

# HISTORICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT, 184-188 GEORGE STREET, PARRAMATTA, NSW.



Plan of Parramatta, 1836, by Johnstone, showing buildings on Allotments 65, 66 and 67 (184-188 George Street).Source: SR Map 4799.

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**Owners** Mr. Ray Touma.

## ABBREVIATIONS

|            |                                  |
|------------|----------------------------------|
| C T        | Certificate of Title             |
| DP         | Deposited Plan                   |
| LPMA       | Land and Property Management     |
| ML         | Mitchell Library                 |
| <i>SG</i>  | <i>Sydney Gazette</i>            |
| <i>SMH</i> | <i>Sydney Morning Herald</i>     |
| SRNSW      | State Records of New South Wales |

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY.**

The subject site is located at 184-188 George Street, Parramatta (Figure 1.1). It is located next door to 'Harrisford', at 182 George Street. The property comprises DP 1115358, Lots 11 & 12, DP 1115365, Lots 30 & 31 and DP 1115360, Lots 20 & 21 (Figure 1.1).

The property is listed as part of Archaeological Management Units 2936 and 3034 (Figures 1.2 and 1.3).

The property is also listed as Items 50-52, Central Parramatta, in the archaeological Zoning Plan for Parramatta<sup>1</sup>

The area was first occupied by soldiers and convicts under the command of Governor Arthur Phillip in November 1788 as a government farm. Two years later, in November 1790, a town was laid out at Rose Hill. The town was renamed Parramatta in June 1791.

The lot formed by 184-186 George Street, Parramatta was first occupied in June 1809. All allotments were occupied continuously from the 1820s onwards.

The sites may have been disturbed by the demolition of the latest buildings on the property.

The archaeological sites have been assessed as possessing both state and local significance.

The basement car-parking for the proposed development will destroy any surviving archaeological remains. Development of the northern part of the site may also have an impact on archaeological remains.

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<sup>1</sup> Search of NSW Heritage Office Website on 27 April 2011.

[http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/07\\_subnav\\_04\\_2.cfm?itemid=2242936](http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/07_subnav_04_2.cfm?itemid=2242936)

[http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/07\\_subnav\\_04\\_2.cfm?itemid=2243034](http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/07_subnav_04_2.cfm?itemid=2243034)

Edward Higginbotham & Paul-Alan Johnson. The Future of Parramatta's Past. An Archaeological Zoning Plan. 1788 to 1844. University of New South Wales, and the Department of Planning. 1989. Volume 2: 73-74.

## **Recommendations.**

It is recommended that:

1. Prior to the commencement of works on the site, an excavation permit, under the Heritage Act of NSW, should be obtained.

The excavation permit should be obtained by a qualified archaeologist on behalf of the client. For further information, please refer to the Excavation Directors Assessment Criteria on the Heritage Branch website.<sup>2</sup> The archaeologist should be qualified to excavate state significant sites.

2. Given the difficulty in assessing the surviving condition of the site, it is recommended that an initial series of test trenches should be excavated by machine under archaeological supervision. A two metre wide trench around the perimeter of the property would be suitable.

3. The whole area of the development should be excavated by machine under archaeological supervision, either to natural soil, or to the top of significant archaeological remains, whichever is shallower.

4. Once the above machine excavation is completed, surviving archaeological remains should be subject to manual archaeological excavation to recover the significance of the site.

5. If no significant archaeological remains survive once the above machine excavation is completed, then the historical archaeological investigation may be concluded.

6. The conservation, interpretation and display of significant relics within the proposed development should be determined in agreement with the NSW Heritage Office.

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<sup>2</sup> Heritage Office website link:  
<http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/docs/excavationdirectors.pdf>

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7. Sufficient time and resources should be made available for the excavation and recording of archaeological features, discovered during the archaeological investigation.

8. The standard conditions of the excavation permit require the work to be completed to a high standard. The investigation should include:

- A detailed record of all features and structures discovered, using plans, photographs and written records.
- A catalogue of all the artifacts and other relics recovered, including accurate provenance, description and interpretation.
- The stabilisation, cleaning and packaging of all the artifacts, and the placement of the collection in a permanent repository.
- The backfilling of the excavation, where appropriate.
- The preparation of a final report, including a description and interpretation of the excavation, detailed historical research, the contribution to research themes, and excavation method.

## **1 INTRODUCTION.**

### **1.1 Background.**

This report was commissioned by Mr. Malvin Wong, Zhinar Architects, on 3 May 2011.

### **1.2 Brief.**

The purpose of this report is to identify historical archaeological sites within the study area, to assess their archaeological significance and surviving condition, and to make recommendations for their management and conservation prior to and during the proposed development.

### **1.3 Location of site.**

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### **1.4 Heritage Listings.**

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## **1.5 Study methodology and limitations.**

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Heritage Office and Department of Urban Affairs and Planning *NSW Heritage Manual*, as follows:

1. Historical research.
2. Site survey.
3. The assessment of the archaeological significance of the site.
4. Recommendations for management and conservation, appropriate to the present proposal for redevelopment.<sup>4</sup>

## **1.6 Author identification.**

This report was prepared by Dr. Edward Higginbotham. Dr. Terry Kass, historian, completed Chapter 3, the Bibliography and Appendix 1.

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<sup>4</sup> Heritage Office and Department of Urban Affairs and Planning. 1996. Statements of Heritage Impact.  
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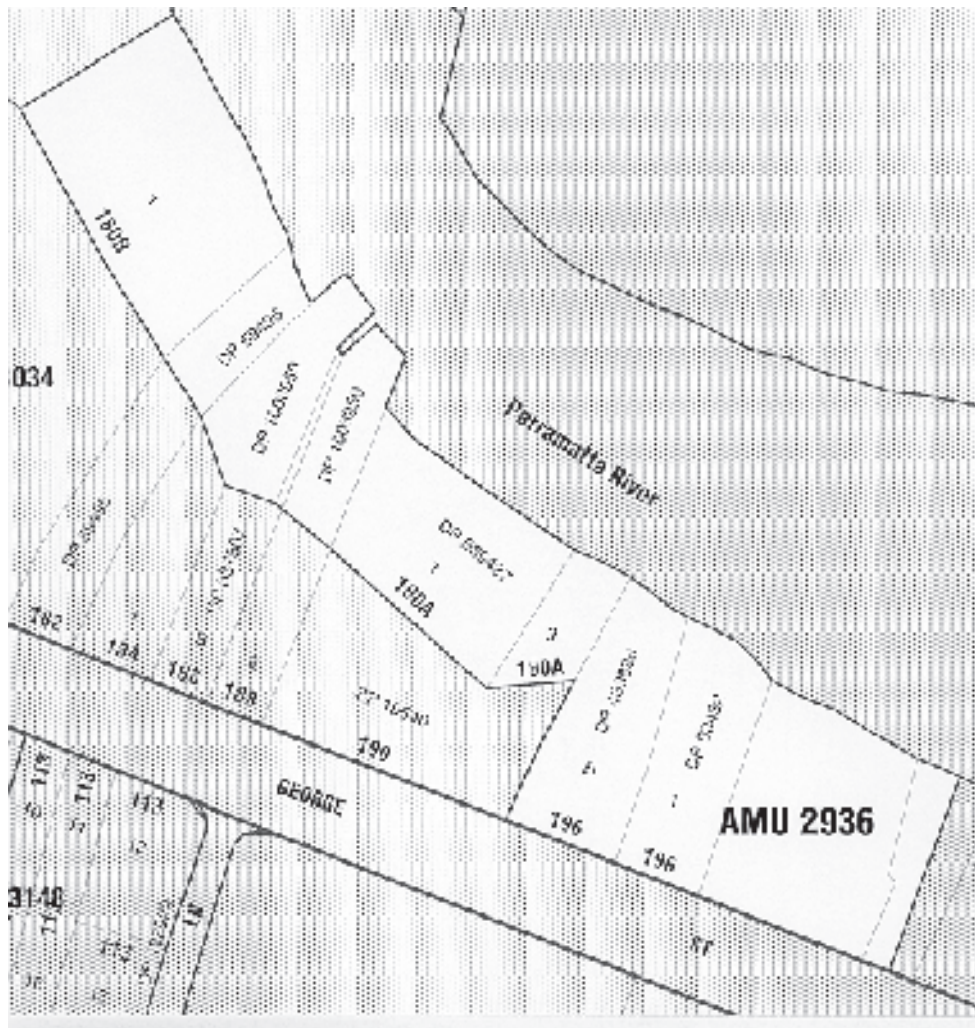


Figure 1.2. Plan of Archaeological Management Unit 2936.  
Source. NSW Heritage Office Website.



## **2 HISTORICAL BACKGROUND. PART 1. FOUNDATION OF HISTORICAL SETTLEMENT.**

This chapter provides the historical context for the beginnings of occupation and ownership of the subject sites at 184-188 George Street.

Recent excavations have indicated that Aboriginal groups have inhabited the region for up to 30,000 years.<sup>5</sup> The Darug people regarded the land around the head of navigation on the Parramatta River as rich in food resources.

The area was first occupied by the soldiers and convicts under the command of Governor Arthur Phillip in November 1788 as a government farm. Two years later, in November 1790, a town was laid out at Rose Hill. The town was renamed Parramatta in June 1791.

Captain Watkin Tench described the newly laid out town as follows:

‘The main street of the new town is already begun. It is to be a mile long, and of such breadth as will make Pall-Mall and Portland-Place 'hide their diminished heads'. It contains at present 32 houses completed, of 24 feet by 12 each, on a ground floor only, built of wattles plastered with clay, and thatched. Each house is divided into two rooms, in one of which is a fireplace and a brick chimney. These houses are designed for men only; and ten is the number of inhabitants allotted to each; but some of them now contain 12 or 14, for want of better accommodation. More are building; in a cross street stand nine houses for unmarried women: and exclusive of all these are several small huts where convict families of good character are allowed to reside. Of public buildings, beside the old wooden barrack and store, there is a house of lath and plaister, 44 feet long by 16 wide, for the governor, on a ground floor only, with excellent out-houses and appurtenances attached to it. A new brick store-house, covered with tiles, 100 feet long by 24 wide, is nearly completed, and a house for the store-keeper. The first stone of a barrack, 100 feet long by 24

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<sup>5</sup> P. B. Mitchell (Groundtruth Consulting). Nature and Distribution of Parramatta Terrace Sand. Report for Parramatta City Council. 2008:1.

wide, to which are intended to be added wings for the officers, was laid to-day. The situation of the barrack is judicious, being close to the store-house, and within a hundred and fifty yards of the wharf, where all boats from Sydney unload. To what I have already enumerated, must be added an excellent barn, a granary, an inclosed yard to rear stock in, a commodious blacksmith's shop, and a most wretched hospital, totally destitute of every conveniency.'

The comparisons with the fashionable addresses in London hint at Governor Phillip's intention to stamp his grand design on the penal colony.<sup>6</sup> Even though his duty was to house the convicts, Parramatta was not just going to be a penal establishment. He was determined also to have a planned town.

It was inevitable that Parramatta would outgrow its definition as a 'gaol town'. The sentences of the convicts expired, while others chose to settle after their duties were completed. As Governor Phillip had intended, it was not long before the presence of free persons was felt in the town itself. A town lease, dated 17 September 1796, is an early indication that town allotments were held by persons other than convicts. The land measured 100 by 200 feet, a standard town allotment, and it was leased to John Macarthur for 14 years. The document also records that it was already occupied by James Larra.<sup>7</sup>

By 1800 a total of 19 town leases had been granted to individuals, the majority of whom were members of the New South Wales Corps, prominent civil servants or churchmen. A few like James Larra were emancipated convicts. With the exception of 5 leases, these were all located away from the main streets of the town, and on the surrounding larger acreages.<sup>8</sup> By 1800 the influence of those individuals who had leased town allotments cannot have been great, for although the town was well laid out, it 'consisted chiefly of prisoners' huts'.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>6</sup> Tench, W. *Sydney's First Four Years*. Sydney, 1979. p. 57.

<sup>7</sup> LTO. Book 2B. No. 80.

<sup>8</sup> LTO. Book 2B. Nos. 80, 238, 242, 338-346, 362, 363, 410; Book 3C. Nos. 30, 40, 43, 44.

<sup>9</sup> Suttor, G. *Memoirs of George Suttor*, FLS, 1774-1859. ML.

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From 1800 to the end of 1809 another 55 leases were granted within the town. Again a bias towards officials, both military and civil, is seen.<sup>10</sup> Also during this period occurs the first grant of a town allotment to James Larra on 11 November 1808, consolidating his previous leases.<sup>11</sup> Unlike those before 1800, most of these allotments were located along the principal streets, George, Church and Macquarie Streets, and represent the first major infringement of the town centre previously occupied by convicts.

With the arrival of Governor Lachlan Macquarie in New South Wales in 1810 the policy towards these town leases changed, along with official concern for the orderly and planned development of the colony and its towns. Although the previous leases had initiated the removal of the convicts from the town allotments, Governor Macquarie was able to take a most important step towards the culmination of this process. While they continued to occupy lodgings in the town, the convicts could not be kept under supervision and control.<sup>12</sup> Thus in common with other towns, convict barracks were constructed in Parramatta by 1821.<sup>13</sup>

Governor Macquarie made important advances in town planning and development in New South Wales. In Parramatta he laid out several new streets.<sup>14</sup> He also set out to control the standards of buildings by requiring plans to be submitted.<sup>15</sup> In contrast to the previous situation, town leases now all contained clauses specifying the size of the buildings to be constructed. All the leases were conditional on building:

'a good and sufficient Dwelling House thereon within the space of Five years from the Date hereof Thirty Six feet in length and fourteen feet in width'.

The grants had more stringent requirements, namely:

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<sup>10</sup> LTO. Book 3C. Nos. 121, 122, 125, 139, 140, (4), 141 (3), 150 (2), 160 (2), 187 (3), 188, 194, 198, 203; Book 2B. No. 410; Book 3C. No. 241; Book 4D. Nos. 30, 32, 39, 40, 41 (2), 42 (2), 43, 47 (2), 89, 90, 176 (2), 177 (2), 217, 221, 222 (2), 223 (2), 224 (2), 225, 283, 284 (2), 287.

<sup>11</sup> LTO. Book 3C. Nos. 243.

<sup>12</sup> *HRA*. 1, 1, p.153.

<sup>13</sup> *HRA*. 1, 10, p. 689.

<sup>14</sup> Preston, c.1814, AONSW. Map 4728.

<sup>15</sup> *S.G.* 11 May 1811.

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‘a good and sufficient Dwelling House thereon of Brick or Stone within the said period fifty feet in length, Sixteen feet in width, and two stories high’.<sup>16</sup>

The effectiveness of Macquarie's beneficial policy may be called into question. He issued 19 town leases and 2 town grants in Parramatta as soon as he came to office on 1 January 1810. Fourteen of these leases simply replaced those issued during the previous interregnum, as did one of the grants. This leaves only 5 new leases, and one grant, the latter being a consolidation of two previous leases. Thus on analysis the total number of town allotments leased to free individuals did not substantially increase. Although later evidence demonstrates that the free population of the town substantially expanded in the period 1810 to 1823, town leases and grants were stalled. Only one town grant was issued in Parramatta after those of January 1810.<sup>17</sup>

Macquarie's intention to promote the investment of capital in property therefore failed, since the inhabitants were reluctant to invest in land with finite and insecure title. Governor Macquarie was unable to make any other attempt to remedy this situation, allowing James Meehan to report to Commissioner Bigge that during Macquarie's administration 80 percent of the houses in Parramatta were held by permissive occupancy alone.<sup>18</sup> On the available evidence it would appear that the problem of permissive occupancy only became acute from 1810 onwards, at least in Parramatta.

Armed with the recommendations of Commissioner Bigge, Governor Brisbane set out to remedy the continuing problems of town leases. On 5 April 1823 the surveyor general, John Oxley, wrote to the colonial secretary, Frederick Goulburn, enclosing a map of Parramatta, together with a return of the allotments and their occupants. He succinctly described the parlous state into which the administration of town allotments had fallen:

‘His Excellency will not fail to perceive that out of 390 Allotments not more than 10 hold their lands by lease from the Crown, and that 6

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<sup>16</sup> LTO. Book 3. Nos. 14-17, 25, 35, 37, 47, 54, 55, 60, 77, 83-86, 88, 105, 106.

<sup>17</sup> LTO. Book 2. No. 12.

<sup>18</sup> Jervis, J. *The Cradle City of Australia. A history of Parramatta, 1788-1961.* Parramatta, 1961.p. 26.

other persons hold Grants or are entitled thereto in consequence of the value of the Buildings they have erected on the Grounds.

The Quit Rents at present payable Annually by the Lessees of the Crown do not amount to Twenty Pounds. The remainder of the Town Lands being held by permissive occupation, pay no Quit Rent, and no legal title or transfer can be given on such land by the occupant as the Crown has neither leased or granted to the Individual any definite Interest in the Ground'.

The surveyor general estimated that more than 600 pounds sterling could be raised as annual quit rent if town leases and grants were properly administered, and for this purpose submitted draft documentation for the new leases.<sup>19</sup> In the following month the government completed the new arrangements and was able to notify the inhabitants of the new regulations on 3 May 1823:

'Whereby the allotments, with few exceptions, in the Town of Parramatta, are held by naked possession without any shadow of right, and it would be desirable that individuals wishing to undertake improvements, should enjoy a secure title, the governor has been pleased to direct that these inhabitants who can show no better claim to the portions they now occupy than mere sufference, do apply for formal leases within three weeks from the present date at the office of the surveyor-general'.<sup>20</sup>

The advantage of these leases was that they could be converted into grants by two mechanisms, either by paying 21 years quit rent in advance, or by constructing an approved building valued at £1,000 or more.<sup>21</sup> With this opportunity made available to them, the inhabitants of Parramatta formally leased, and therefore gained secure title to almost the whole of the town of Parramatta on 30 June 1823. In fact a total of 342 leases and 16 grants of town allotments in Parramatta were made that day.<sup>22</sup>

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<sup>19</sup> Oxley, J. to Goulburn, F., 5 April 1823, AONSW. 4/1814, p. 78.

<sup>20</sup> S.G, 3 May 1823.

<sup>21</sup> LTO. Book 25. *passim*.

<sup>22</sup> LTO. Books 25 and 26. *passim*.

## 2.1 Historical figures and plans.

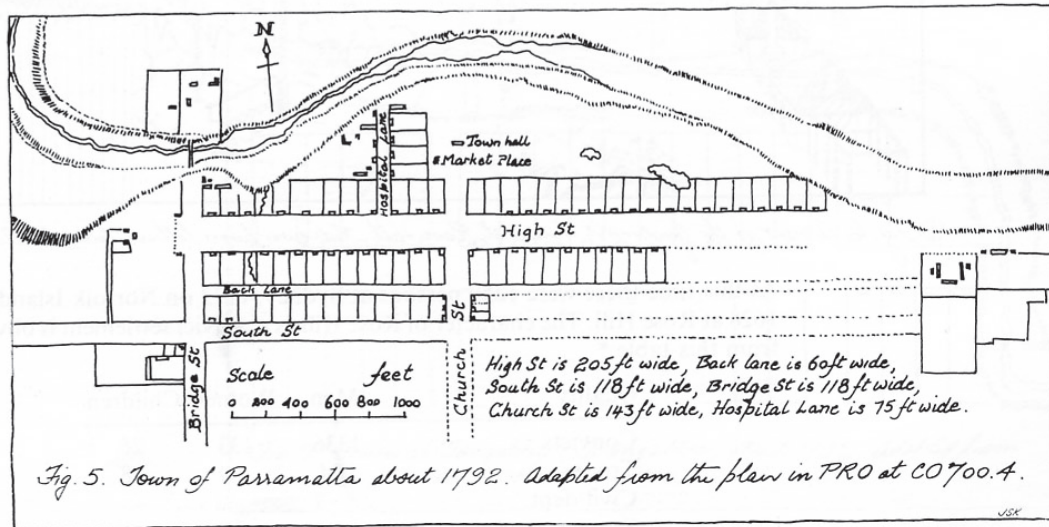


Figure 2.1. Plan of the Town of Parramatta, 1792.

This plan has been annotated to show the width of the streets and can be used with other historical documentation to work out the expected position of buildings on allotments prior to 1823.

Source. J. S. Kerr. Design for Convicts. Library of Australian History, Sydney, 1984:7.

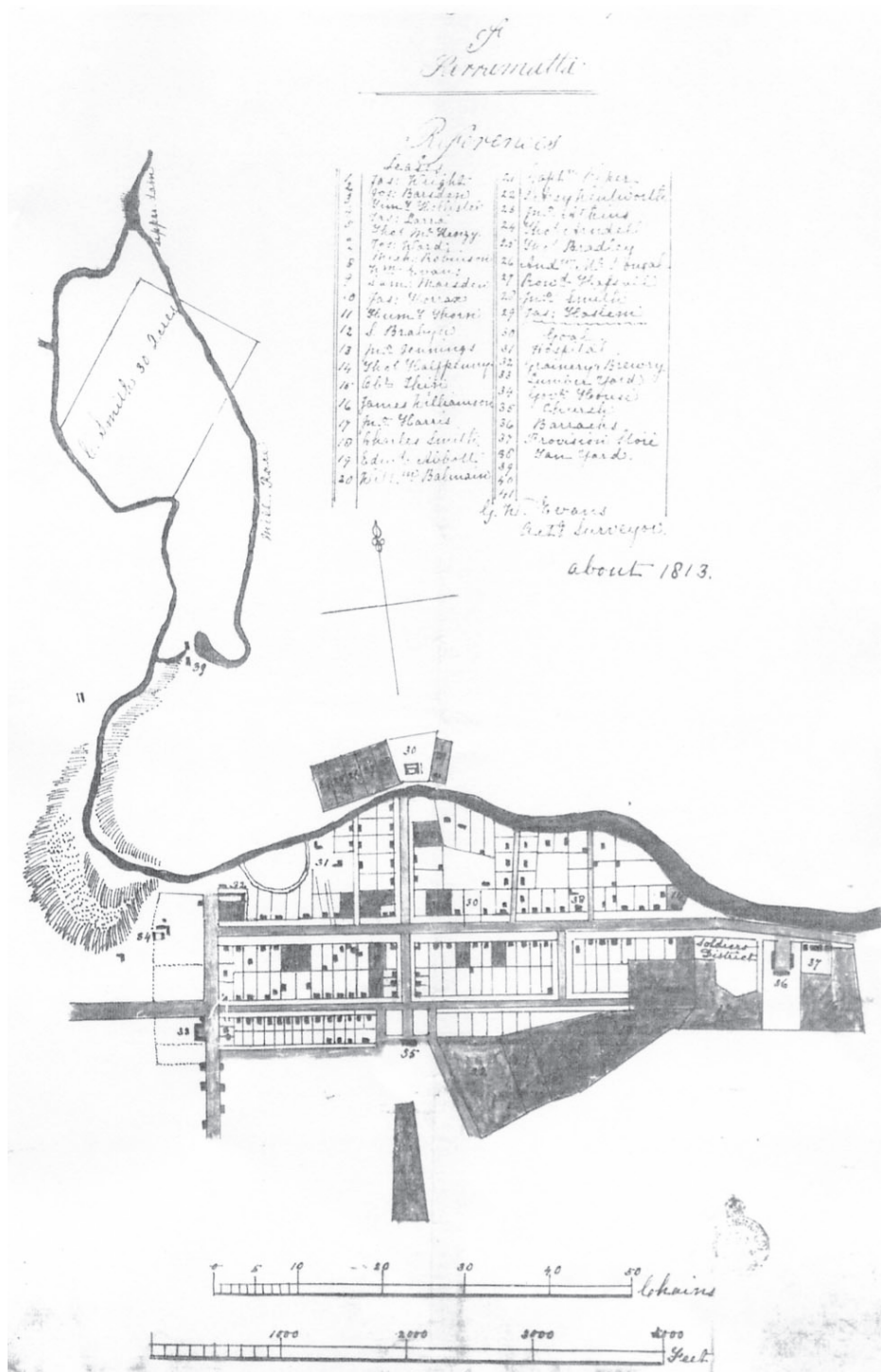


Figure 2.2. Parramatta.

The 1804 Plan of the Township of Parramatta shows the extent of town development and is assumed to accurately represent the number of allotments with buildings in the town at this time. The numbers refer to leases registered up to 11 August 1804.

The plan shows that 184-188 George Street was not yet occupied, but this was only delayed to 1809, when a lease was taken out on the property.

Source. Mitchell Library.

### **3 HISTORICAL BACKGROUND. PART 2. SEQUENCE OF DEVELOPMENT.**

#### **3.1 Introduction.**

The following historical research into owners and improvements was prepared by Dr. Terry Kass, historian.

#### **3.2 Lot 67 Section 23 (184 George Street and part of 186 George Street)**

On 9 June 1809, this lot was part of a lease of 51 1/2 rods for 14 years to Samuel Young. It was described as being bounded on the south by the street E 17° S 100 feet, on the east by N 17° E 130 feet on the north by a line near the River W 29° N 102 feet on the west by S 17° W 151 feet, plus ‘having reserved one chain wide in front from the present street (not to be alienated or disposed of without permission from the Officer Commanding, it being in that District)’.<sup>23</sup> The adjacent parcel of 51 1/2 rods was also leased to – Young and was bounded on the east by Samuel Young’s lease 17° W 151 feet, on the south by the street, ‘(having reserved one chain wide from the present Street)’, W 17° N 86 feet, on the west by N 17° E 177 feet and on the north by E 36° S 90 feet.<sup>24</sup> Samuel Young appears to have left the colony in September 1816.<sup>25</sup>

On 30 June 1823, Richard Mortimer was leased lot 67 of 62 1/2 rods. It was bounded on the west by 4 chains 13 links on the north by the river, on the east by 2 chains 73 links on the south by lot 66 50 links, on the east by lot 66 81 links and on the south by George Street, 1 chain 29 links, ‘Reserving a convenient passage of sufficient width to admit a horse and cart to such of the adjoining allotments as may be deemed necessary by the proper officer’.<sup>26</sup> The 1823 map by Stewart showed a single house on this land (Figure 3.1).<sup>27</sup> Johnstone’s map of 1836 also showed the house, but in fainter outline, suggesting its demolition (Figure 3.2).<sup>28</sup>

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<sup>23</sup> Grants, Vol 4 (originally 4D), page 40 (1)

<sup>24</sup> Grants, Vol 4 (originally 4D), page 41 (1)

<sup>25</sup> SG, 16 Sept 1815, p 1

<sup>26</sup> Grants Vol 25 (originally 16) No 40

<sup>27</sup> SR Map 4907

<sup>28</sup> SR Map 4799

Richard Mortimer, of George St, Parramatta, was granted the same land on 31 March 1842 with the same dimensions and conditions after paying quit rent of £32/16/3.<sup>29</sup> W M Brownrigg's map of 1844 shows two buildings, one the building shown on the 1823 and 1836 maps, another close to the frontage (Figure 3.3).<sup>30</sup>

Richard Mortimer gave the land to Charles Blakefield, his son-in-law, and John Mortimer, his son, on 2 May 1843.<sup>31</sup> The lot largely remained in the hands of the family until 14 November 1889, when it was conveyed to William Christopher Donovan of Waverley, esquire.<sup>32</sup>

The Detail Survey sheet of 19 November 1893 showed a brick house on this land (Figure 3.4).<sup>33</sup> More detail of the house was shown on the Fieldbook for that survey (Figure 3.5).<sup>34</sup> That house had a different footprint to that shown on the site on the 1823 map.

### **3.3 Lot 66 Section 23 (186 George Street)**

This land also seems to have been part of the lease to Samuel Young (see above). On 30 June 1823, it was leased as lot 66 to Joseph Allott as 7 1/2 rods bounded on the west by 81 links on the north by 50 links, on the east by 81 links and on the south by George Street 50 links.<sup>35</sup> On 8 June 1827, Joshua [sic] Allott sold this land to John Foreman Staff for £34/13/4 with 'A certain portion of land fenced in and a House erected thereon'.<sup>36</sup> The 1823 map by Stewart showed a single house on this land (Figure 3.1).<sup>37</sup> Johnstone's map of 1836 also showed this house (Figure 3.2).<sup>38</sup>

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<sup>29</sup> Grants Vol 53 No 81

<sup>30</sup> W M Brownrigg, Plan of Parramatta, ML Map M3/811.1301/1844/1

<sup>31</sup> LPMA, No 122 Bk 4

<sup>32</sup> LPMA No 128 Bk 427

<sup>33</sup> PWD S1544 S 1173, Sydney Water

<sup>34</sup> FB 2070, 22 Dec 1891, Sydney Water, p 5

<sup>35</sup> Grants Vol 25 (originally 16) No 41

<sup>36</sup> LPMA No 673 Bk D

<sup>37</sup> SR Map 4907

<sup>38</sup> SR Map 4799

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Staff was granted this allotment on 29 May 1838, after paying quit rent of £3/18/9.<sup>39</sup> W M Brownrigg's map of 1844 clearly shows a building on this lot (Figure 3.3).<sup>40</sup> After John Foreman Staff's death, it passed to his devisees and it was advertised for auction sale on 2 July 1886 as a 'Block of Land, having frontage of 34 feet to George-street, with large House thereon, built of Brick, iron roof.'<sup>41</sup> By 19 November 1893 when the Detail Survey sheet was prepared that house had gone (Figure 3.4).<sup>42</sup> Another house had been built on the land by 1932 (Figure 3.8).<sup>43</sup>

After 10 December 1890, both lots 66 and 67 were on the same title. A new survey of those lots on 9 September 1937 divided them into the basic configuration that they now have (Figure 3.9).<sup>44</sup> Further detail of buildings on both lots is provided by the 1943 aerial photo (Figure 3.10).

### **3.4 Lot 65 Section 23 (188 George Street)**

Lot 65 of Section 23 was leased to John Ellison on 30 June 1823 as 49 rods, bounded on the west by 3 chains 54 links, on the north by the River, on the east by 3 chains and on the south by George Street 64 links.<sup>45</sup> The 1823 map by Stewart showed a single house on this land (Figure 3.1).<sup>46</sup> Johnstone's map of 1836 also showed the same house (Figure 3.2).<sup>47</sup>

By his will of 8 March 1832, John Ellison left it to his son Henry, who was granted the land after his claim was assessed by the Court of Claims. The grant was issued on 14 December 1840.<sup>48</sup> W M Brownrigg's map of 1844 not only shows the same building as in 1823, but also another small building close to George Street (Figure 3.3).<sup>49</sup>

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<sup>39</sup> Grants Vol 48 No 54

<sup>40</sup> W M Brownrigg, Plan of Parramatta, ML Map M3/811.1301/1844/1

<sup>41</sup> *SMH*, 30 June 1886, p 15

<sup>42</sup> PWD S1544 S 1173, Sydney Water

<sup>43</sup> BW2703-1932, Sydney Water

<sup>44</sup> DP 337507

<sup>45</sup> Grants Vol 25 (orig 16) No 42

<sup>46</sup> SR Map 4907

<sup>47</sup> SR Map 4799

<sup>48</sup> Grants, Volume 51 No 64

<sup>49</sup> W M Brownrigg, Plan of Parramatta, ML Map M3/811.1301/1844/1

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Since Henry Ellison also owned lot 64 to the east, the history of lot 65 was tied in with that lot as well. These lots remained in the hands of the family, passing to near relatives and back again. It was not transferred out of the family's hands until 1907.

No details of buildings on this land are provided on the Real Property Application survey of 29 March 1901 (Figure 3.7).<sup>50</sup> However, the Detail Survey sheet of 19 November 1893 showed a wooden house on this land, with more wooden buildings facing the river (Figure 3.4).<sup>51</sup> More detail of the house was shown on the Fieldbook for that survey, but a brick building is shown behind the timber house and there is no survey of the timber buildings on the river (Figure 3.6).<sup>52</sup> All those buildings are shown as extant on the 1932 survey sheet, though it is uncertain if that sheet was compiled by survey or based on the 1890s Detail Survey (Figure 3.8).<sup>53</sup> Nonetheless, the 1943 aerial photo shows that none of the buildings shown in the 1890s appear to have remained (Figure 3.10). A subdivision survey of 10 September 1951 split this parcel away from the rest of the land in lots 64 and 65 (Figure 3.11).<sup>54</sup>

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<sup>50</sup> DP 61940

<sup>51</sup> PWD S1544 S 1173, Sydney Water

<sup>52</sup> FB 2070, 22 Dec 1891, Sydney Water, p 6

<sup>53</sup> BW2703-1932, Sydney Water

<sup>54</sup> DP 376287

### 3.5 Historical Maps and Plans.



Figure 3.1. Plan of Parramatta, 1823, by Stewart, showing buildings on Allotments 65, 66 and 67 (184-188 George Street).  
Source: SR Map 4907.





Figure 3.3. Plan of Parramatta, 1844, by William meadows Brownrigg, showing buildings on Allotments 65, 66 and 67 (184-188 George Street).  
Source: ML Map M3/811.1301/1844/1

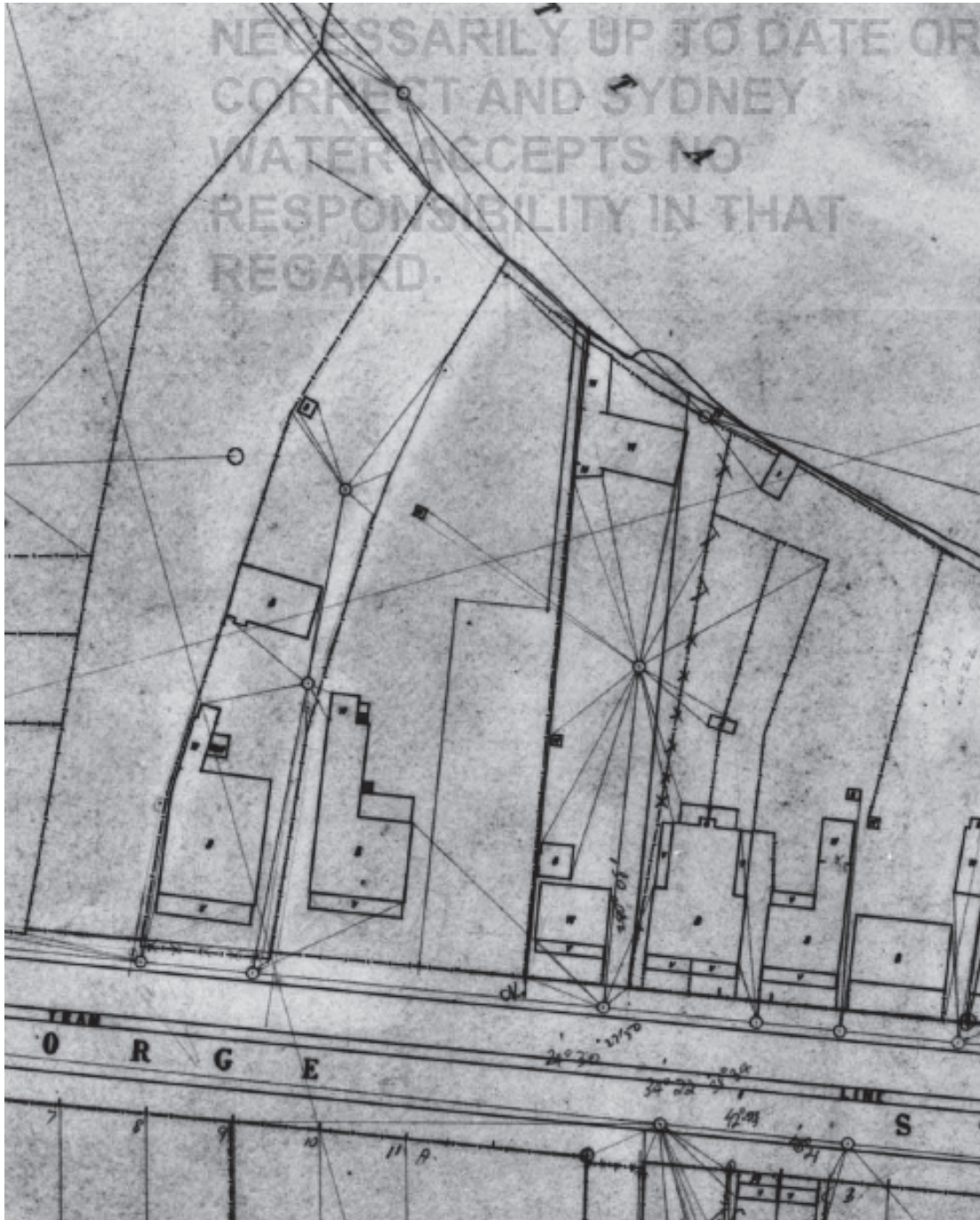


Figure 3.4. Detail of the Sydney Water plan for 1893, showing buildings on each allotment (184-188 George Street).  
Source: PWD S1544 S 1173, Sydney Water.

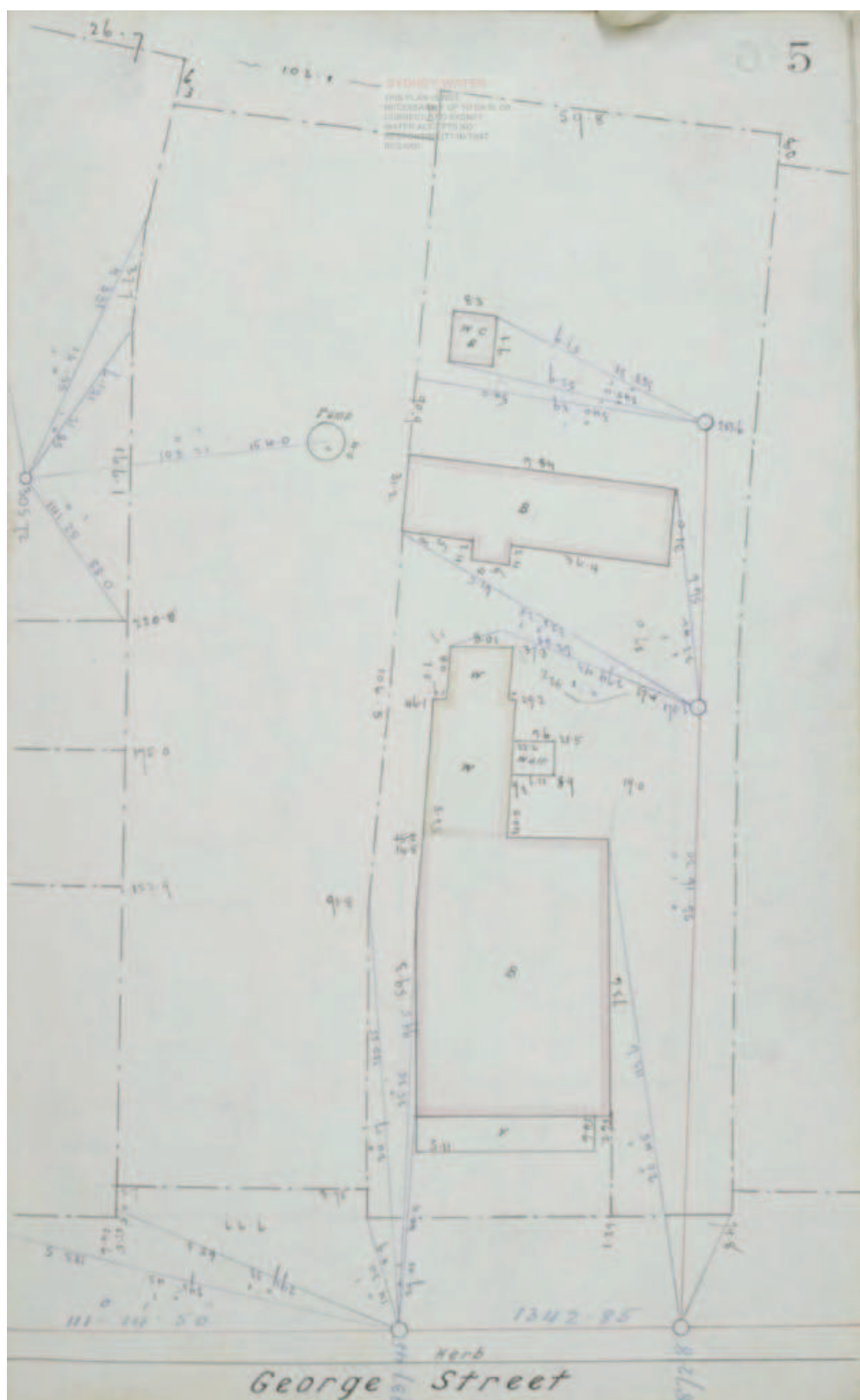


Figure 3.5. Detail of the sketch in Field Book 2070, showing the buildings on 184 George Street in 1891.

Source: Sydney Water. FB 2070, 22 Dec 1891, Sydney Water, p 5



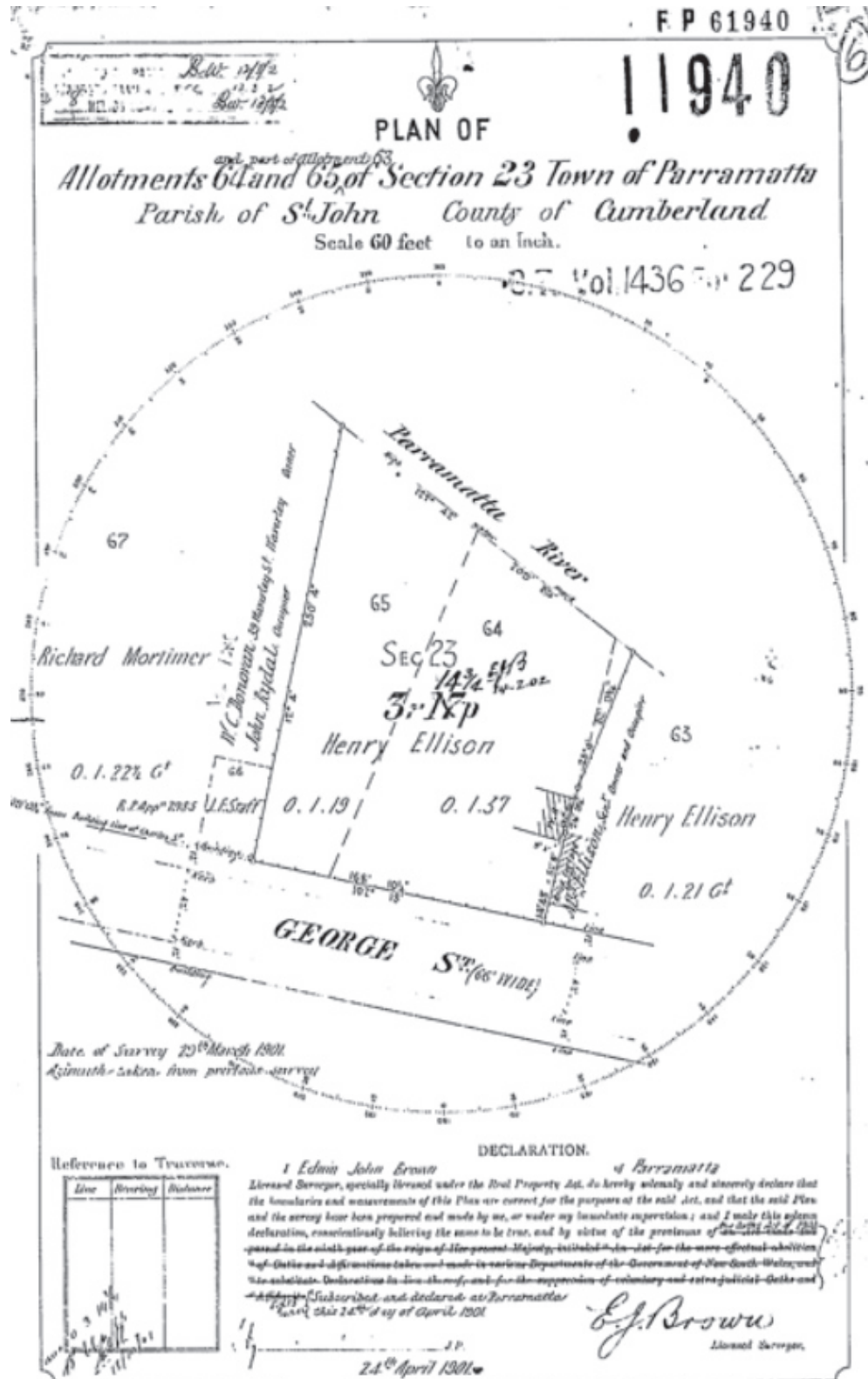


Figure 3.7. Plan of 188-190 George Street, dated 1901, showing no details of buildings on 188 George Street.

Source: DP61940.







Figure 3.10. Aerial photograph of 184-188 George Street, Parramatta, 1943, showing 188 George Street as a vacant lot.  
Source: SIX.

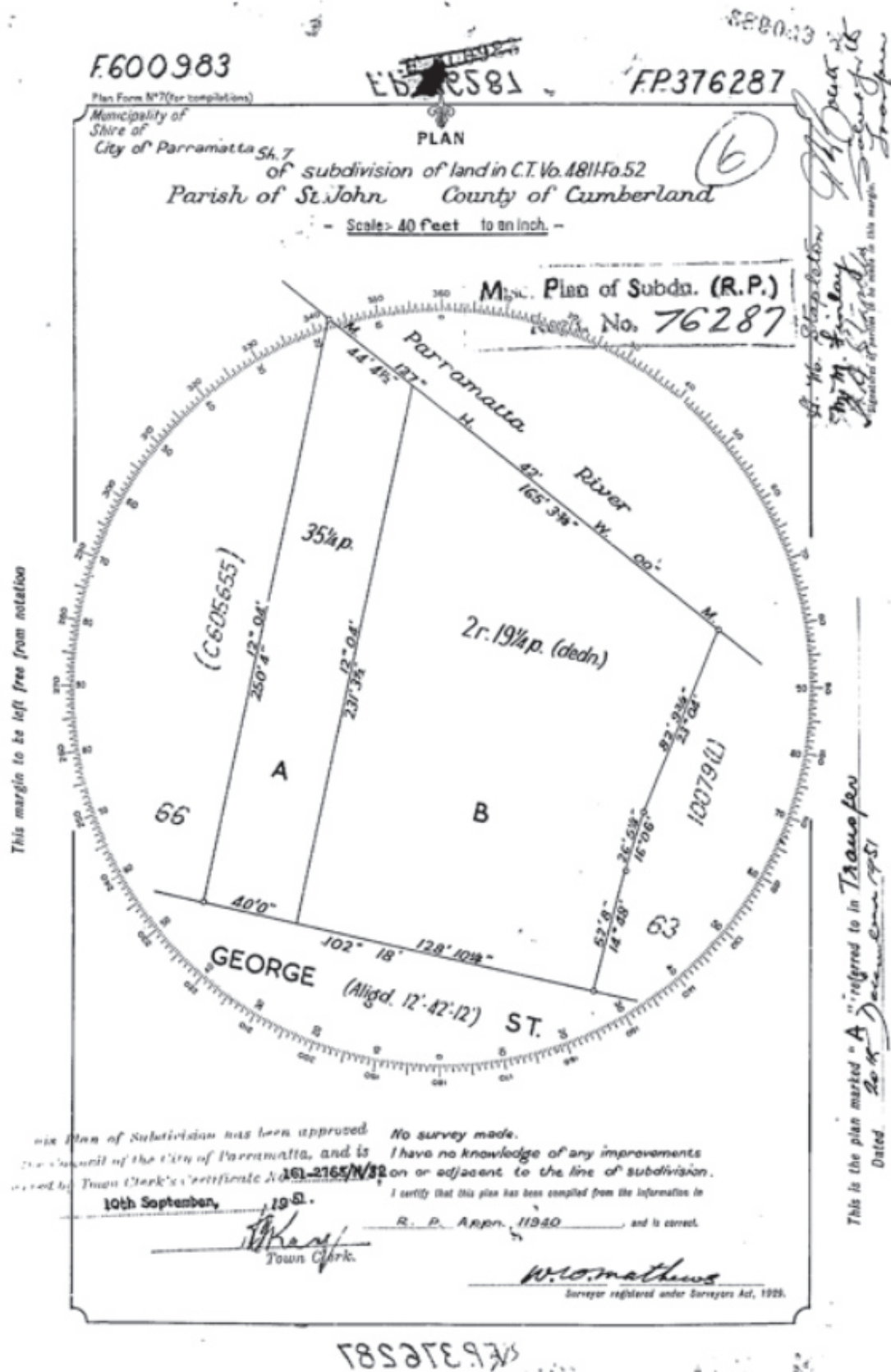


Figure 3.11. Plan of 188-190 George Street, showing the division of the property, leaving 188 George Street as a separate parcel.  
Source: DP 376287.

## **4 SITE SURVEY.**

### **4.1 Introduction.**

Site survey was undertaken by Dr. Edward Higginbotham on 17 May 2011.

### **4.2 Site description.**

The original topography or slope of the property can be reconstructed from the neighbouring properties and street frontage. On the site, the ground surface generally slopes gently away from the street frontage down to the banks of Parramatta River.

The ground surface within the property itself is approximately 30-40 cms lower than street level and the ground surface within 'Harrisford', 182 George Street. It is difficult to establish any change in level between 188 George Street and the neighbouring property to the east, since this relatively modern development abuts the property boundary with comparable ground surfaces.

Overall the level of the ground may have been lowered through demolition of previous buildings on the subject site. The two recent aerial photographs suggest that demolition may have taken place a number of years ago (Plate 4.1 and 4.2).

Mr. Malvin Wong, Zhinar Architects, has suggested the ground is disturbed to a depth of 600 mm by demolition.<sup>55</sup>

### **4.3 Surviving condition of archaeological remains.**

The following table enables standardised comparisons between sites in terms of the extent of likely disturbance.

| <b>Level of Disturbance</b> | <b>Description</b>                                                                                         |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Undisturbed              | An archaeological site may be considered to be undisturbed when there are no visible signs of disturbance. |

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<sup>55</sup> Personal communication: Mr. Malvin Wong, Zhinar Architects, 28 April 2011.

| Level of Disturbance  | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| 2. Minor disturbance. | An archaeological site may be considered to have minor disturbance when the only visible evidence of disturbance is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Domestic or other building with narrow footings and service trenches.</li> <li>• Small scale buildings.</li> </ul>                                   |
| 3. Partly disturbed.  | An archaeological site may be considered to be partly disturbed when the only visible evidence of disturbance is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A site or building terraced into a hill slope.</li> <li>• Large building with deep footings and service trenches.</li> </ul>                            |
| 4. Mostly disturbed.  | An archaeological site may be considered to be mostly disturbed when the visible evidence of disturbance includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A site or building terraced into a hill slope by more than one storey in depth on part of the site.</li> <li>• Basements or semi-basements.</li> </ul> |
| 5. Destroyed.         | An archaeological site may be considered to be destroyed when the visible evidence of disturbance includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basement excavation in excess of one storey over most or all of the site.</li> </ul>                                                                          |

Table 3.1. Levels of disturbance.

Site survey of 184-188 George Street has suggested that the ground surface of the site may have been lowered or may have been disturbed by demolition of previous structures. The historical sequence of development of the properties suggest that these buildings may have caused partial disturbance of the archaeological sites through service and footing trenches (2. Minor Disturbance).

Demolition of these former buildings by taking out their footings may have caused a higher level of disturbance (3. Partial Disturbance). If the site has been bulldozed to level the ground, this may also have resulted in a greater level of disturbance (3. Partial Disturbance to 4. Mostly destroyed).

Given the evidence for disturbance of the site, it will be prudent to determine the surviving condition of the archaeological sites prior to any more extensive archaeological investigation.

#### 4.4 Sites possessing archaeological significance.

The historical sequence of development for the three allotments reveals the presence of former buildings (see summary in table below). On each allotment it is the first stage of development that is of archaeological significance. The second stage of development is of less archaeological significance, particularly if the buildings were erected after the 1880s. Later development (post 1880s) is unlikely to leave behind large assemblages of artifacts.

| Street No / Allotment                | Date          | Owner / Lessee                       | Improvements                                                                           | Grading of significance |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 184, part 186 George Street (Lot 67) | 1809          | Samuel Young.                        | Building ? First stage of development.                                                 | High                    |
|                                      | 1823          | Richard Mortimer                     | Building                                                                               | High                    |
|                                      | 1836          |                                      | Building, as above                                                                     | High                    |
|                                      | 1843          | Charles Blakefield and John Mortimer |                                                                                        |                         |
|                                      | 1844          | As above                             | Building, as above and another on street frontage.                                     | High                    |
|                                      | 1889          | W C Donovan                          |                                                                                        |                         |
|                                      | 1891 and 1893 |                                      | Brick house (new building erected between 1844 and 1891). Second stage of development. | Moderate to little      |
|                                      | 1932          |                                      | House, as above.                                                                       | Moderate to little      |
|                                      | 1943          |                                      | House, as above.                                                                       | Moderate to little      |
|                                      | Recent        |                                      | Vacant (house demolished after 1943).                                                  |                         |
|                                      |               |                                      |                                                                                        |                         |
| 186 George Street (Lot 66).          | 1809          | See Lot 67 above.                    |                                                                                        |                         |
|                                      | 1823          | Joseph Allott                        | Building. First stage of development.                                                  | High                    |
|                                      | 1827          | John Foreman Staff                   | House, as above ?                                                                      | High                    |
|                                      | 1836          |                                      | House, as above                                                                        | High                    |

| Street No / Allotment      | Date | Owner / Lessee        | Improvements                                                                           | Grading of significance             |
|----------------------------|------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                            | 1844 |                       | House, as above                                                                        | High                                |
|                            |      | Devisees of J F Staff |                                                                                        |                                     |
|                            | 1886 |                       | Brick house, iron roof, as above ?                                                     | High, if first stage of development |
|                            | 1893 |                       | Vacant                                                                                 |                                     |
|                            | 1932 |                       | House (new building, constructed 1890s ?). Second stage of development.                | Little                              |
|                            | 1943 |                       | Building, as above.                                                                    | Little                              |
|                            |      |                       |                                                                                        |                                     |
| 188 George Street (Lot 65) | 1823 | John Ellison          | Building. First stage of development.                                                  | High                                |
|                            | 1836 |                       | House, as above.                                                                       | High                                |
|                            | 1840 | Henry Ellison, son.   | House, as above, another building fronting George Street. Second stage of development. | High                                |
|                            | 1893 |                       | Building, on frontage, as above ?                                                      | High                                |
|                            | 1932 |                       | Building, as above.                                                                    | High                                |
|                            | 1943 |                       | Vacant                                                                                 |                                     |

#### 4.5 Photographs.

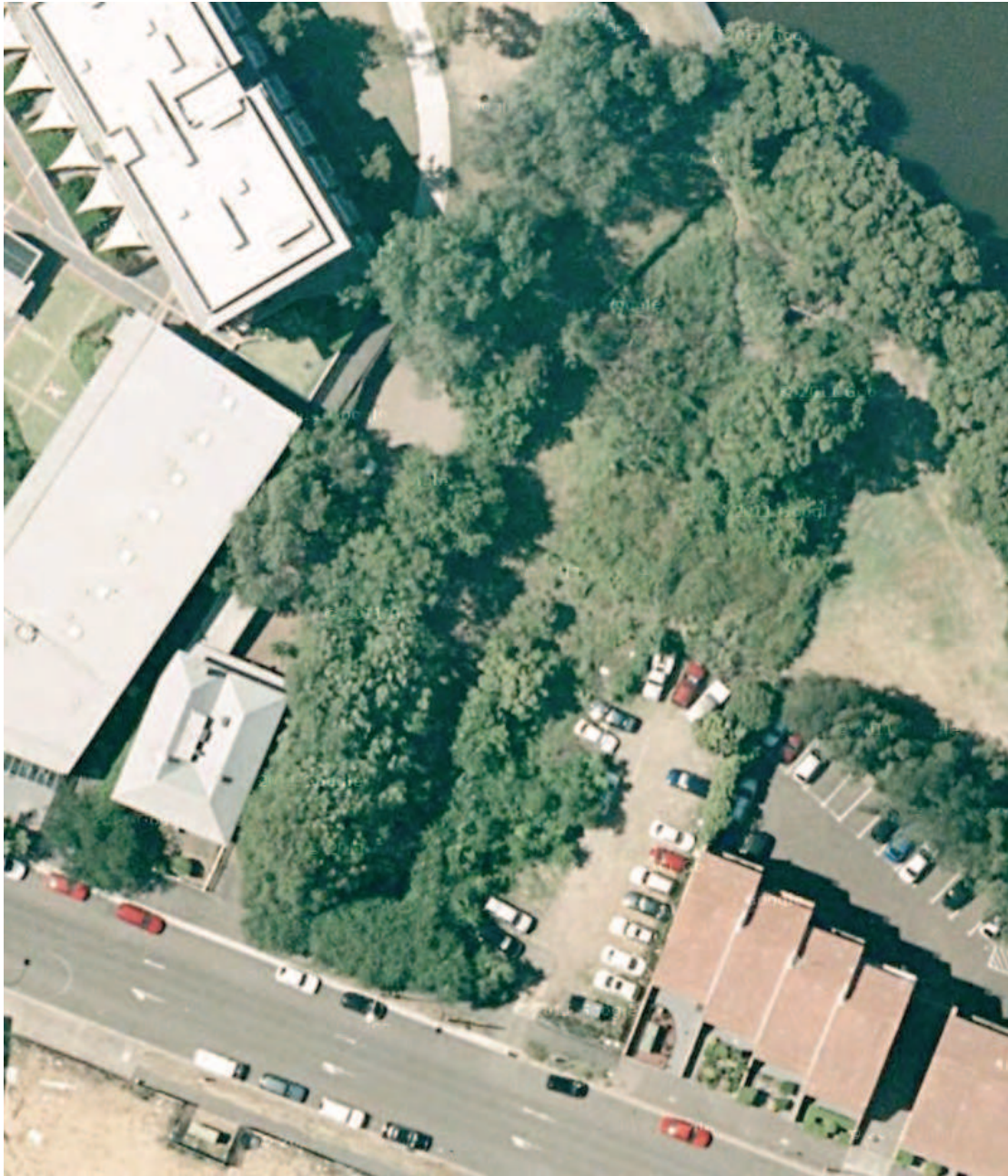


Plate 4.1. Aerial photograph of 184-188 George Street, showing the land is vacant, partly vegetated and partly used as an informal car park.  
Source. Google Maps.



Plate 4.2. Aerial photograph of 184-188 George Street, showing the land is vacant and vegetated.  
Source. SIX.



Plate 4.3. 184-188 George Street, Parramatta. The George Street frontage of the property shows how the land is slightly lower than the pavement.

Plate 4.4. 184-188 George Street, Parramatta. The vacant site and adjoining buildings, looking S.



Plate 4.5. 'Harrisford', the historic house, 182 George Street is adjacent to the property at 184-188 George Street, Parramatta.

## 5 CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE.

### 5.1 Current assessment criteria.

In this chapter the cultural significance of the subject site is assessed according to standard criteria.

The State Heritage Register and the State Heritage Inventory were established under Part 3A of the Heritage Act (as amended in 1998) for listing of items of environmental heritage.<sup>56</sup> The State Heritage Register list items, which are of state heritage significance, while the State Heritage Inventory includes items of local heritage significance.<sup>57</sup> A number of items listed on the State Heritage Inventory are also of state heritage significance.

To be assessed for listing on the State Heritage Register (state significance) or State Heritage Inventory (local significance) an item will, in the opinion of the Heritage Council of NSW, meet one or more of the following criteria.<sup>58</sup>

Criterion a. An item is important in the course, or pattern, of NSW's cultural or natural history or

An item is important in the course, or pattern, of the local area's cultural or natural history;

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<sup>56</sup> **environmental heritage** means those places, buildings, works, relics, moveable objects, and precincts, of state or local heritage significance (section 4, *Heritage Act, 1977*).

<sup>57</sup> **state heritage significance**, in relation to a place, building, work, relic, moveable object or precinct, means significance to the State in relation to the historical, scientific cultural, social, archaeological, architectural, natural or aesthetic value of the item (section 4A(1), *Heritage Act, 1977*).

<sup>58</sup> Guidelines for the application of these criteria have now been prepared by the NSW Heritage Office. See inclusion and exclusion guidelines in: NSW Heritage Office. 2000. Assessing Heritage Significance. A NSW Heritage Manual Update.

See also:

Heritage Office and Department of Urban Affairs and Planning. 1996. Heritage Assessments. pp. 4-7.

| <b>Guidelines for Inclusion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Guidelines for Exclusion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• shows evidence of a significant human activity.</li><li>• is associated with a significant activity or historical phase.</li><li>• maintains or shows the continuity of a historical process or activity.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• has incidental or unsubstantiated connections with historically important activities or processes.</li><li>• provides evidence of activities or processes that are of dubious historical importance.</li><li>• has been so altered that it can no longer provide evidence of a particular association.</li></ul> |

Criterion b. An item has strong or special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in NSW's cultural or natural history, or  
An item has strong or special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in the cultural or natural history of the local area;

| <b>Guidelines for Inclusion</b>                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Guidelines for Exclusion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• shows evidence of significant human occupation.</li><li>• is associated with a significant event, person or group of persons.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• has incidental or unsubstantiated connections with historically important people or events.</li><li>• provides evidence of people or events that are of dubious historical importance.</li><li>• has been so altered that it can no longer provide evidence of a particular association.</li></ul> |

Criterion c. An item is important in demonstrating aesthetic characteristics and/or a high degree of creative or technical achievement in NSW, or  
An item is important in demonstrating aesthetic characteristics and/or a high degree of creative or technical achievement in the local area;

| <b>Guidelines for Inclusion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Guidelines for Exclusion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• shows or is associated with creative or technical innovation or achievement.</li><li>• is the inspiration for a creative or technical innovation or achievement.</li><li>• is aesthetically distinctive.</li><li>• has landmark qualities.</li><li>• exemplifies a particular taste, style or technology.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• is not a major work by an important designer or artist.</li><li>• has lost its design or technical integrity.</li><li>• its positive visual or sensory appeal or landmark and scenic qualities have been more than temporarily degraded.</li><li>• has only a loose association with a creative or technical achievement.</li></ul> |

Criterion d. An item has strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group in NSW for social, cultural or spiritual reasons, or

An item has strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group in the local area for social, cultural or spiritual reasons;

| <b>Guidelines for Inclusion</b>                                                                                                                                         | <b>Guidelines for Exclusion</b>                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• is important for its associations with an identifiable group.</li><li>• is important to a community's sense of place.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• is only important to the community for amenity reasons.</li><li>• is retained only in preference to a proposed alternative.</li></ul> |

Criterion e. An item has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of NSW's cultural or natural history, or

An item has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of the local area's cultural or natural history;

| <b>Guidelines for Inclusion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Guidelines for Exclusion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• has the potential to yield new or further substantial scientific and/or archaeological information.</li><li>• is an important benchmark or reference of its type.</li><li>• provides evidence of past human cultures that is unavailable elsewhere.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• only contains information that is readily available from other resources or archaeological sites.</li><li>• the knowledge gained would be irrelevant to research on science, human history or culture.</li><li>• has little archaeological or research potential.</li></ul> |

Criterion f. An item possesses uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of NSW's cultural or natural history, or

An item possesses uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of the local area's cultural or natural history;

| <b>Guidelines for Inclusion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>Guidelines for Exclusion</b>                                                                        |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• provides evidence of a defunct custom, way of life or process.</li><li>• demonstrates a process, custom or other human activity that is in danger of being lost.</li><li>• shows unusually accurate evidence of a significant human activity.</li><li>• is the only example of its type.</li><li>• demonstrates designs or techniques of exceptional interest.</li><li>• shows rare evidence of a significant human activity important to a community.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• is not rare.</li><li>• is numerous but under threat.</li></ul> |

Criterion g. An item is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of NSW's

cultural or natural places; or

cultural or natural environments, or

An item is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of the local area's

cultural or natural places; or

cultural or natural environments.

| <b>Guidelines for Inclusion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Guidelines for Exclusion</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• is a fine example of its type.</li><li>• has the principal characteristics of an important class or group of items.</li><li>• has attributes typical of a particular way of life, philosophy, custom, significant process, design, technique or activity.</li><li>• is a significant variation to a class of items.</li><li>• is a part of a group which collectively illustrates a representative type.</li><li>• is outstanding because of its integrity or the esteem in which it is held..</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• is a poor example of its type.</li><li>• does not include or has lost the range of characteristics of a type.</li><li>• does not represent well the characteristics that make up a significant variation of a type.</li></ul> |

An item is not to be excluded from the Register or Inventory on the ground that items with similar characteristics have already been listed on the Register or Inventory.

In criteria a to g, where an item is deemed to be of local significance, the words “local area” should be substituted for “NSW”.

## **5.2 Previous assessment criteria, 1996.**

In 1996 the assessment criteria were standardised by the Heritage Office and Department of Urban Affairs and Planning in the *NSW Heritage Manual*..<sup>59</sup> These 1996 assessment criteria are summarised below for reference purposes. Some practitioners may still prefer to use the three criteria relating to level of significance, namely local, regional and state, although there is only provision to use the levels local and state under the current guidelines.

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<sup>59</sup> Heritage Office and Department of Urban Affairs and Planning. 1996. *NSW Heritage Manual*.

Where there is an equivalence between the current and previous guidelines, a letter (a-g) referring to the current criteria is placed against the previous definition.

**Nature of significance.**

**Historical significance (evolution and association) (criteria a and b).** An item having this value is significant because of the importance of its association with, or position in the evolving pattern of our cultural history.

**Aesthetic significance (scenic / architectural qualities / creative accomplishment) (criterion c).** An item having this value is significant because it demonstrates positive visual or sensory appeal, landmark qualities and/or creative or technical excellence.

**Technical / research significance (archaeological, industrial, educational, research potential and aesthetic significance values) (criterion e).** Items having this value are significant because of their contribution or positive contribution to an understanding of our cultural history or environment.

**Social significance (contemporary community esteem) (criterion d).** Items having this value are significant through their social, spiritual or cultural association with a recognisable community.

**Degree of significance.**

**Representativeness (criterion g).** Items having this value are significant because they are fine representative examples of an important class of significant items or environments.

**Rarity (criterion f).** An item having this value is significant because it represents a rare, endangered or unusual aspect of our history or cultural environment.

**Level of significance.**

**Local.** Comprises items significant in a local historical or geographical context or to an identifiable contemporary local community.

**Regional.** Comprises items significant in a regional historical or geographical context or to an identifiable contemporary regional community.

**State.** Comprises items significant in a state-wide historical or geographical context or to an identifiable contemporary state-wide community.<sup>60</sup>

### 5.3 Grading of significance.

The NSW Heritage Manual describes the methodology for grading of significance for items within a place. This has been further described in “Assessing Heritage Significance”, published by the NSW Heritage Office in 2000.<sup>61</sup>

| Grading     | Justification                                                                                                                            | Status                                               |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Exceptional | Rare or outstanding item of local or state significance.<br>High degree of intactness.<br>Item can be interpreted relatively easily.     | Fulfil criteria for local or state listing.          |
| High        | High degree of original fabric.<br>Demonstrates key element of the item’s significance.<br>Alterations do not detract from significance. | Fulfil criteria for local or state listing.          |
| Moderate    | Altered or modified elements.<br>Elements with little heritage value, but which contribute to the overall significance of the item.      | Fulfil criteria for local or state listing.          |
| Little      | Alterations detract from significance.<br>Difficult to interpret.                                                                        | Does not fulfil criteria for local or state listing. |
| Intrusive   | Damaging to the item’s heritage significance                                                                                             | Does not fulfil criteria for local or state listing. |

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<sup>60</sup> The above assessment criteria were extracted verbatim from Heritage Office and Department of Urban Affairs and Planning. 1996. Heritage Assessments. pp. 4-7.

<sup>61</sup> NSW Heritage Office. 2000. Assessing Heritage Significance. A NSW Heritage Manual Update.

#### **5.4 Technical / research significance and archaeological significance.**

The term 'archaeological significance' may be defined as the extent to which a site may contribute knowledge, not available from other sources, to current themes in historical archaeology and related disciplines.<sup>62</sup> 'Archaeological significance' is included in Criterion E of the current criteria for assessment.

In the assessment of archaeological significance, several factors or criteria have to be taken into account. Questions include:

- Does the site contribute knowledge not available from other sources? In this respect, the preservation of the site, the availability of comparative sites, and the extent of historical documentation should be considered.
- Does this knowledge contribute meaningfully to current research themes in historical archaeology and related disciplines? The level of this contribution may be assessed on the same basis as other aspects of cultural significance, for example, locality, region or state.

It is clear that the determination of archaeological significance is closely related and, in fact, dependent upon the development of current research themes in historical archaeology. Research themes will be discussed in this study, thereby giving the historical archaeologist a framework or starting point from which future research and site assessment may proceed.

#### **5.5 The heritage significance of the subject site.**

The following statement of significance is prepared in accordance with the current assessment guidelines. It concentrates on aspects of archaeological and historical significance.

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<sup>62</sup> This definition is based upon the following references; A. Bickford, & S. Sullivan, 'Assessing the research significance of historic sites', in S. Sullivan, & S. Bowdler, *Site survey and significance assessment in Australian archaeology*, Dept. of Prehistory, Research School of Pacific Studies, ANU, Canberra, 1984, pp. 19-26.; S. Sullivan, & S. Bowdler, *Site survey and significance assessment in Australian archaeology*, Dept. of Prehistory, Research School of Pacific Studies, ANU, Canberra, 1984, passim.

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*A. an item is important in the course, or pattern, of NSW's cultural or natural history;*

The subject site contains archaeological sites relating to the early settlement of the town of Parramatta from at least 1809 onwards. This period marks the transition from a gaol town or penal settlement to a market town.

On 30 June 1823 the majority of town allotments were leased, the date marking an important transition towards freehold title. This change further promoted the development of an important market town and government centre. The development of 184-188 George Street reflects this period of growth.

The subject site indicates how this part of the town of Parramatta developed throughout the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Most of the allotments were associated with residential development.

Level of significance: State and Local. State significance is ascribed to evidence of the transition from penal settlement to market town, pre 1823, and potentially also to the first stages of development. Later stages of development of the town are of local significance. Post 1880s buildings are assessed as possessing little or no significance.

*B. an item has strong or special association with the life or works of a person, or group of persons, of importance in NSW's cultural or natural history;*

The persons associated with the subject site throughout its historical development played a varying role in the town of Parramatta.

Level of significance: Local. A local level of significance is assessed on the basis that the persons associated with the allotments on the subject site may have made a minor contribution to the development of Parramatta as a whole.

*C. an item is important in demonstrating aesthetic characteristics and/or a high degree of creative or technical achievement in NSW;*

The subject site is predicted to possess archaeological remains of buildings and other structures, dating from the early 19<sup>th</sup> century onwards. On the basis of comparative evidence, it is likely that these remains will comprise footing of both timber and masonry buildings. Sandstock brick and sandstone footings and other features possess aesthetic significance as examples of traditional building technology and also for visual appeal or attractiveness.

Level of significance: Local.

*D. an item has strong or special association with a particular community or cultural group in NSW for social, cultural or spiritual reasons;*

The community of Parramatta and surrounding suburbs have demonstrated the values they ascribe to archaeological sites in Parramatta, not only by their willingness to attend open days on archaeological sites, but also through their membership of organisations such as the Parramatta and District Historical Society and the National Trust. The investigation, conservation and management of the heritage values of the subject site would be deemed of interest and concern to this local community.

Level of significance: Local.

*E. an item has potential to yield information that will contribute to an understanding of NSW's cultural or natural history;*

There are a number of research questions relating to each part of the subject site, which will contribute to our understanding of the site, the historical development in Parramatta or to the progress of settlement in New South Wales as a whole.

Level of significance: State and Local. State significance is ascribed to evidence of the first stage of development on 184-188 George Street, but particularly to the buildings associated with the 1809 lease of parts of 184 and 186 George Street. The second or later stages of development are assessed as possessing local significance.

*F. an item possesses uncommon, rare or endangered aspects of NSW's cultural or natural history;*

There are only a small number of urban centres in New South Wales where the early historical settlement can be studied. Parramatta and Sydney provide the prime examples, followed by Liverpool and the other Macquarie towns, particularly Windsor and Richmond.

Sites in Parramatta provide a rare opportunity to investigate the transition from a penal settlement to a market town during the period of convict transportation up to 1840.

Level of significance: State and Local. State significance is ascribed to evidence of the transition from penal settlement to market town. Local significance is ascribed to later development.

*G. an item is important in demonstrating the principal characteristics of a class of NSW's*

*cultural or natural places; or*

*cultural or natural environments.*

Each site is representative in providing a range of evidence relating to construction, additions, alterations and sequence of occupation. With the excavation of sufficient examples of this type of site it will become apparent that these structures have a set range in construction, sequence of additions and alterations and also sequence of occupation.

The artifact assemblages associated with archaeological sites in Parramatta, Sydney and in other centres on the Cumberland Plain are well known. It is expected that these sites will be representative. However the information that can be gained from the study of these assemblages may provide representative examples of the information that has been or could in future be gained from artifact analysis. The more detailed the analysis undertaken and the better such study is directed by ongoing research, the more sites like these can contribute to our understanding. It is important to analyse the assemblages from the whole range of available sites.

Level of significance: State significance is ascribed to evidence of the transition from penal settlement to market town. Local significance is ascribed to later development.

## **5.6 Summary of statement of significance.**

The statement of significance for the allotments on the subject site may be summarised as follows:

| <b>Criterion</b>           | <b>Level</b>     |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| a. Historical.             | State and Local. |
| b. Historical association. | Local.           |
| c. Aesthetic               | Local.           |
| d. Social                  | Local            |
| e. Scientific              | State and Local. |
| f. Rarity.                 | State and Local. |
| g. Representativeness.     | State and Local. |

The above statement of significance is in agreement with the State level of significance given in Archaeological Management Unit (AMU) 3034. See Chapter 4.4 for the grading of significance of each archaeological site.

## **6 CONSERVATION GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**

### **6.1 Constraints and opportunities (conservation policies and guidelines).**

#### **6.1.1 The NSW *Heritage Act* and historical archaeology**

The *Heritage Act* contains various legal measures to protect historical archaeological resources.

Where historical research has revealed the location of historical settlement, experience has shown that the discovery of relics is highly likely once the soil is disturbed. When relics are revealed the Heritage Council must be notified. This may involve delay until appropriate arrangements can be made to record the archaeological remains. As a result, developers and others are normally advised that excavation permits must be obtained prior to undertaking works, which involve excavation or the disturbance of historical sites. In this way most delays can be avoided.

The definition of ‘relics’ under the NSW Heritage Act has recently been changed, as follows:

The new definition is:

‘**relic** means any deposit, artefact, object or material evidence that:

- (a) relates to the settlement of the area that comprises New South Wales, not being Aboriginal settlement, and
- (b) is of State or local heritage significance.”<sup>63</sup>

Section 139 of the *Heritage Act* provides that:

*c). A person must not disturb or excavate any land knowing or having reasonable cause to suspect that the disturbance or excavation will or is likely to result in a relic being discovered, exposed, moved, damaged or destroyed unless the disturbance or excavation is carried out in accordance with an excavation permit.*

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<sup>63</sup> Heritage Act, 1977, No. 136, as amended. Part 1. Section 4. Definitions.

*d). A person must not disturb or excavate any land on which the person has discovered or exposed a relic except in accordance with an excavation permit.*

If a site is the subject of an order under Section 130, an Interim Heritage Order, or is listed on the State Heritage Register, approval for an excavation permit is required under Section 60 of the *Heritage Act*.

If a site is not the subject of an order under the *Heritage Act* and is not listed on the State heritage Register, an excavation permit is required, in accordance with Section 140.

Section 146 of the *Heritage Act* requires that the accidental discovery of relics should be reported to the Heritage Council of NSW.

*A person who is aware or believes that he or she has discovered or located a relic (in any circumstances, and whether or not the person has been issued with an excavation permit) must:*

*e). within a reasonable time after he or she first becomes aware or believes that he or she has discovered or located that relic, notify the Heritage Council of the location of the relic, unless he or she believes on reasonable grounds that the Heritage Council is aware of the location of the relic, and*

*f). within the period required by the Heritage Council, furnish the Heritage Council with such information concerning the relic as the Heritage Council may reasonably require.*

When an item of heritage significance comes under the ownership or control of a public authority, the authority is required to record it in a Heritage and Conservation Register, under section 170 of the *Heritage Act*. The purpose of the provision is to alert the authority whenever works are proposed, which might affect the item.

#### **6.1.2 Standard exemptions and exceptions under the *Heritage Act*.**

Certain activities on sites listed on the NSW Heritage Register do not require permit application. These standard exemptions under section 57 of the *Heritage Act* were published in 1999 by the NSW Heritage Office.

On other archaeological sites, whether or not listed on the NSW Heritage Inventory, there are various situations where an application can be made for a permit exception. Permit exceptions under section 139 of the Heritage Act were published in 2002 by the NSW Heritage Office.<sup>64</sup> Permit exceptions may be made in the following circumstances:

1. Where an archaeological assessment has been prepared in accordance with Guidelines published by the Heritage Council of NSW which indicates that there is little likelihood of there being any relics in the land or that any relics in the land are unlikely to have State or local heritage significance.
2. Where the excavation or disturbance of land will have a minor impact on the archaeological resource.
3. Where the excavation or disturbance of land involves only the removal of fill which has been deposited on the land.

These exemptions and exceptions have been recently updated and are available on the Heritage Office web site.<sup>65</sup>

Apart from the Heritage Act, the requirements of all other legislation are outside the scope of this report.

### **6.1.3 The survival of the archaeological remains.**

The surviving condition of the archaeological remains has been described in Chapter 4.

### **6.1.4 Heritage significance.**

The significance of the archaeological remains is described in Chapter 5.

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<sup>64</sup> For section 60 applications: NSW Heritage. Standard Exemptions for works requiring Heritage Council Approval. 1999.

For section 140 applications: regulations available from NSW Heritage Office.

<sup>65</sup> . <http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/>

### **6.1.5 Interpretation and display.**

The ICOMOS Burra Charter states that “the cultural significance of many places is not readily apparent, and should be explained by interpretation. Interpretation should enhance understanding and enjoyment, and be culturally appropriate.”<sup>66</sup>

Opportunities for the interpretation and display of the site should be investigated both during and after the completion of archaeological investigation. Even though many of the remains may be removed there are various strategies whereby artifacts and archaeological remains may be conserved and put on display, thereby achieving a public outcome for the archaeological investigation.

Provision should be made to display the evidence and contribution of the site recovered by historical research and archaeological excavation.

### **6.1.6 Conservation in situ.**

The NSW Heritage Office states in *Archaeological Assessments* that conservation in situ may be appropriate under certain circumstances:

“An archaeological assessment may conclude that the most appropriate management action for the archaeological remains is conservation in situ. This may be because the archaeological features are of such significance or research value that they warrant retention or conservation in the place where they were found.

The procedures for determining appropriate conservation and management actions for such sites are the same as for any other item of environmental heritage.”<sup>67</sup>

The ICOMOS *Burra Charter*, the standard guidelines for heritage conservation, also recommends conservation in situ for heritage items:

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<sup>66</sup> Australia ICOMOS Inc. *The Burra Charter. The Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance*. 1999. p. 8.

<sup>67</sup> Heritage Office and Department of Urban Affairs and Planning. 1996. *Archaeological assessments*.

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- Article 9.1      The physical location of a place is part of its cultural significance. A building, work or other component of a place should remain in its historical location. Relocation is generally unacceptable unless this is the sole practical means of ensuring its survival.
- Article 28.1     Disturbance of significant fabric for study, or to obtain evidence, should be minimised. Study of a place by any disturbance of the fabric, including archaeological excavation, should only be undertaken to provide data essential for decisions on the conservation of the place, or to obtain important evidence about to be lost or made inaccessible.
- Article 28.2     Investigations of a place, which requires disturbance of the fabric, apart from that necessary to make decisions, may be appropriate provided that it is consistent with the policy for the place. Such investigations should be based on important research questions which have potential to substantially aid our knowledge, which cannot be answered in other ways and which minimise disturbance of the significant fabric.<sup>68</sup>

The ICOMOS Burra Charter seeks to minimise disturbance of fabric by archaeological investigation, revealing the assumption that the heritage item is to be conserved, rather than subject to redevelopment. The destruction of an archaeological site by redevelopment is therefore outside the scope of the Burra Charter guidelines.

Nonetheless the archaeological assessment guidelines make it clear that items of heritage significance, particularly State significance, may warrant conservation in situ.

#### **6.1.7 The impact of the proposed development.**

The proposed development comprises twelve floors over three basement levels of car-parking. The basements are restricted to the southern portions of the property (Figures 6.1 and 6.2).

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<sup>68</sup> Australia ICOMOS Inc. *The Burra Charter. The Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance*. 1999. p. 5, 9.

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The excavations for basement car-parking will destroy any surviving archaeological remains within their footprint. Development of the northern part of the site may also have an impact on archaeological remains (Figures 6.3 and 6.4).

#### **6.1.8 Requirements for conservation and archaeological investigation.**

The archaeological sites on 184-188 George Street have been assessed as possessing state and local significance. The sites may survive with only minor disturbance, but the impacts of previous demolition and earthmoving are difficult to assess.

Given the difficulty in assessing the surviving condition of the site, it is recommended that an initial series of test trenches should be excavated by machine under archaeological supervision. A two metre wide trench around the perimeter of the property would be suitable.

Since there is a potential for deeper archaeological deposits to survive (for example, wells and cisterns), even if the site is poorly preserved, the whole area of the development should be excavated by machine under archaeological supervision, either to natural soil, or to the top of significant archaeological remains, whichever is shallower.

Once the above machine excavation is completed, surviving archaeological remains should be subject to manual archaeological excavation to recover the significance of the site.

If no significant archaeological remains survive once the above machine excavation is completed, then the historical archaeological investigation may be concluded.

If substantial remains of state or local significance are located, there may be a requirement for conservation in situ, or for interpretation and display of relics within the proposed development. The conservation, interpretation and display of significant relics should be determined in agreement with the NSW Heritage Office.

## **6.2 Recommendations.**

The above issues relating to the proposed redevelopment of the property may be resolved by undertaking the following recommendations.

It is recommended that:

1. Prior to the commencement of works on the site, an excavation permit, under the Heritage Act of NSW, should be obtained.

The excavation permit should be obtained by a qualified archaeologist on behalf of the client. For further information, please refer to the Excavation Directors Assessment Criteria on the Heritage Branch website.<sup>69</sup> The archaeologist should be qualified to excavate state significant sites.

2. Given the difficulty in assessing the surviving condition of the site, it is recommended that an initial series of test trenches should be excavated by machine under archaeological supervision. A two metre wide trench around the perimeter of the property would be suitable.

3. The whole area of the development should be excavated by machine under archaeological supervision, either to natural soil, or to the top of significant archaeological remains, whichever is shallower.

4. Once the above machine excavation is completed, surviving archaeological remains should be subject to manual archaeological excavation to recover the significance of the site.

5. If no significant archaeological remains survive once the above machine excavation is completed, then the historical archaeological investigation may be concluded.

6. The conservation, interpretation and display of significant relics within the proposed development should be determined in agreement with the NSW Heritage Office.

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<sup>69</sup> Heritage Office website link:

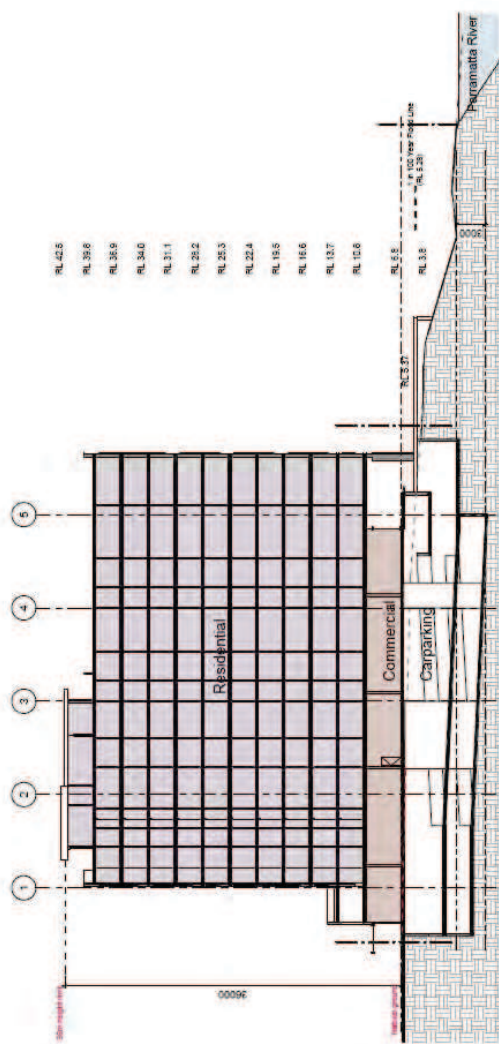
<http://www.heritage.nsw.gov.au/docs/excavationdirectors.pdf>

7. Sufficient time and resources should be made available for the excavation and recording of archaeological features, discovered during the archaeological investigation.

8. The standard conditions of the excavation permit require the work to be completed to a high standard. The investigation should include:

- A detailed record of all features and structures discovered, using plans, photographs and written records.
- A catalogue of all the artifacts and other relics recovered, including accurate provenance, description and interpretation.
- The stabilisation, cleaning and packaging of all the artifacts, and the placement of the collection in a permanent repository.
- The backfilling of the excavation, where appropriate.
- The preparation of a final report, including a description and interpretation of the excavation, detailed historical research, the contribution to research themes, and excavation method.

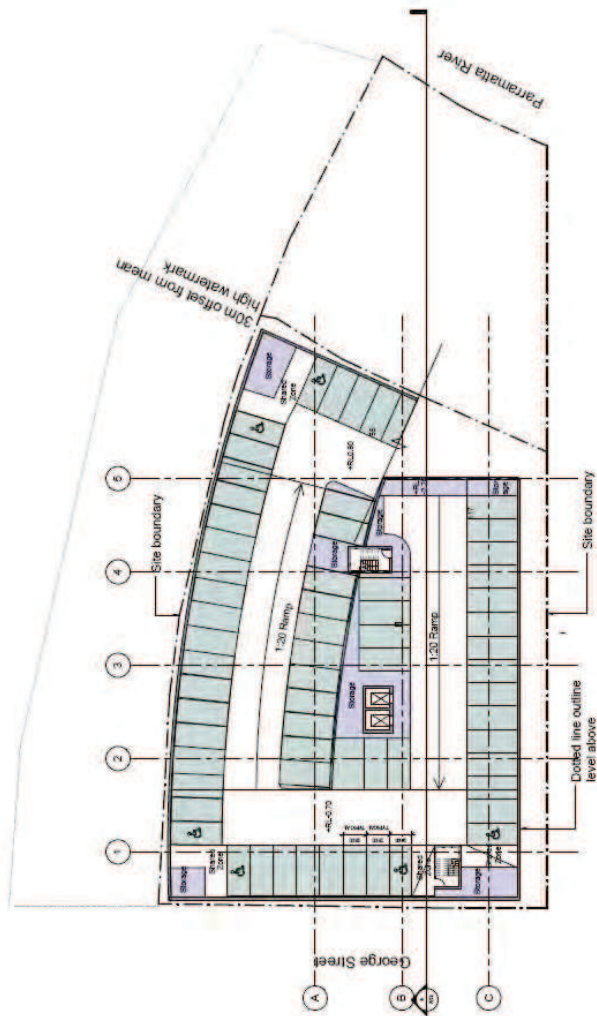
6.3 Plans.



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Figure 6.1. Proposed Development, 184-188 George Street, Parramatta, Section.  
Source. Zhinar Architects.



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Figure 6.2. Proposed Development, 184-188 George Street, Parramatta, Basement Level 3.  
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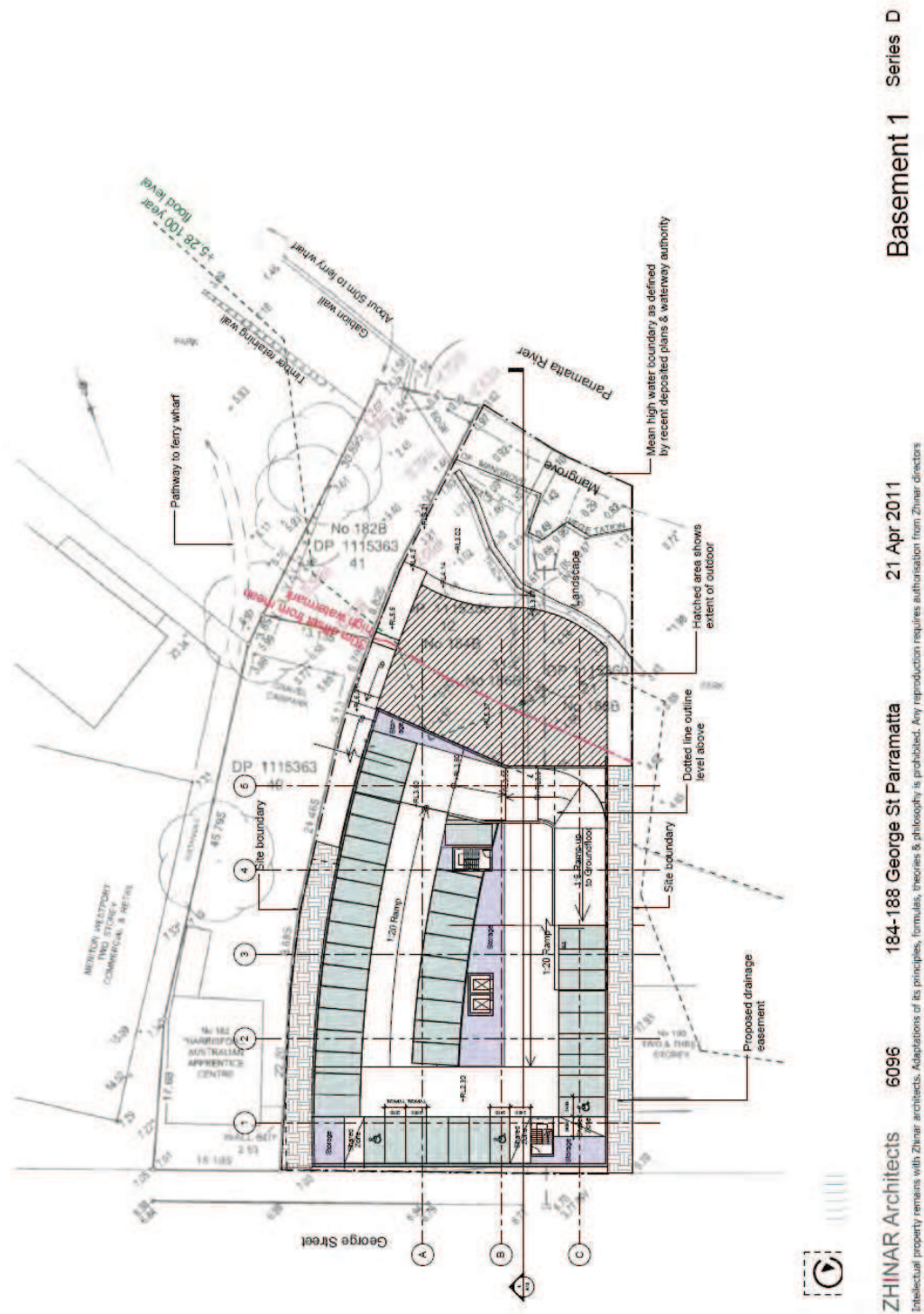


Figure 6.3. Proposed Development, 184-188 George Street, Parramatta, Basement Level 1.  
Source. Zhinar Architects.

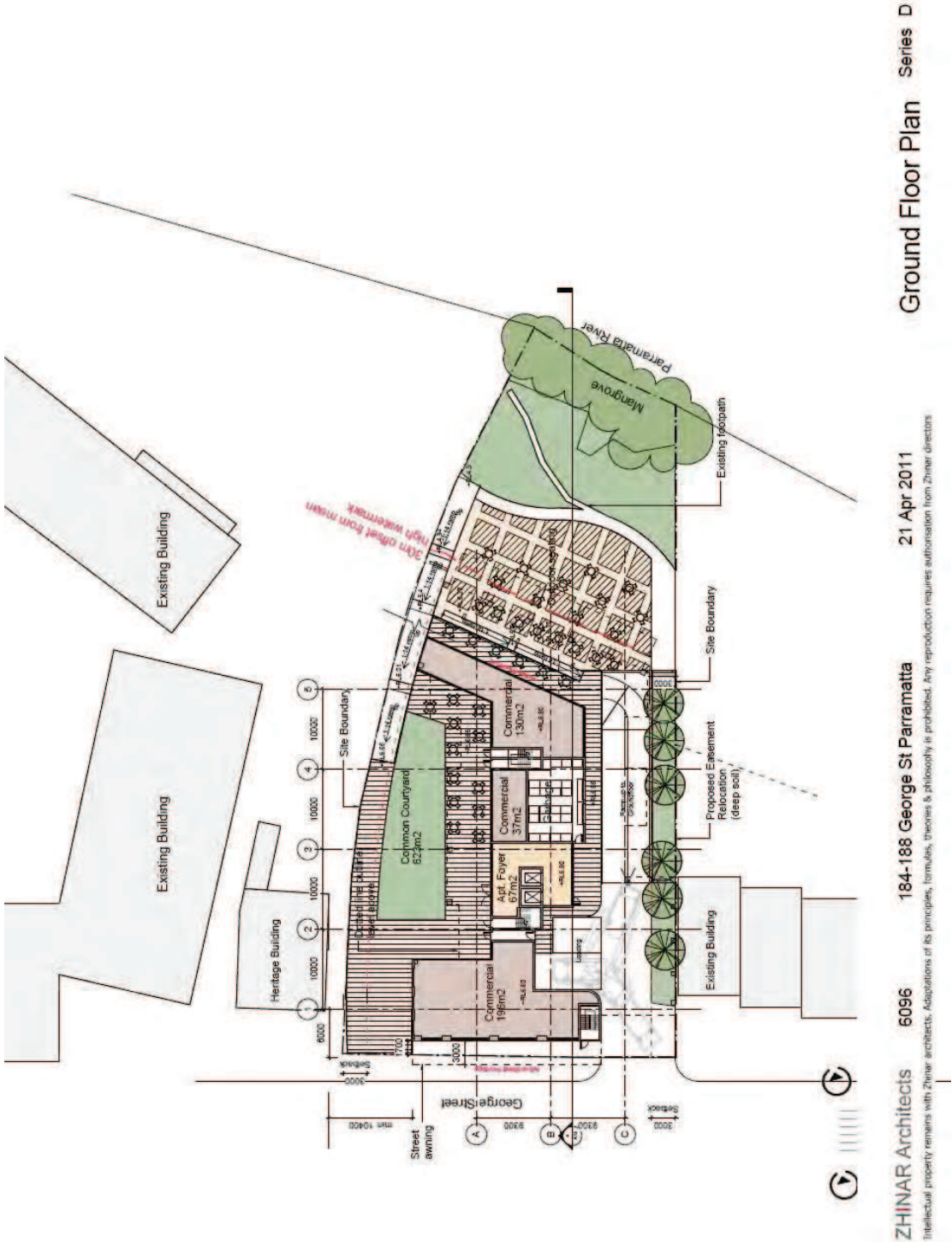


Figure 6.4. Proposed Development, 184-188 George Street, Parramatta, Ground Floor.  
Source. Zhinar Architects.

## APPENDIX 1. TITLE SEARCH OUTLINE FOR 184-188 GEORGE STREET, PARRAMATTA

### Lot 67 Section 23 (184 George Street and part of 186 George Street)

| Date              | Transaction              | Parties                                                                                                                              | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Reference                                  |
|-------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 9 June 1809       | Lease                    | Samuel Young                                                                                                                         | For 14 years<br>51 1/2 rods;<br>130 feet on east; 151 feet on west,<br>'having reserved one chain wide in front from the present street (not to be alienated or disposed of without permission from the Officer Commanding, it being in that District)' | Grants, Vol 4 (originally 4D), page 40 (1) |
| 9 June 1809       | Lease                    | - Young                                                                                                                              | 51 1/2 rods<br>East - Samuel Young's lease, 151 feet,<br>West – 177 feet                                                                                                                                                                                | Grants, Vol 4 (originally 4D), page 41 (1) |
| 16 September 1815 | Notice                   | Samuel Young                                                                                                                         | Leaving colony on the <i>Emu</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | SG, 16 Sept 1815, p 1                      |
| 30 June 1823      | Lease                    | Richard Mortimer                                                                                                                     | No 67 62 1/2 rods<br>'Reserving a convenient passage of sufficient width to admit a horse and cart to such of the adjoining allotments as may be deemed necessary by the proper officer'                                                                | Grants Vol 25 (originally 16) No 40        |
| 31 March 1842     | Grant                    | Richard Mortimer, George St, Parramatta                                                                                              | Lot 67 Section 23 1 rood 22 1/2 perches. Passage reserved as in 1823 lease<br>Payment £32/16/3 quit rent                                                                                                                                                | Grants Vol 53 No 81                        |
| 8 September 1842  | Mortgage                 | Richard Mortimer, Parramatta, gardener to Thomas Blake, Parramatta, gent                                                             | £200 at 15% to 20 November 1842                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | LPMA, No 71 Bk 2                           |
| 2 May 1843        | Gift                     | Richard Mortimer, Parramatta, gardener & seedsman to Charles Blakefield, Parramatta, wheelwright & John Mortimer, Penrith, innkeeper | Charles Blakefield is son-in-law & John Mortimer is son                                                                                                                                                                                                 | LPMA, No 122 Bk 4                          |
| 27 August 1853    | Conveyance [of mortgage] | 1 <sup>st</sup> Thomas Blake 2 <sup>nd</sup> Richard Mortimer, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Charles Blakefield,                                   | 10/-<br>Subject to equity of redemption                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | LPMA, No 423 Bk 29                         |

| Date             | Transaction               | Parties                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Details                                                                                                              | Reference                                          |
|------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
|                  |                           | Parramatta, wheelwright & John Mortimer, Parramatta, innkeeper 4 <sup>th</sup> Michael Eury                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                      |                                                    |
| 29 August 1853   | Conveyance                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Reverend William Walker noted that some time ago he had bought some of lot 67 from Mortimer                          | LPMA, No 424 Bk 29                                 |
| 22 April 1856    | Authority                 | John Mortimer to Charles Blakefield & Emma Maria Mortimer                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | To sell property and divide proceeds between them                                                                    | Recited in deed of 29 July 1860 in RPA 7985 packet |
| 20 February 1857 | Mortgage                  | Charles Blakefield, Parramatta, yeoman & Emma Maria Mortimer, Emu Plains, widow to David Lennox Dalziell, Parramatta                                                                                                                                                                                                             | John Mortimer died in November 1856 For £200 at 10% for one year                                                     | RPA 7985 packet                                    |
| 29 July 1860     | Conveyance [in trust]     | Charles Blakefield, Parramatta, yeoman & Emma Maria Wood (lately Mortimer, widow) to William Clark, Parramatta, cabinetmaker                                                                                                                                                                                                     | In trust to Clark for Catherine Blakefield, wife of Charles Blakefield                                               | RPA 7985 packet                                    |
| 26 August 1889   | Conveyance & Confirmation | 1 <sup>st</sup> Hannah Dalziell, Molong, widow 2 <sup>nd</sup> David Lennox Dalziell, Molong, gent 3 <sup>rd</sup> William Havard Bennett, Molong, and wife Kate 4 <sup>th</sup> Charles Irwin Lister Ormsby, Molong, gent & wife Louisa Harriett Jeannette 5 <sup>th</sup> Mary Ann Owen, Parramatta, widow [formerly Mortimer] | Hannah Dalziell, Kate Bennett & Louisa Ormsby to receive inheritance but agreed that £1,050 be paid to Mary Ann Owen | LPMA No 127 Bk 427                                 |
| 14 November 1889 | Conveyance                | Mary Ann Owen, Parramatta, widow to William Christopher Donovan, Waverley, esquire                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 10/-                                                                                                                 | LPMA No 128 Bk 427                                 |

**Lot 66 Section 23 (186 George Street)**

| Date        | Transaction | Parties      | Details                                                                                                                        | Reference                                  |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 9 June 1809 | Lease       | Samuel Young | For 14 years 51 1/2 rods; 130 feet on east; 151 feet on west, 'having reserved one chain wide in front from the present street | Grants, Vol 4 (originally 4D), page 40 (1) |

| Date          | Transaction         | Parties                                                                                                                           | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Reference                                  |
|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
|               |                     |                                                                                                                                   | (not to be alienated or disposed of without permission from the Officer Commanding, it being in that District)'                                                                                            |                                            |
| 9 June 1809   | Lease               | - Young                                                                                                                           | 51 1/2 rods East - Samuel Young's lease, 151 feet, West – 177 feet                                                                                                                                         | Grants, Vol 4 (originally 4D), page 41 (1) |
| 30 June 1823  | Lease               | Joseph Allott                                                                                                                     | No 66<br>7 1/2 rods                                                                                                                                                                                        | Grants Vol 25 (originally 16) No 41        |
| 8 June 1827   | Deed poll           | Joshua [sic] Allott to John Foreman Staff                                                                                         | 'A certain portion of land fenced in and a House erected thereon' For £34/13/4                                                                                                                             | LPMA No 673 Bk D                           |
| 29 May 1838   | Grant               | John Foreman Staff, Parramatta                                                                                                    | Lot 66 Section 23<br>7 1/2 perches. For £3/18/9 for quit rent                                                                                                                                              | Grants Vol 48 No 54                        |
| 10 May 1876   | Will                | John Foreman Staff                                                                                                                | Probate to wife Mary, Frederick Thomas Humphrey & son James Samuel Staff Pay £150 pa to widow                                                                                                              | Recited in Abstract in RPA 7985            |
| 8 August 1876 |                     | John Foreman Staff                                                                                                                | Death                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Recited in Abstract in RPA 7985            |
| 1 June 1886   |                     | Mary Staff                                                                                                                        | Death                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Recited in Abstract in RPA 7985            |
| 30 June 1886  | Auction sale notice |                                                                                                                                   | Richardson & Wrench advertise real estate of John Foreman Staff for auction<br>Includes 'Block of Land, having frontage of 34 feet to George-street, with large House thereon, built of Brick, iron roof.' | SMH, 30 June 1886, p 15                    |
| 2 July 1886   | Auction             |                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Recited LPMA No 345 Bk 972                 |
| 7 August 1886 | Conveyance          | Frederick Thomas Humphrey, Sydney, gent & James Samuel Staff, Parramatta, gent to William Christopher Donovan, Sydney, bank clerk | £110                                                                                                                                                                                                       | LPMA No 345 Bk 972                         |

**Lots 66 and 67 Section 23 (184 George Street and part of 186 George Street)**

| Date            | Transaction               | Parties                                | Details                           | Reference |
|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| 31 January 1890 | Real Property Application | William Christopher Donovan, Waverley, | Part of Lots 66 and 67 Section 23 | RPA 7985  |

| Date              | Transaction                      | Parties                                                                                                                                  | Details                                                 | Reference     |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
|                   |                                  | esquire                                                                                                                                  | Occupied by Mary Ann Owen, Parramatta as tenant at will |               |
| January 1890      | Real Property Application survey |                                                                                                                                          |                                                         | DP 57985      |
| 10 December 1890  | CT issued                        | William Christopher Donovan, Waverley, esquire                                                                                           | For 1 r 34 3/4 p Lot 66 and part 67                     | C T 992 f 245 |
| 15 July 1901      | Real Property Application        |                                                                                                                                          | Occupier John Rydal                                     | RPA 11940     |
| 23 February 1904  | Mortgage                         | Australian Joint Stock Bank                                                                                                              |                                                         | C T 992 f 245 |
| 30 November 1909  | Mortgage                         | Australian Bank of Commerce Ltd                                                                                                          |                                                         | C T 992 f 245 |
| 27 July 1927      | Transmission                     | Harry Carisford Edmund Donovan & Charles Owen Gregory Donovan, both medical practitioners & William Aubrey Donovan, Randwick, accountant |                                                         | C T 992 f 245 |
| 15 September 1927 | Discharge                        |                                                                                                                                          | Both mortgages                                          | C T 992 f 245 |
| 15 September 1927 | Transfer                         | Leslie Ferguson Brown, Parramatta, tailor & wife Winifred Maud Brown                                                                     |                                                         | C T 992 f 245 |
| 19 March 1931     | Death                            | Of Leslie Ferguson Brown                                                                                                                 | Recorded on CT                                          | C T 992 f 245 |
| 25 June 1934      | Transmission                     | William Edward Seaborn Williams, Drummoyne, lighterman                                                                                   |                                                         | C T 992 f 245 |
| 4 May 1934        | Mortgage                         | Union Bank of Australia Ltd                                                                                                              |                                                         | C T 992 f 245 |
| 2 October 1935    | Discharge                        |                                                                                                                                          |                                                         | C T 992 f 245 |
| 2 October 1935    | Transfer                         | Jessie Ann Brown, Parramatta, spinster                                                                                                   |                                                         | C T 992 f 245 |
| 2 October 1935    | Mortgage                         | Jack Drayton Mobbs, Granville, clerk                                                                                                     |                                                         | C T 992 f 245 |
| 9 September 1937  | Subdivision survey               |                                                                                                                                          | [See copy]                                              | DP 337507     |
| 2 December 1937   | Discharge                        |                                                                                                                                          |                                                         | C T 992 f 245 |
| 2 December 1937   | Transfer                         | James Francis Macken                                                                                                                     | Part only                                               | C T 992 f 245 |
| 30 March 1962     | New CT                           |                                                                                                                                          | For residue                                             | CT 8354 f 153 |

**Lot 66 and part 67 Section 23 (186 George Street)**

| Date         | Transaction  | Parties                                      | Details                                   | Reference     |
|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 18 July 1938 | CT issue     | James Francis Macken, Granville, electrician | Lot 66 and part 67 Section 23<br>22 1/2 p | CT 4951 f 197 |
| 17 July 1939 | Mortgage     | Lidcombe Co-op Building Society (No 3) Ltd   |                                           | CT 4951 f 197 |
| 14 May 1959  | Discharge    |                                              |                                           | CT 4951 f 197 |
| 9 June 1982  | Transmission | Irene Rita Macken                            |                                           | CT 4951 f 197 |
|              |              |                                              | To computer folio B/337507                |               |

**Lot part 67 Section 23 (184 George Street)**

| Date             | Transaction                       | Parties                                                         | Details                                              | Reference     |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 30 March 1962    | CT issue                          | Jessie Ann Brown, Parramatta, spinster                          | Part 67 Section 23 [residue]<br>1 r 12 1/2 p [Lot A] | CT 8354 f 153 |
| 30 May 1962      | Sec 94 Application [Transmission] | Harved Mervyn Symonds, Parramatta, solicitor                    |                                                      | CT 8354 f 153 |
| 21 December 1961 | Mortgage                          | Percy Herbert Arthur Morehead, Mount Druitt, farmer             |                                                      | CT 8354 f 153 |
| 18 November 1963 | Discharge                         |                                                                 |                                                      | CT 8354 f 153 |
| 1 November 1963  | Transfer                          | Salt Kettle Pty Ltd                                             |                                                      | CT 8354 f 153 |
| 1 November 1963  | Mortgage                          | Nevin Earl White, Parramatta, solicitor                         |                                                      | CT 8354 f 153 |
| 1 November 1963  | Mortgage                          | Southern Districts Starr-Bowkett Co-op Building Soc (No 6) Ltd  |                                                      | CT 8354 f 153 |
| 3 June 1969      | Discharge                         |                                                                 |                                                      | CT 8354 f 153 |
| 23 May 1969      | Mortgage                          | Southern Districts Starr-Bowkett Co-op Building Soc (No 10) Ltd |                                                      | CT 8354 f 153 |
| 4 November 1969  | Mortgage                          | Southern Districts Starr-Bowkett Co-op Building Soc (No 7) Ltd  |                                                      | CT 8354 f 153 |
|                  |                                   |                                                                 | To computer folio A/337507                           | CT 8354 f 153 |

**Lot 65 Section 23 (188 George Street)**

| Date         | Transaction | Parties      | Details               | Reference                     |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| 30 June 1823 | Lease       | John Ellison | No 65<br>49 rods      | Grants Vol 25 (orig 16) No 42 |
| 8 March 1832 | Will        | John Ellison | Property to son Henry | Col Sec, Court of Claims      |

| Date             | Transaction                      | Parties                                                                                                                       | Details                                                                                                                                                        | Reference                                               |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
|                  |                                  |                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                | Report, Case 741, SRNSW 2/1764                          |
| 15 October 1840  | Court of Claims report           |                                                                                                                               | Recommend grant to Henry Ellison                                                                                                                               | Col Sec, Court of Claims Report, Case 741, SRNSW 2/1764 |
| 14 December 1840 | Grant                            | Henry Ellison, Parramatta                                                                                                     | Lot 65 Section 23<br>1 r 19 p<br>For £25/14/6 quit rent                                                                                                        | Grants, Volume 51 No 64                                 |
| 25 May 1847      | Will                             | Henry Ellison, Parramatta                                                                                                     | Property to son George Ellison                                                                                                                                 | Recited in LPMA No 313 Bk 277                           |
| 7 October 1885   | Conveyance                       | Various including George Ellison, Parramatta, gent and wife Sarah and their son William George Ellison, Parramatta, carpenter | To release entail created by Henry Ellison's will<br>William George Ellison was 21 years old on 10 January 1879<br>Various parcels including lot 65 section 23 | LPMA No 739 Bk 325                                      |
| 31 January 1890  | Real Property Application        | Owner George Ellison, Parramatta                                                                                              | Unoccupied                                                                                                                                                     | RPA 7985                                                |
| 29 March 1901    | Real Property Application survey |                                                                                                                               | Lots 64 and 65                                                                                                                                                 | DP 61940                                                |
| 23 July 1901     | Conveyance                       | Sarah Ellison, Parramatta, widow to George Ellison, Parramatta, carpenter                                                     | Lot 65<br>For 10/-                                                                                                                                             | LPMA No 33 Bk 693                                       |
| 23 July 1901     | Lease                            | George Ellison, Parramatta, carpenter to Sarah Ellison, Parramatta, widow                                                     | Dwelling house & premises<br>On part of lot 64                                                                                                                 | LPMA No 34 Bk 693                                       |
| 15 July 1901     | Mortgage                         | George Ellison, Parramatta, carpenter to Edward Cardew Cree, Sydney & John George Oatley, Sydney, gent                        | Lots 64 & 65<br>3 r 17 p<br>Subject to life interest for Sarah Ellison, widow<br>For £650 for 1 year at 6%                                                     | LPMA No 35 Bk 693                                       |
| 15 July 1901     | Real Property Application        | George Ellison, Parramatta, carpenter                                                                                         | Lots 64 & 65<br>Occupied by self and tenants Horace Walshaw, Ernst Hodge, David Creighton and Sarah Ellison, widow                                             | RPA 11940                                               |

**Lot 65 Section 23 (188 George Street) – also Lot 64**

| Date        | Transaction | Parties                               | Details                      | Reference     |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| 12 December | CT issue    | George Ellison, Parramatta, carpenter | Lots 64 & 65<br>3 r 14 3/4 p | CT 1436 f 229 |

| Date             | Transaction        | Parties                                                                                                                                  | Details                                        | Reference     |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1902             |                    |                                                                                                                                          |                                                |               |
| 15 July 1901     | Mortgage           | Edward Cardew Cree, Sydney & John George Oatley, Sydney, gents                                                                           |                                                | CT 1436 f 229 |
| 15 July 1901     | Mortgage           | Marshall Driver Woodhouse, Minto, gent & John Chadwick Woore, City Coroner, Robert Graham Breillat, accountant, both of Sydney           |                                                | CT 1436 f 229 |
| 18 February 1904 | Discharge          |                                                                                                                                          | Both mortgages                                 | CT 1436 f 229 |
| 27 January 1904  | Transfer           | Sarah Ellison, Parramatta, widow                                                                                                         |                                                | CT 1436 f 229 |
| 27 January 1904  | Mortgage           | Victor Leopold Percival von Muller, clerk & John Stuart Thom, solicitor, Sydney                                                          |                                                | CT 1436 f 229 |
| 27 January 1904  | Mortgage           | Edward Cardew Cree, Sydney & John George Oatley, Sydney, gents                                                                           |                                                | CT 1436 f 229 |
| 28 January 1907  | Discharge          |                                                                                                                                          | Both mortgages                                 | CT 1436 f 229 |
| 28 January 1907  | Mortgage           | Edward Cardew Cree, Sydney & John George Oatley, Sydney, gents                                                                           |                                                | CT 1436 f 229 |
| 21 December 1907 | Transfer           | Theresa Stapleton, wife of John Stapleton, Parramatta, storekeeper's assistant                                                           |                                                | CT 1436 f 229 |
| 25 January 1916  | Discharge          |                                                                                                                                          |                                                | CT 1436 f 229 |
| 20 January 1916  | Transfer           | Arthur Edward Stapleton, Parramatta, storekeeper                                                                                         |                                                | CT 1436 f 229 |
| 27 January 1916  | Mortgage           | Australian Bank of Commerce Ltd                                                                                                          |                                                | CT 1436 f 229 |
| 16 December 1936 | C T issue          | Arthur Edward Stapleton, Parramatta, storekeeper                                                                                         |                                                | CT 4811 f 52  |
| 28 October 1936  | Mortgage           | Bank of NSW                                                                                                                              |                                                | CT 4811 f 52  |
| 30 October 1936  | Discharge          |                                                                                                                                          | Of mortgage to Australian Bank of Commerce Ltd | CT 4811 f 52  |
| 28 April 1939    | Discharge          |                                                                                                                                          | Of mortgage to Bank of NSW                     | CT 4811 f 52  |
| 8 February 1951  | Transmission       | Hilda Martha Stapleton, Parramatta, widow; Monica Mary Finlay, wife of Matthew Finlay, Manly & Colin Arthur Stapleton, Concord, engineer |                                                | CT 4811 f 52  |
| 10 September     | Subdivision survey |                                                                                                                                          | [See copy]                                     | DP 376287     |

| Date             | Transaction | Parties              | Details   | Reference    |
|------------------|-------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------|
| 1951             |             |                      |           |              |
| 20 December 1951 | Transfer    | Walter Leonard Scott | Part only | CT 4811 f 52 |

**Part Lot 65 Section 23 (188 George Street)**

| Date                         | Transaction  | Parties                                                 | Details                    | Reference     |
|------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| 11 March 1952                | CT issue     | Walter Leonard Scott, Parramatta, process worker        | Part lot 65 35 1/4 p       | CT 6460 f 208 |
| 29 June 1953                 | Mortgage     | Parramatta District (No 22 ) Co-op Building Society Ltd |                            | CT 6460 f 208 |
| 6 December 1960 (registered) | Discharge    |                                                         |                            | CT 6460 f 208 |
| 26 March 1980 (registered)   | Transmission | George Russell Dickens                                  |                            | CT 6460 f 208 |
| 13 July 1988 (registered)    | Transfer     | Kalambaka Pty Ltd                                       |                            | CT 6460 f 208 |
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