30 April 1890

⁹⁵ *Cairns Post*, 3 May 1890

⁹⁶ Henry Reynolds, 2003, *North of Capricorn*, Allen and Unwin, Sydney, p. 72

⁹⁷ Accounts Book for Cairns Municipal Council, 1898, p. 37

⁹⁸ *ibid.* p.36

⁹⁹ Queensland Votes and Proceeding, Volume IV, 1889, Report into the Sugar Commission. Loose notes, C May.

¹⁰⁰ QSA SRS 49491. Map of Census District Cairns.

¹⁰¹ May, *Topsawyers*, p.121

¹⁰² *Cairns Post*, 26 June 1890. By 1895 the boat builder had made over 10 Sampons which plied the Barron river between Freshwater area and the wharves. They varied in size from 25ft to 30ft with a capacity of 6-12 tons. The boats cost £100-£150 with local Cedar and hardwoods used. The timber was sourced from Mr Till sawmill at Redlynch

Cairns Post, 4 August 1895.

¹⁰³ Accounts Book for Cairns Municipal Council

1889, first Dray license to See Sing and Ah Hong

¹⁰⁴ May, *Topsawyers*, p. 59

¹⁰⁵ *ibid.* p. 358

¹⁰⁶ It is difficult to exactly pinpoint the exact location of the Chinese Club because the rates books over a period of time swap the location with the other building on the allotment of Sun Wo Ti. However the author is confident that the Chinese Club is on Lot2, allotment 12, and section 27.

¹⁰⁷ May, *Topsawyers*, pp.65-67

¹⁰⁸ *Cairns Post*, 28 April 1898

¹⁰⁹ May, *Topsawyers*, p.216

¹¹⁰ *ibid.* p. 81

¹¹¹ Kevin Wong Hoy, Ed. 1976, *A souvenir brochure from the Chinese community of Cairns, North Queensland Australia 1876-1976*, p. 8

¹¹² Ledger Accounts Book for Cairns Municipal Council, Sachs Street Account 1890-1900, p. 62

¹¹³ *ibid.* p. 65

¹¹⁴ *Cairns Post*, 15 November 1890

¹¹⁵ *Cairns Post*, 6 April 1892

¹¹⁶ *ibid.*

¹¹⁷ *Cairns Post*, 1 May 1884

¹¹⁸ *The Cairns Argus*, 6 February 1897

¹¹⁹ *Cairns Post*, 26 November 1896

¹²⁰ May, *Topsawyers*, pp. 99-100

¹²¹ *Cairns Post*, "Chinese immorality", 26 November 1890. Chinese sometimes washed or "tubbed" themselves in the back yard possibly using the same day a communal washing day.

¹²² *Cairns Post*, "Chinatown visited", 3 May 1890.

¹²³ *Cairns Post*, 2 July 1890

¹²⁴ CMC, 25 September 1890

¹²⁵ *Cairns Post*, Health Officers Report, 19 December 1891

¹²⁶ *Cairns Post*, 25 February 1891. This comment was made after a large flood was experienced around Chinese New Year flooding areas in Cairns especially Chinatown.

¹²⁷ *Cairns Post*, Health Officers Report, 19 December 1891

¹²⁸ *The Cairns Argus*, 20 February 1897

¹²⁹ Gordon Grimwade and Associates, April 2001, Rusty's Markets Re-Development site Archaeological Report, pp. 31-42 Gordon Grimwade and Associates, March 2004, Rusty's Markets Re-Development site Archaeological excavation Report Modified extract of DRAFT EXTRACT, pp. 33, 45-48 The Grimwade and Associates report found that up to eight different varieties of European alcohol bottles were found in various test pits of the Gilligans' site as well as some brown rice wine bottles indicating that reports of Chinese consuming both sorts of beverages were correct. *The Cairns Argus*, 13 February 1897.

¹³⁰ May, *Topsawyers*, p. 91

¹³¹ *Cairns Post*, 22 August 1895

¹³² Outward Correspondence, Cairns Municipal Council Town Clerk, 17 March 1899 -19 April 1901, p.32

¹³³ *Cairns Post*, 26 June 1890.

¹³⁴ Interview: Vincent Lee, February 2004

¹³⁵ *Cairns Post*, 5 March 1896. After revealing that permission had been given to Lee Yan and the police had used to occasion to express his own biased view, the Police magistrate sent an official apology to the Chinese community expressing his extreme regret at the position that they had been placed.

¹³⁶ May, *Topsawyers*, p. 92

¹³⁷ *ibid.* p. 74

¹³⁸ *Cairns Post*, 5 September 1895

¹³⁹ *The Cairns Argus*, 13 August 1897

¹⁴⁰ May, *Topsawyers*, p. 75

¹⁴¹ Bottoms, 2003, "A History of Cairns", Doctor of Philosophy Thesis, University of Queensland, pp 224-225

¹⁴² *Cairns Post*, 28 April 1900

¹⁴³ *Cairns Post*, 3 October 1895

¹⁴⁴ *Cairns Post*, 10 October 1895

¹⁴⁵ *Cairns Post*, 17 October 1895

¹⁴⁶ *The Cairns Argus*, 13 August 1896

¹⁴⁷ *Cairns Argus*, 14 August 1896

¹⁴⁸ *Cairns Argus*, 18 August 1896

¹⁴⁹ Both Bessie Kwong Kee and her mother Mrs. Dyke were well known to the community as midwives they lived in Sachs Street and delivered many children including all 18 of the Sou San family- naming all of them after English royalty.

¹⁵⁰ Amy Lin Foy, 1970, "The Pangs and the Lin Foy's", *Cairns Historical Society Inc.*, Bulletin Number 136

¹⁵¹ *Cairns Post*, 8 August 1895

¹⁵² Edmund Lee Wah Bow, private manuscript, *The Lee's Family Tree of Larm Har Village, Lundo, Zhongshan, China*. For other wives who remained back in China, the years of separation were longer. Wong Sze, first wife of Lee Joy alias Sun Shun Lee, was separated from her husband for 36 years. As she did not wish to emigrate with her four children, she arranged for a second wife to be sent to Lee Joy. Sun Hee arrived in Cairns and married Lee Joy on 16 April 1898. They had four children but Sun Hee subsequently died in 1909.

¹⁵³ Queensland Votes and Proceedings, (QPP), Volume II, 1887 (1886) Register Generals Report-Census of Queensland, p.1256

¹⁵⁴ QPP, Volume III, 1892 (1891) Register Generals Report-Census of Queensland, p.1276

¹⁵⁵ QPP, Volume IV 1900 (1899) Register Generals Report- vital Statistics, p.905

¹⁵⁶ QPP, Volume IV 1902 (1900) Register Generals Report-Census of Queensland, p.1050

¹⁵⁷ *The Cairns Post*, 18 April 1902 & Interview: Arleen Lee Long, Cairns, 25 April 2001 Arranged by her parents or a matchmaker, Yuen Ming's marriage was contracted to Kwok Yin Ming after he went home for a bride. They then went on to raise a family of 7.

¹⁵⁸ May, *Topsawyers*, p.260 Bow See came out to Australia with her family and met her husband Lum So San who was a herbalist. He was 48 years old and she was 19. Their marriage was arranged by the matchmaker Bessie Kwong Kee and took place in 1899. She and her husband then proceeded to have 18 children (in 23 years), two whom died in infancy.

¹⁵⁹ *The Cairns Argus*, 13 July 1897

¹⁶⁰ *Cairns Post*, 6 July 1900

¹⁶¹ *Cairns Post*, 5 August 1897

¹⁶² QSA, POL J1. Letter regarding Japanese prostitutes from Acting Sub Inspectors Office, 23 November 1897

¹⁶³ In the *Cairns Post*, 5 August 1897, Advertisement, Japanese Storekeeper, Mrs S. O' Mitsu

- ¹⁶⁴ QSA, POL J1. letter regarding Japanese prostitutes from Sub Inspectors Office 24 November 1897
- ¹⁶⁵ *Ibid.*
- ¹⁶⁶ *Cairns Post*, 22 August 1897
- ¹⁶⁷ *Cairns Post*, 18 February 1897. They handed around ground nuts and lemonade during the intervals.
- ¹⁶⁸ *Cairns Post*, 4 December 1889
- ¹⁶⁹ *Cairns Post*, 30 June 1889
- ¹⁷⁰ Reynolds, *North of Capricorn*, p. 169
- ¹⁷¹ *Cairns Post*, 29 October 1897
- ¹⁷² May, *Topsawyers*, pp. 206-7
- ¹⁷³ *Ibid.* p. 191 & *Cairns Post*, 26 November 1897
- ¹⁷⁴ *Ibid.* p. 207. For a full discussion of Chinese relations with and other non-European races, see pages 206-211
- ¹⁷⁵ *Cairns Post*, 1 March 1899
- ¹⁷⁶ Alan Hudson, "Shanty town home for many" in Supplement "The Best of the North I Knew- 2003 Collection", *Cairns Post* February 2004
- ¹⁷⁷ CMCM, 24 April 1899
- ¹⁷⁸ Outgoing correspondence, Town Clerk Municipal Council, Kwong Lec 1 May 1899, Cheong Sing and Hop Lee 2 May 1899 & Sam Sing 20 September 1899
- ¹⁷⁹ Jill Greaves, 1994, "Early Brick Making Activities in North Queensland", *The Cairns Historical Society Inc.* Bulletin Number 404 ; *Cairns Post*, 18 September 1884
- ¹⁸⁰ *Cairns Post*, 5 September 1888; *Cairns Post*, 8 October 1888; *Cairns Post*, 15 December 1888
- ¹⁸¹ It employs all of the construction features such as the high pitched roof and venting in the ceiling space.
- ¹⁸² H.K.N MacDonnell, 1976, "Early Days Around Cairns", *Cairns Historical Society Inc.* Bulletin Number 198
- ¹⁸³ *Cairns Post*, 11 October 1896
- ¹⁸⁴ Grimwade, Rusty's Markets DRAFT EXTRACT, Pile 32 summary pp.28-29
- ¹⁸⁵ *Cairns Post*, 18 November 1891 & *Cairns Post*, 30 December 1891. A slump in housing combined forces James Ah Ching to advertises properties for sale. He also places an ad to "Let" his cottage in McLeod Street and shop in Spence Street and Sachs Street. He continued to experience financial problems in response to the bank crash of 1893.
- ¹⁸⁶ *Cairns Municipal Rate Receipts Book*, 1897
- ¹⁸⁷ May, *Topsawyers*, p.113. The 1891 Census lists in the district three Chinese as "irregular clergy", which indicates that both Temples in Cairns and one in Geraldton were operational by the time that the Census was taken. Found on allotment 13 Section 3.
- ¹⁸⁸ *North Queensland Register*, Supplement, 28 February 1906
- ¹⁸⁹ *Cairns Post*, Health Officers Report, 20 February 1897

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- ¹⁹¹ May, *Topsawyers*, p. 80 The Methodist church was at the time very active in the community and also had Chinese Ministers and lay preachers.

- ¹⁹² Queensland Public Records Historical Resource Kit, (QPRHRK), COL/72 #00086 Enquiring Letter sent by Cairns solicitor to the Home Secretary's Office. One letter sent to the Home Secretary's Office by a Cairns solicitor clearly states: "I make this enquiry because when I applied for a naturalization certificate some twelve months ago for another Chinaman, you informed me the government were not just then disposed to naturalize Asiatic aliens." Delays often centered on failure to meet criteria, which included a Memorial, a fee of £10, a police report on character and most importantly proof of marriage. For many ordinary men, failure to provide proof of a written Chinese marriage meant that they were ineligible for naturalization.
- ¹⁹³ May, *Topsawyers*, p. 191
- ¹⁹⁴ *Cairns Post*, 28 October 1908. Figures for Chinese arrivals in 1907 were 111 whereas departures were 273.
- ¹⁹⁵ *Cairns Post*, 19 May 1908. Another banana regulation was introduced this time bananas had to be packed in cases which were rat proof. Ten leading Chinese merchants met with Commissioner for Health along with Fruit Inspector, representatives from the shipping company and the Shire Clerk.
- ¹⁹⁶ *Cairns Post*, 28 November 1908
- ¹⁹⁷ *Cairns Post*, 15 May 1909
- ¹⁹⁸ *Cairns Post*, 21 July 1909
- ¹⁹⁹ *Cairns Post*, 6 May 1908
- ²⁰⁰ Edmund Wah Bow Lee, "My Memories of Times in Places I call Home: Shekki, Cairns & Hong Kong", Unpublished manuscript, China, p.21 Among them were many Europeans.
- ²⁰¹ May, *Topsawyers*, p. 56
- ²⁰² *Morning Post*, 12 October 1900 & *Cairns Post*, 1 August 1900. In August 1900, at a time when the local papers were full of articles highlighting the Boxer Rebellion in China instilling fears in the minds of local Europeans, it is not known what lay behind James Ah Young's motive for disclosing information that there was at least seven members of the group known as Boxers Society in Cairns. To reinforce his point about their presence he went so far as to produce a calligraphy facsimile of the Boxer sign. The next week James Young modified his statement suggesting that he had been misunderstood and that the group were actually a local Chinese Labor Party rather than part of a secret society. What these two reports reveal is that either he realized the potential disaster this information had for Chinatown and withdrew the statement or that pressure from within the community to retract the information had been exerted. It also indicates that the Chinatown community was well aware of internal political tensions within China. His disclosure in the first place was very unusual because Chinese persons did not usually make personal comments about internal Chinatown politics, especially if it aroused suspicion.
- ²⁰³ *Cairns Post*, 17 September 1901. When news of his arrival reached Chinatown, residents rang the tocsin to summon the community to get ready for the procession. They presented a magnificent

processional display in traditional celebratory costumes with some carrying flags and banners. Others carried halberd shafts²⁰³ from the Temple. Following tradition a deputation presented an address to the Governor General proclaiming loyalty to His majesty and wishing the Lord Hopetoun a long and well Life. The speech was signed and presented by 40 prominent Chinese merchants and shopkeepers.

²⁰⁴ *Cairns Post*, 5 June 1903

²⁰⁵ *Cairns Post*, 9 June 1903

²⁰⁶ Reynolds, North of Capricorn, p.73

²⁰⁷ *Cairns Post*, 25 January 1907

Mrs Ang Young a Chinese woman lived behind Yuen Sing Chan's shop with her husband and another man. She could not speak English and her husband ran a South Sea Islander boarding house.

²⁰⁸ *Cairns Post*, 12 July 1901. It was considered beneficial to Chinatown because most agricultural workers came in on the weekends and with a half-day holiday on the Saturday the merchants were unable to be open for trade.

²⁰⁹ *Cairns Post*, 9 August 1901

²¹⁰ *Cairns Post*, 13 September 1901 No leniency was shown to Chinese shopkeepers James Young the herbalist. Defendant solicitor put forward that as a herbalist his profession required him to work odd hours and also that as a chemist and druggist the community would be at hardship if his practice hours were curtailed. However he was still fined 1/- and 4/6 costs.

²¹¹ Outgoing correspondence, Cairns Town Council, 17 February 1906 to 4 December 1907, Town Clerk. Letter to Tam Sie, Geraldton p.138

Requests were made to Tam Sie, to pay the rates on his property however Tam Sie must have had an arrangement with his tenants for them to pay. In 1906, 3 shopkeepers refused to pay, stating that it was Tam Sie's responsibility. However, the tenants must have relented as they eventually paid the rates and not Tam Sie.

²¹² *Cairns Post*, 20 February 1903. In March Ho Wah Tay brought a case against business partner Willie Ming for dissolution of business Tay Song Kee in the Supreme Court. Ming moved to Aloomba with family and Sam Wah took over premises allotment 16, Section 3.

²¹³ *Cairns Post*, 26 January 1900

²¹⁴ Outgoing Correspondence, Cairns Municipal Council Town Clerk, 8 February 1900, p.504

²¹⁵ *Cairns Post*, 24 March 1900

²¹⁶ *Morning Post*, 14 April 1900

²¹⁷ *Ibid.* The Heath Officer said "I believe I am right in saying that at the present time in Chinatown, as regards to the cleanliness of its yards is quite equal to the other parts of Cairns.

²¹⁸ *Cairns Post*, 28 August 1905

²¹⁹ *Cairns Post*, 20 May 1904

²²⁰ *Cairns Post*, 29 September 1904

²²¹ *Cairns Post*, 27 March 1907

²²² *Cairns Post*, 20 August 1908

²²³ *Cairns Post*, 1 June 1905

²²⁴ QSA, A/67976, Licensing Matters Postage and Petty Cash 1901-1906 23 April. List of Chinese whose opium permits were cancelled.

²²⁵ *Cairns Post*, 8 November 1907. The decision was reserved.

²²⁶ *Cairns Post*, 26 May 1907. In 1907 the leading storekeeper Lee On Kee charged with opium smoking. Solicitor MacDonnell entered plea of guilty said he could produce medical evidence that his life would, be endangered if he were suddenly forced to cease the habit.

²²⁷ *Cairns Post*, 27 November 1908. This was the case with Ah Kum, former vegetable supplier to the hospital and retired gardener. A habitual user he had smoked for 36-7 years and had a written prescription from Dr Knowles. He was kept in Cairns by the benevolence of a cousin and was waiting to go home one way or another.

²²⁸ May, *Topsawyers*, p. 91

²²⁹ *Cairns Post*, 18 May 1902. Newspapers in 1901 reported extensively on cases of Chinese gambling which usually consisted of Pak-a-pu, Gee far, Pie Gow, Fan Tan and Sin Kai Loo.

²³⁰ *Cairns Post*, 2 December 1910. Kwong Sue Duc was fined for selling Pak-a-pu tickets. Number three bank behind Sam Sings shop.

²³¹ May, *Topsawyers*, pp.283-4

²³² *Cairns Post*, 16 May 1902. Case brought by Low Choy against Chong Fat for conducting a lottery along with Wai Tai Sing Wing and Ah Dip and Willie Ming as manager.

²³³ *Cairns Post*, 23 August 1901

²³⁴ *Cairns Post*, 22 July 1908 The subsequent collection taken up was substantial including a sovereign.

²³⁵ *Cairns Post*, 27 July 1908

²³⁶ Allotment 16, Section 3.

²³⁷ *Morning Post*, 16 October 1900 But misfortune came upon the Ming's and the community as the boy died one week later. The whole Chinese community must have felt this loss.

²³⁸ May, *Topsawyers*, p.371

²³⁹ *Cairns Post*, 11 February 1902

²⁴⁰ H.K.N MacDonnell, 1976, "Early Reminiscence of Cairns", *Cairns Historical Society Inc.* Bulletin Number 6

Sometimes at night the sound of tinkling bells or reedy pipes could be heard at Hides Hotel as a sole musician played.

²⁴¹ *Cairns Post*, 19 February 1904.

²⁴² *Morning Post*, 10 Feb 1903,

²⁴³ *Cairns Post*, 11 February 1902

²⁴⁴ *Cairns Post*, 19 February 1907.

²⁴⁵ *Cairns Post*, 10 February 1910

²⁴⁶ *Cairns Post*, 20 August 1901

²⁴⁷ May, *Topsawyers*, p.77

²⁴⁸ *Cairns Post*, 23 November 1904.

²⁴⁹ Mrs K Sim, 1975, "Cairns Memories 1911 to 1925," *Cairns Historical Society Inc.* Bulletin 188

²⁵⁰ *Cairns Post*, 1 February 1900.

²⁵¹ *Cairns Post*, 17 February 1900

²⁵² *Cairns Post*, 16 September 1905 Rather than reported as just having a bit of fun, it was noted the police should try to catch them to make an example of them.

²⁵³ *Cairns Post*, 17 August 1908. The Cairns Post remarked that both had good qualities as they taught Sunday school.

²⁵⁴ Interview: Mrs Dawn Stiff, June 2002; February 2004. For example: in 1906 Emily Ah You married Frederick McComb-Andersan. Her sister, Jessie Ah You was the bridesmaid. Miss Ah You had been a Sunday school teacher for some time and the ceremony took place at residence of the bride's mother. Interestingly some of the sons of these unions "went Chinese" and remained connected to the Chinatown.

²⁵⁵ QPRHRK, COL/72 sec after 01/18843. Application for Naturalization Foo Jah. As more Chinese men with their wives living in China applied for naturalization, often un-founded suspicion was aroused as to the reasons behind the need for citizenship. This was often based on racist reasons for the prohibition of Chinese immigrants.

²⁵⁶ *The Commonwealth Immigration Restriction Act*, No. 17, 1901, p. 3.

With Federation came provisions in the Commonwealth *The Immigration Restriction Act* (No.17 of 1901) for Chinese women to be exempt through Clauses 3m (A wife accompanying her husband if he is not a prohibited immigrant, and all children.) and 3n. (Any person who satisfies an officer that he has formally been domiciled in the Commonwealth or in any colony, which has become a State.) At its inception this legislation promised reunification between separated families or the chance for men who had been unable or unwilling to return "home" to marry a Chinese woman.

²⁵⁷ *The Commonwealth Immigration Restriction Act*, No. 17, 1901, p. 23. However if her husband was naturalized the likelihood of a smooth immigration application for a Chinese wife was usually secured. This was particularly effective for the Cairns merchants and shopkeepers after 1901. For naturalized Cairns merchant Jang Lum manager of Sun Wo Ti, his status as a merchant as well as having a very large interest in a sugar growing property meant that his wife could immigrate under the new exemptions provided in clause 3(m). Between 1902 and 1905 ten Chinese women arrived in Cairns Chinatown. However the suspension of Clause 3(m) and 3(n) in 1903 and a repeal in 1905 reduced the female immigration rate to the former one to two. Resulting in only two arrivals by 1910.

²⁵⁸ Queensland Votes and Proceedings Vol. III, 1902 (1901) Census of Queensland, p. 907 & 956

²⁵⁹ In the Census of 1901, 138 children were recorded in Chinatown, including 48 female and 90 males. At the same time, 61 Chinese females were recorded as present, indicating that 12 Chinese women lived in the community.

²⁶⁰ Such as the sustaining herbal mixture given to women after the birth of a child or the ginger and pig trotter soup given in the first week after birth.

²⁶¹ Interview: Amelia Wah Day, Cairns 22 July 2002; Janie Edwards, Cairns 24 May 2002. However as more Chinese wives immigrated, these traditions were renewed and maintained for their own daughters and daughters-in-law until present day.

²⁶² *Cairns Post*, 20 January 1903

²⁶³ May, *Topsawyers*, p.86

²⁶⁴ *Cairns Post*, 1 April 1905

²⁶⁵ *The Cairns Morning Post*, 3 June 1907, "Wedding"

²⁶⁶ Methodist Church: Marriage Records, 18 November, 1891-1960. Kwong Ah Moy was the daughter of first wife Gee Shee. She couldn't sign her name in English, which emphasizes the lack of importance placed in educating daughters, as she had been born and raised in Northern Australia. Kwong Ah Moy married Lee On of Atherton. However the tradition of arranging a marriage was still in use as Kwong Ah Moy was 14 and Lee On, 48.

²⁶⁷ *Cairns Post*, 5 February 1900

²⁶⁸ *The Morning Post*, 2 May 1902, p.2

²⁶⁹ Interview: Greta Yin Foo, Norma Lee and Thyra Lin Foy, 21 March 2001

²⁷⁰ *Cairns Post*, 7 June 1904

²⁷¹ *Cairns Post*, 23 March 1906

²⁷² May, *Topsawyers*, p.79

²⁷³ *Cairns Post*, 1 January 1907

²⁷⁴ Interview: Vincent Lee, 9 May 2002

²⁷⁵ *Cairns Post*, 24 October 1902. There was only one boy Willie Hong Chong aged 14 at the school and never more than three at one time.

²⁷⁶ *Cairns Post*, 5 January 1904

²⁷⁷ *Cairns Post*, 6 July 1900

²⁷⁸ Bottoms, "A History of Cairns" p. 266. Footnote. 95

²⁷⁹ *Cairns Post*, 5 October 1910.

²⁸⁰ *Cairns Post*, 26 June 1901

²⁸¹ *Cairns Post*, 6 October 1903

²⁸² Interview Cairns, 2004: Details of Interviewee are withheld to protect their privacy.

²⁸³ *Cairns Post*, 13 November 1903.

²⁸⁴ Outgoing correspondence, Cairns Municipal Council 25 Oct. 1905- 5 Jan 1906. Letter from Town Clerk to various Japanese residents in Chinatown. The Town Clerk sent out a series of letters to the following people. Miss Oyome, Miss Ome, Miss Otome, Oyoshie, Miss Yone, Miss Oyama, Mr Ininosho, Miss Otume. The letter for Mr Ininosho was as follows: "Madam or Sir, As an occupier of a building upon allotment 18 Section 27, I have the honor by direction to request that you will comply with paragraph 6, 18 in the By-laws of this Council and provide me with a list of the names, ages sexes, occupations of all inmates within your house."

²⁸⁵ *Cairns Post*, 26 May 1906

²⁸⁶ *Cairns Post*, 12 August 1905

²⁸⁷ *Cairns Post*, 15 March 1904

²⁸⁸ *Cairns Post*, 25 June 1907

²⁸⁹ *Cairns Post*, 20 May 1904

²⁹⁰ *Cairns Post*, 10 June 1904

²⁹¹ *Morning Post*, 14 April 1900

²⁹² *Cairns Post*, 23 November 1904

²⁹³ *Cairns Post*, 29 January 1906

²⁹⁴ D. Seaton, 1969, "Reminiscences of Cairns in the First Decade of the Twentieth Century Part III," *Cairns Historical Society Inc.*, Bulletin Number 126

²⁹⁵ *Cairns Argus*, 9 September 1897

²⁹⁶ *Morning Post*, 14 April 1900

²⁹⁷ *Cairns Post*, 5 May 1900

ENDNOTES 1910-1920

- ²⁹⁸ In 1911, Cairns briefly had some arriving Chinese storekeepers as a result of the cyclone, which flattened Port Douglas. Everything including the joss house was destroyed in Port Douglas and families and men left to more secure regions such as Cairns, Atherton and Innisfail. *Cairns Post*, 7 November 1911
- ²⁹⁹ Bottoms, "A History of Cairns", p. 349
- ³⁰⁰ *Cairns Post*, 18 December 1911
- ³⁰¹ May, *Topsawyers*, p. 29
- ³⁰² *Cairns Post*, 31 May 1912
- ³⁰³ Edmund Lee Wah Bow, "The Lee's Family Tree of Lam Har Village, Lundo, Zhongshan, China", unpublished manuscript, date unknown. pp. 21&22
- ³⁰⁴ May, *Topsawyers*, p. 38
- ³⁰⁵ Bottoms, "A History of Cairns", p.347. In 1911 the white population had been 5193 increasing to 7455 by 1921.
- ³⁰⁶ *Ibid.* p.394
- ³⁰⁷ *The Sugar Works Act*, 1911 set a minimum wage for sugar workers in order to exclude "alien" labour. It worked on the basis that given the choice between an "alien" or white worker a employer would choose a white worker. *The Sugar Cultivation Act* 1913 excluded anyone from the sugar industry which failed a dictation test.
- ³⁰⁸ May, *Topsawyers*, p. 177
- ³⁰⁹ QSA, CRS 156., Police verses See Chin 15 12 1922. *The Sugar Cultivation Act*, 1913, Section 4 states that certain persons not having first passed the dictation test cannot be employed in the sugar industry. The file gives a list of name of workers on See Chins farm which was located at Smithfield.
- ³¹⁰ *The Cairns Post*, 21 March 1911, p. 8
- ³¹¹ May, *Topsawyers*, p. 81
- ³¹² *Cairns Post*, 22 November 1911
- ³¹³ *Cairns Post*, 28 November 1911
- ³¹⁴ *Cairns Post*, 23 December 1911
- ³¹⁵ *Cairns Post*, 15 February 1912
- ³¹⁶ *Cairns Post*, 16 February 1912
- ³¹⁷ May, *Topsawyers*, p. 81
- ³¹⁸ Cairns Town Council, Outgoing Correspondence, 1918 letter by Town Clerk to Mr Lisha. Lisha to pay ½ cost to asphalt footpath outside his shop in Sachs Street.
- ³¹⁹ May, *Topsawyers*, pp. 106-107
- ³²⁰ *Cairns Post*, 12 October 1911
- ³²¹ Cairns Town Council, Outgoing Correspondence, Town Clerk to Willie Ming Secretary of the Chinese Club. 12 May 1917
- ³²² Cairns Town Council, Outgoing Correspondence, Town Clerk to Willie Ming Secretary of the Chinese Club. 2 June 1917
- ³²³ Cairns Town Council, Outgoing Correspondence, Town Clerk to Tiy Chong. 14 December 1917. A letter was sent to Tiy Chong reminding him that he could not proceed with alterations to his property and that the building currently undertaken was a breach of the Law. Faced with legal constraints he submitted plans by December 28.
- ³²⁴ Cairns Town Council, Outgoing Correspondence, Town Clerk to Sun Him. 28 December 1917. Sun Him submitted plans for alterations on his building, which were approved.
- ³²⁵ Cairns Town Council, Incoming Correspondence 2 August 1915 found in book of Outgoing Correspondence, Town Clerk, 1916, p.625-628
- ³²⁶ Cairns Town Council, Outgoing Correspondence, 1916 letters by Town Clerk to the Secretary, Department of Public Health, p. 962
- ³²⁷ Cairns Town Council Minutes, (CTCM), 5 April 1918
- ³²⁸ Bottoms, "A History of Cairns", p. 390
- ³²⁹ Interview: Mrs Dawn Stiff, March 2004
- ³³⁰ Cairns Town Council, Outgoing correspondence, Town Clerk to fruiterers, 13 March 1917
- ³³¹ Cairns Town Council, Outgoing correspondence, Town Clerk to Willie Ming, 6 Feb 1916 & Town Clerk to Chin Choon Wing, 22 January 1917
- ³³² *Cairns Post*, 2 February 1911
- ³³³ *Cairns Post*, 10 February 1910
- ³³⁴ *Cairns Post*, 1 January 1912
- ³³⁵ *Cairns Post*, 20 January 1912
- ³³⁶ May, *Topsawyers*, p.78
- ³³⁷ Interview: Mrs Dawn Stiff, 21 June 2002
- ³³⁸ Personal Communication: George Wah Day, March 2004
- ³³⁹ Interview: Marilyn McDonald, 5 August 2002
- ³⁴⁰ *Cairns Post*, 5 September 1911
- ³⁴¹ *Cairns Post*, 6 May 1911
- ³⁴² *Cairns Post*, 14 June 1911 & 17 October 1911
- ³⁴³ *ibid.*
- ³⁴⁴ *Cairns Post*, 5 January 1912
- ³⁴⁵ *Cairns Post*, 14 November 1916
- ³⁴⁶ Emily Field, "Lum So San Family Saga", private document, date unknown, p. 5. They lived right in the heart of Chinatown allotment 16 section 27
- ³⁴⁷ CTCM, 25 July 1916, p.117 They later moved to Lake Street after the First World War.
- ³⁴⁸ *Cairns Post*, October 2003. On allotment 3, section 27
- ³⁴⁹ CTCM, 17 November 1917, p. 868. She died in late 1917.
- ³⁵⁰ Interview, Dawn Stiff, 21 June 2002
- ³⁵¹ Field, "Lum So San Family Saga", p. 8. October 10th
- ³⁵² Interview: Bishop Tung Yep, Cairns, 9 May 2002.
- ³⁵³ Field, "Lum So San Family Saga", p. 8
- ³⁵⁴ For example Kwong Sue Duc's daughters could hardly sign their own names on their marriage certificates.
- ³⁵⁵ Interview: Arleen Lee Long, 25 April 2001
- ³⁵⁶ May, *Topsawyers*, p. 63 After 1905 persons resident in Queensland and wishing to go to China had to gain a certificate of Exemption. Chinese "Aliens" had to prove that they were of good character by the submission of character references and to have lived in Australia for more than five years. People wishing to return to China to visit family went to great lengths to secure adequate proof of citizenship to ensure their return to North Queensland. In 1913, Mary Sam Chung and her husband Jimmy Lec Leong sought letters of support from European friends as "insurance" to secure re-entry into North Queensland before they left to visit his family near Shekki in China. These letters

ensured that both were able to secure Certificates of Exemption from the dictation test under the *Commonwealth Naturalisation Act* 1903. A couple of years later, Lee Leong came back with one of the boys but it wasn't until 1923 that Mary and three other children could afford the passage back to Cairns. Both Mary and her husband were well known in the Redlynch valley where they married in 1897. All of their children were born in North Queensland and were well known locals, as her husband had been a boatman, at Redlynch near Cairns and later a market gardener at Carrington near Atherton. Interview: Neil Lee Leong, Atherton, 8 May 2002

³⁵⁷ Interview: Greta Yin Foo, Norma Lee and Thyra Lin Foy, 21 March 2001

³⁵⁸ CTCM, 17 May 1916, "Houses of Ill Fame" & 27 June 1916

³⁵⁹ CTCM, Special Meeting: 1 August 1916 & 22 August 1916

³⁶⁰ CTCM, Incoming correspondence, 18 October 1916

³⁶¹ CTCM, 25 July 1916 p.102

³⁶² May, *Topsawyers*, p. 107

³⁶³ Cairns Town Council Rates Receipts Book: 1911.

³⁶⁴ Bottoms, "A History of Cairns", p. 350 footnote 86. In 1913, Mayabuschi and Harashima were the only survivors.

³⁶⁵ *Cairns Post*, 6 November 1915

³⁶⁶ *Cairns Post*, 4 June 1912

³⁶⁷ Interview: George Wah Day, 5 April 2001

³⁶⁸ Cairns Town Council, Outgoing Correspondence, Letter from Town Clerk to Maud See Chin re allotment 13 Section 27. 24 May 1916

³⁶⁹ Cairns Town Council, Outgoing Correspondence, Letter from Town Clerk to Mrs M Muir re allotment 17 Section 27. 10 May 1916

³⁷⁰ *Cairns Post*, 18 October 1916

³⁷¹ *Cairns Post*, 15 November 1916

³⁷² *ibid.*

³⁷³ Cairns Town Council, Outgoing Correspondence, Letter from Town Clerk to solicitors Macdonnell, Macdonnell and Hannam, 8 August 1917

³⁷⁴ CTCM, Incoming Correspondence 25 July 1916 clause 2 p.117. A house in Chinatown occupied by George Shang has been removed. This is the two story house where Alma Fang Yuen grew up.

³⁷⁵ Cairns Town Council, Outgoing Correspondence, 28 November 1914-28 October 1916, Town Clerk to Sun Him, 30 April 1915, p. 144

³⁷⁶ Cairns Town Council, Outgoing Correspondence, 28 November 1914-28 October 1916, Town Clerk to Willie Ming, 23 December 1914.

³⁷⁷ CTCM, 25 July 1916 p.112

³⁷⁸ CTCM, 18 April 1916, p.11. On the same date a letter was received from Mrs Sarah Ah Ching, notifying the Council that a cottage belonging to her had been demolished.

³⁷⁹ *Cairns Post* 18 June 1912 & Bottoms p.335

³⁸⁰ This included allotment 40 Section 41A as well as allotment 14-17 41A.

ENDNOTES: 1920-1930

³⁸¹ Some of these buildings include "Sovereign House" in Shields Street built in 1923, by Percy Wilkinson and sold to Morrow to become Morrow's Limited the Commercial Hotel corner of Spence and Sheridan Street built in 1926, the Gaiety Theatre in Sachs street built in 1927, the Trocadero above Mazlins building lake Street built in 1928 and Deeb's on the corner of Shields and Sachs Street in 1929.

³⁸² Bottoms, "A History of Cairns," p. 437. In March 1923 the new Cairns Hydro -Electric Power Investigation board commenced and two years later, 14 January 1925 electric street lighting was switched on in Cairns.

³⁸³ *ibid.* p. 411-12

³⁸⁴ Reynolds, North of Capricorn, p. 183. The Mayor of Cairns was applauded for his attempts to wipe Chinatown off the face of the map in an attempt by Town council to expand the business district of Cairns and utilize the valuable street that Sachs Street represented.

³⁸⁵ *ibid.* p. The *North Queensland Register* wrote that the successful eradication of Chinatown including 'the total extinction... with all its evil associations', would make way for the business district to expand and would be well received by ratepayer.

³⁸⁶ Both Chiu Chong's Eastern Emporium and Sam Sing's store advertised that they stocked a range of style luxuries to cater for women. In particular carved pearl shell were much sort after.

³⁸⁷ Mrs K Sim, 1975, "Cairns Memories 1911 to 1925 (continued)", *Cairns Historical Society Inc.*, Bulletin, 188

³⁸⁸ Bottoms, "A History of Cairns", p. 402. In April 1922, a shortage of kerosene tins and benzene tins which ratepayers used for household rubbish led to the Council Health Committee to recommend and install a new rubbish collection service.

³⁸⁹ *Ibid.* p. 396

³⁹⁰ Interviews: Mrs Dawn Stiff, June 2002 & Mr George Gong Senior, April 2001

³⁹¹ Pers. Comm.: George Wah Day April 2004; Mrs K Sim, *Cairns Historical Society*, Bulletin, 188; W.O Roberts, 1985, "Recollections of Cairns 1917-1937," *Cairns Historical Society*, Bulletin, 306

³⁹² Bottoms, "A History of Cairns", p. 426-7

³⁹³ *Cairns Post*, 4 January 1927

³⁹⁴ See photograph P11614 Cairns Historical Society photographic library. Scorch marks can be seen on the wall of the Savoia Café and the two small brick buildings on the right hand side are also remaining. Both timber buildings which were on either side of the Temple are raised to the ground.

³⁹⁵ Interview: Jack Atkinson, February 2004, Cairns

³⁹⁶ May, *Topsawyers*, p. 55 & 75

³⁹⁷ Interview; Tiger See Hoe, 2002 Innisfail

³⁹⁸ Personal communication, Mary Low, 28 May 2004

³⁹⁹ Interview: Jack Atkinson, February 2004, Cairns

⁴⁰⁰ Interview Greta Yin Foo, Cairns, February 2002

⁴⁰¹ Interview: Bishop Tung Yep, Cairns, 9 May 2002. Jane Noon and Wah Shang had 13 children, the first one born in Brisbane where Wah Shang was

working as a market Gardener and had applied for naturalization. The next 8 children were born between Bundaburg and Rockhampton and in 1904 they moved the family to Cairns where they lived in Sachs Street. In Cairns Wah Shang supported the family by building houses and as working as a cabinetmaker. As a grandfather when he used to sit and smoke his opium he would wag his finger at his 8-year-old grandson and say "Not good for little boys". Granny Shang, Fluent in her husbands language visited China in her later years, taking advantage of a health resort in the highlands. She was particularly friendly with Mrs Tung Yep and taught her to play cards.

⁴⁰² Pers. Comm.: George Wah Day, May 2002

⁴⁰³ Interview: Bishop Tung Yep, Cairns, 9 May 2002.

⁴⁰⁴ Interview: George Wah Day, Cairns, April 2001

⁴⁰⁵ Interview; Mr George Gong Senior, April 2001

⁴⁰⁶ Interview: Greta Yin Foo, Norma Lee and Thyra Lin Foy, Cairns, March 2001

⁴⁰⁷ *ibid.*

⁴⁰⁸ May, *Topsawyers*, p. 63

⁴⁰⁹ Interview: Neil Lee Leong, Atherton, May 2002

⁴¹⁰ Emily Field Lum So Sam family history p. 32

⁴¹¹ *ibid.*

⁴¹² Interview: Phoebe Mow, Daphne Wong Hoy, & Ben Wong Hoy February 2004.

⁴¹³ Interview: Ron and Vera Bradley, March, 2004

⁴¹⁴ Interview: Mrs Dawn Stiff, February 2004

⁴¹⁵ Interview: George Gong Senior, April 2001

⁴¹⁶ Interview: Estelle Kingsley, March 2004

⁴¹⁷ Bottoms, "A History of Cairns", p. 350

⁴¹⁸ Interview: Jack Atkinson, March 2004

⁴¹⁹ Interview: Phoebe Mow, Daphne and Ben Wong Hoy, March 2004

⁴²⁰ QSA, SRS 4704/1-10, Cairns Town Council Rates and Valuations Book, 1 Jan 1926-31 December 1926

ENDNOTES: 1930-1940

⁴²¹ Bottoms, "A History of Cairns", p.467-8

⁴²² Bottoms, "A History of Cairns", p.442

⁴²³ Edmund Lee Wah Bow, "The Lee Family Tree", p.24

⁴²⁴ Interview: Vera and Ron Bradley, March 2004

⁴²⁵ *ibid.*

⁴²⁶ Cited in Bottoms, "A History of Cairns", p. 444

⁴²⁷ May, *Topsawyers*, p.123

⁴²⁸ Edmund Lee Wah Bow, "The Lee Family Tree", p.24. This was the case for Edward Lee Sye. When Lee Sye went to Cairns after his time in Atherton,

he was instrumental in the Chinatown community. His store, provided postal and remittance services for fellow countrymen and he helped the community in legal and customs affairs as well as leant money.

⁴²⁹ Interview: Ronald Bradley, March 2004

⁴³⁰ Taken from a compilation of Cairns City Council Rates books, Cairns City Council water rates, Cairns City Council general ledger books and oral history accounts.

⁴³¹ Interview: Vincent Lee, March 2004

⁴³² Interview: Estelle Kingsley, March 2004

⁴³³ Interviews: Amelda Gillespie-Wegner, March 2004; Estelle Kingsley March 2004; Ronald Bradley, March 2004.

⁴³⁴ Loose photocopy notes from Cathie May file, 14 Feb 1935

⁴³⁵ One of the original trustees Thomas Sydney Hope transferred to Willie Ming and Lee Chin. In 1935 Willie Ming was dead and Lee Chin had left for China some years back and would be about 87 if alive.

⁴³⁶ Edmund Lee Wah Bow, "The Lee Family Tree", p.24.

⁴³⁷ Interview: George Gong, April 2001.

⁴³⁸ Interview: Bishop George Tung Yep, May 2002.

⁴³⁹ Cairns City Council Water Rates Book & Interview: Ben and Daphne Wong Hoy and Phoebe Mow, March 2004; Interview: Vincent Lee, March 2004; Interview Ronald and Vera Bradley, March 2004.

⁴⁴⁰ Alan Hudson, "The best of the North I Knew" supplement in the *Cairns Post*, February 2004, p.8

⁴⁴¹ Bottoms, "A History of Cairns", p. 505

⁴⁴² May, *Topsawyers*, p.82

⁴⁴³ *ibid.*

⁴⁴⁴ Interview: Vincent Lee, March 2004

⁴⁴⁵ Interview: George Gong, April 2001

⁴⁴⁶ *ibid.*

⁴⁴⁷ Interview: Estelle Kingsley March 2004. It was initially held at Machan's Beach at the head of the Barron River it was later held at Holloway's Beach which at the time was called San Remo.

⁴⁴⁸ Personal communication: Vincent Lee, June 2004

⁴⁴⁹ Interview Mrs Stiff, June 2002 & Interview: George Gong, April 2001.

⁴⁵⁰ Pers. Comm.: Vincent Lee, June 2004. Their property grew pineapples and bananas and was located near the present day Compass Motel.

⁴⁵¹ Interview: Daphne and Ben Wong Hoy and Phoebe Mow, March 2004

⁴⁵² Edmund Lee Wah Bow, "The Lee Family Tree", p.38-40

⁴⁵³ Interview: Estelle Kingsley, March 2004

⁴⁵⁴ Interview: George Gong, April 2001.

⁴⁵⁵ Interview: Gina Gillespie, March 2004; Daphne Wong Hoy March 2004;

⁴⁵⁶ Interview: Marilyn MacDonald, August 2002.

⁴⁵⁷ Interview: Ron and Vera Bradley, March 2004; Bishop George Tung Yep, May 2002; George Gong, April 2001; George Wah Day, April 2001

⁴⁵⁸ Interview: Bishop George Tung Yep, May 2002.

⁴⁵⁹ Interview: George Gong, April 2001.

⁴⁶⁰ *ibid.*

⁴⁶¹ Interview: Vincent Lee, March 2004

⁴⁶² Interview: Ronald and Vera Bradley, March 2004

⁴⁶³ Interview: Daphne and Ben Wong Hoy and Phoebe Mow, March 2004

⁴⁶⁴ The GMH truck still exists on a farm near Dimbula on the Atherton Tablelands.

⁴⁶⁵ Interview: Vincent Lee, March 2004 & Estelle Kingsley, March 2004

⁴⁶⁶ Interview: Vincent Lee, March 2004

ENDNOTES 1940-1950

⁴⁶⁷ Bottoms, A History of Cairns, p. 511-512

⁴⁶⁸ *ibid.* p. 514
⁴⁶⁹ Interview: Mrs Alma Fang Yuen in April 2004, Interview conducted by Ms Mary Low
⁴⁷⁰ Diana Giese, 1999, *Courage and Service: Chinese Australians and World War II*, National Library of Australia, Canberra. p. 2
⁴⁷¹ *ibid.* p. 3
⁴⁷² Interview: Major General Darryl Low Choy, Brisbane, July 2002 & Giese, *Courage and Service*, p. 45-6
⁴⁷³ Giese, *Courage and Service*, p. 21
⁴⁷⁴ Interview: Vera Bradley, March 2004
⁴⁷⁵ Giese, *Courage and Service*, p. 21-23. He kept a meticulous diary of every bombing run that they made.
⁴⁷⁶ Interview: Vera Bradley, March 2004
⁴⁷⁷ Interview: Ronald and Vera Bradley, March 2004; & Vincent Lee Private communication June 2004
⁴⁷⁸ Interview: Vincent Lee, March 2004
⁴⁷⁹ Giese, *Courage and Service*, p. 1
⁴⁸⁰ Edmund Lee Wah Bow, "The Lee Family Tree", p. 43
⁴⁸¹ *ibid.* p. 47
⁴⁸² *ibid.* p. 47
⁴⁸³ Giese, *Courage and Service*, p. 13
⁴⁸⁴ *ibid.*
⁴⁸⁵ *ibid.*
⁴⁸⁶ Interview: Bishop Tung Yep, Cairns, May 2002.
⁴⁸⁷ Giese, *Courage and Service*, p. 13. & Vera Bradley, *I Didn't Know That*, p. 183. Over the other side of the Inlet, Wong Wah Day's farm was used as an Army depot because it was located half way between False Cape, where there was a large gun, and Gordonvale. The family boat was given permission to travel the inlet and he supplied vegetables to the Navy through J.G. Sang. He also made home deliveries to the remaining housewives in Cairns, delivering the vegetables in the traditional baskets slung on a bamboo pole across his shoulder.
⁴⁸⁸ Vera Bradley, 1995, *I Didn't Know That*, Boolarong Press, Moorooka, p. 305
⁴⁸⁹ Grimwade, Rowney, Rusty's Markets Re-Development Site Archaeological Excavation Report, p.25 & 47
⁴⁹⁰ Interview Ben and Daphne Wong Hoy and Phoebe Mow, March 2004
⁴⁹¹ Interview: Vera Bradley, March 2004
⁴⁹² Pers. Comm.: Vincent Lee, June 2004
⁴⁹³ Vera Bradley, 1995, *I Didn't Know That*, Boolarong Press, Moorooka, p. 305
⁴⁹⁴ Pers. Comm., George Wah Day, March 2004
⁴⁹⁵ Vera Bradley, *I Didn't Know That*, p. 406
⁴⁹⁶ Interview: Estelle Kingsley, March 2004
⁴⁹⁷ Interview: Ben and Daphne Wong Hoy, Phoebe Mow, March 2004; Vincent Lee, March 2004; George Wah Day, March 2004.
⁴⁹⁸ Interview: Amelda Wegner, March 2004
⁴⁹⁹ Interview: George Wah Day, April 2001
⁵⁰⁰ Interview: Estelle Kingsley, March 2004; Vincent Lee, March 2004; George Wah Day, March 2004.
⁵⁰¹ Bottoms, A History of Cairns, p. 568
⁵⁰² *ibid.* p. 577
⁵⁰³ *ibid.* p. 580-1
⁵⁰⁴ Interview: Vincent Lee, March 2004

⁵⁰⁵ Giese, *Courage and Service*, p. 17
⁵⁰⁶ Bottoms, A History of Cairns, p. 523-4
⁵⁰⁷ Interview: Vincent Lee March 2004
⁵⁰⁸ *ibid.*
⁵⁰⁹ By 1950 Chinese families in and around Cairns included; Fang Yuen, Hong Choi, Yin Foo, Wong Hoy, Lee Chin, Young, Tung Yep, Wah Day, Sing, Yet Foy, Low Jip, Shangs, Ming's, Lee Long, Sang, Lee See, Ah You, Gillespie, Awee, Lee Quai, Tong Sing, Lee, Chin Soon, Fang Yuen, Sue Yek and Kum Yuen. In the larger region including Edmonton and Gordonvale families such as Lee Yan, Hing, and Lee Sye were present and on the Tablelands Jue Sue and Fong On.
⁵¹⁰ Vera Bradley, *I Didn't Know That*, p. 302
⁵¹¹ Giese, *Courage and Service*, p. 12
⁵¹² Personal Communication: Peter Merrotsy, April 2004. This sometimes extended past the Federal Hotel, around the block, and into Lake Street.
⁵¹³ Vera Bradley, *I Didn't Know That*, p. 305
⁵¹⁴ Diana Giese, *Courage and Service*, p.13
⁵¹⁵ Pers. Comm., Peter Merrotsy, April 2004. American Servicemen were kept in a separate camp at Lake Placid to the white American Troops. Their equal treatment and presence was considered a threat to white society and a bad influence on the local Indigenous society.
⁵¹⁶ Cairns Water Rate Meter Book 1946-7, p. 162. Business commenced on the 8 January 1947
⁵¹⁷ Cairns Water Rate Meter Book 1958-61, p. 158
⁵¹⁸ Interview: Sir Robert Norman, March 2004
⁵¹⁹ *ibid.*
⁵²⁰ Interview: Bob Norman, March 2004
⁵²¹ Interview: Stan Grieves, March 2004
⁵²² Bottoms, A History of Cairns, p. 519
⁵²³ Interview; George Wah Day, April 2001; George Gong, April 2001 Edmund Lee Wah Bow, "The Lee Family Tree", p. 43
⁵²⁴ Interview: Estelle Kingsley, March 2004 and Vincent Lee, March 2004

ENDNOTES 1950-2012

⁵²⁵ Interview: Stan Grieves, Former plain clothes Police Officer, Cairns CID, 1956-1972, March 2004
⁵²⁶ Alan Hudson, "The best of the North I Knew" supplement in the *Cairns Post*, February 2004, p. 8
⁵²⁷ Interview: Stan Grieves, March 2004
⁵²⁸ Alan Hudson, "The best of the North I Knew" supplement in the *Cairns Post*, February 2004, p. 8
⁵²⁹ Interview: Bob Norman Junior, March 2004; Estelle Kingsley, March 2004 & Fire Insurance map, 1953 Cairns Historical Society.
⁵³⁰ Cairns City Council Register of Café Licenses 1950-1970
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⁵³⁴ Hudson, p. 8
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⁵³⁶ Cairns City Council Register of Café Licenses 1950-1970

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