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# Brian Pump's Orchard & House Locations

- 1 **Arthur Blood's Orchard**  
The property on the North side of Bedford Road, corner of Dublin Road, owned by Arthur Blood. The Blood family had bought the land originally from the Crown in the 1870s. Arthur had an orchard on this property.
- 2 This block was owned by Jack Woods.
- 3 This property was owned by Mr John Walker, an Englishman of some means. He built a two-storey house amongst the trees with a gardener's cottage. Mrs Walker was active with the Red Cross and had recuperating soldiers there during the Second World War. Also Captain George and his family stayed in the gardener's cottage for part of the war period. They had two children, Anthony and Christena. I think he was attached to British Intelligence. Mr Walker derived his income from 9 Darling Street, South Yarra, a Society Ballroom, etc., which he owned.
- 4 Owned by Doctor Davis, a Collins Street specialist [should actually be over behind no. 2 - going through to Alex Road - L-shaped block.]
- 5 Was an orchard owned by, I think, Crawford. The orchard was dead and old house was in the centre of the property.
- 6 Ferguson's lemon orchard. Don't know anything about them.
- 7 Walter (Watty) Chivers tried to grow an orchard but the ground was all clay. They had about six children. Lionel was a detective sergeant in the police force. Jack had a dance band. He played the piano by ear and could play any dance number. He had a very successful band and was in great demand. Winnie was a WAAC during the war. She married and had a son who was killed in an air crash in the 1960s or 1970s. Walter came from Western Australia and was in the timber industry. He was a pole tester for the SEC and always carried an axe to mark the poles. Mrs Chivers was related to the Henty pioneers in Portland.

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Armstrong Road, at one time, went over the railway line, as there were gates on the crossing. There were two houses between the line and Dandenong Creek. One was derelict and one burnt down. There was a bridge over the creek.

- 8 This was a small block owned by the Harvey family. They were English and drove a red, fishtail Austin 7 Tourer. They were horsy people and had two children. Helen, who went to England as a horse riding instructor and Ian who was a metallurgist and was last heard of in the diamond mines in South Africa.
- 9 Property owned by Doctor Colhourne. I don't know where he practiced but I think he was an anaesthetist. Greta Pump worked for them.
- 10 John Pump's (grandfather's older brother by eighteen months) orchard. He came out from Aranzlowe, fifteen miles west of Hamburg, before grandfather. He married Caroline Aumann. They had six children - Ernest (Snow), Heinrich (Heinie), Fredrich, George, Greta and Ethel. All the boys played cricket and, with dad in 1926, made up nearly half the cricket team.
- 11 Arthur Sharp's orchard. They had three children, Ronald, Dudley and Dorothy. Ron married Enid Washusen and had two boys, Peter and Ian who can tell you more about the family than I can. Arthur used to run their cow and Dorothy's horse in the railway reserve, opposite the old railway station. I have the feeling that the property was bought from Tommy Moncrieff.
- 12 Harry Gerlach owned this property and built a brick house, for £80, facing Bedford Road, near Canterbury Road and one outside grandfather's house with dad in arms. They had two children, two girls, but only knew Hilda. At some stage, Harry built a new house on the property adjoining our boundary in Bedford Road, opposite Dublin Road. I think it is still there. Hilda married Arthur Shultz from Bayswater. They had two boys, John and ??
- 13 Was owned by Freeman and later Willis. They had two children, a boy and a girl. Willis planted an orchard but I don't think it was a great success.
- 14 Property owned by Borrie. I don't know anything about them. Their house was in Bedford Road, just down from the last soldier's home (Wagner's).

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- 15 Property of Herman Frederick Pump. Born in Arenlowe, fifteen miles west of Hamburg on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 1874. He migrated to Australia at the age of sixteen to his uncle, Johann Pump, who lived in George Street, Doncaster. He arrived with 5/- in his pocket.

He first worked for his uncle in Doncaster and later for George Fankhauser in East Burwood. He courted Louise Charlotte Zerbe, a neighbour of George Fankhauser. Herman bought land in Heathmont in 1896 and started to clear it by hand. He sold firewood in Fitzroy and Collingwood, probably to relatives, also in Box Hill and to Scotch College. He moved a house from Fitzroy to the property, which became the family home. It was extended in 1936 or thereabouts and two large rooms and a passage added on the south side, as well as the roof repatched.

He married Louise Charlotte on 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1899 at the Lutheran Church, Doncaster by Pastor Schraumm. Louisa was born on 17<sup>th</sup> November, 1873 and died on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 1937. They raised five children - Alma (later Mrs Beavis), Margureta (Reta), Elanora (Mrs J Croft), Wilfred (married Lillian Cackett from Kilsyth) and Linda (married W Cuthrie??, later Chief Magistrate Vic.).

The orchard was successful and apples, pears, plums, peaches, cherries and lemons were grown. Wilfred used to plough the whole orchard twice a year with a single mouldboard plough and a horse. There was never a tractor, only a spray pump. Dad worked the orchard from his youth until it was sold in 1948 to Frank Parker.

The property was sold earlier, in the early 1930s, to TM Burke but they went broke and grandfather got the property back. Only one house was built on the estate, by somebody call Brown in Campbell Street, and it subsequently became our home.

Herman was active in a lot of local organizations. He was President of the Coolstores Co-Operative for forty years, involved in the Ringwood Show Society, Foundation member of the Ringwood Bowls Club (never played). He was on the Ringwood State School Committee and behind the building of the Greenwood Avenue School. He was also a trustee of the MUIOOF in Ringwood and in the Heathmont Progress Association and Heathmont Advancement League. He worked tirelessly for the Heathmont Railway Station and grandmother, Louisa Pump, cut the ribbon to open it in 1926. He was also on a committee to get electric light in Heathmont in 1938. Herman was also on a committee to select the land and build the Heathmont State School.

He died on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1954 and his funeral was over a mile long. He was very well-respected. I was the one who petitioned the Council to have Herman Pump Park so named in the 1960s.

- 16 Property owned by Millers. The orchard was worked by Les. His brother, Lou, worked for the Ringwood Council.
- 17 This orchard was owned by Frank and Enid Clota. When they sold out in the 1950s, they went to farm in Briagaloon in Gippsland.
- 18 This land was all bush when I was a boy. It was later owned by John Harper, a solicitor, and they still own it.
- 19 This property was owned by Birt Godfrey. One had to go by Allan's Road and through the Railway Gates to get there. Heathmont Road did not go that far. Birt was a very gifted wood-carver and used to make ornate grandfather clock cases for Myer Stores. He had an interest in horses and had a riding school there. He had a yen for good cars and had a Rolls Royce fishtail racing car under some cypress trees near his house. He offered it to me for £25 when I was about twelve. Dad said, "What do you want with that rubbish." He knew a lot about cars! Birt drove a big Bentley, with aluminium bonnet, through the war years. It was a tourer and he would go out with clock cases standing up in the rear seat area and come home loaded with bags of chaff and bales of straw. Such was the life of the luxury car. He had a housekeeper, May McDonald, who was a good shirtmaker and she made all grandfather's flannels and work shirts.
- 20 This property was owned by George Muller. I don't think the orchard was a great success. He worked for AWA during the war. During the war, he had a son. Doug, who served in the war as a military wharfie in Townsville, Queensland, and was on strike more often than working, so he told me. He later built a house on the corner of Canterbury and Heathmont Roads.

→ Carl F. Weiland

Ferdinand Weiland  
Carl's son

- 21 This property was owned by Ferdinand Weiland and was bought from the Crown. He built a house on the corner of Canterbury and Dickason Roads. They had two sons, Norman and Stanley. Norman married Viera Stephenson and Stan married Thelma. Ferdinand was Mont Albert Cricket Club's first President and was active with other local affairs. It was the Weiland family that did the earth works for the Heathmont Railway Station.

+ Alan  
Hilson

Alan didn't marry.

- 22 This property was owned by Hunters, later sold to Nicholls. Ronny Nicolls should know all about this property; I don't.
- 23 This property was a pine plantation owned by Svenson who had a strawberry punnet factory in Richmond. A Mrs Stone used to live in a

house in the plantation. John Svenson used to live in Ringwood and was in the Rifle Club with me. I don't know if he is still there.

24 This property was an orchard owned by Albert Croven. They had twelve children. I only knew the three young ones, John, David and Louis. This is Linda Washusen's domain; see her for more details.

25 This property was owned by August Washusen and they had five children. Linda should be able to tell more about her family.

26 This orchard was owned by Stanley Weiland, son of Ferdinard. He had about 15-20 acres. They had two children, Patsy and Ray. Stan used to play the trumpet in the Bayswater Brass Band and used to play the Last Post on ANZAC and Remember days, also Christmas carols. If the air was still, his playing could be heard all over Heathmont. When they sold out in the late 1960s, they moved to the base of the Toowoomba Range in Queensland and called the property "Stanleyville". I presume Patsy and her Radio Australia announcer husband, Don Talbert, are still there.

27 The Beard family owned this property and had an orchard of sorts. The older boys served in WWII and after the war bought some war surplus tanks and converted them to bulldozers and started road construction work. They put in a lot of roads around the area. I only knew Harold and Billy. I presume some of the family are still around to ask for more information.

28 Corbett's Orchard. I don't know much about the family or the boundaries of the property. I know it went from Bedford Road to Great Ryrrie Street and included part of Jubilee Park.

29 This property was land dumped by Frank Peacock (paid back rates). He had an orchard there. Don't know anymore about him.

30 This property was owned by Papa Busch and ran from Mountain Highway to Dandenong Creek. He had a Tyrolean-style guest house there and used to entertain his guests and visitors on weekends. Most of his guests and visitors came to Heathmont by train and then walked down Dickason Road through a bush track and crossed the creek via a foot bridge, over a weir wall that he had constructed on the creek. The property was Waldheim. I don't know if Heine, his son, is still alive.

31 There was a schwab farm (Adgions?) here in a small gravel pit just after the war.

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- 32 Double-story house owned by Dckes(?). He was manager of the State Savings Bank in Ringwood. They had two children.
- 33 A Washusen's house.
- 34 Crouches house.
- 35 Two-story house on top of the hill, built by Birt Godfrey, later owned by Robin, then later by Herb Jenkins's parents.
- 36 I don't know who lived here but they have two daughters who went to Ringwood East primary, then Tintern Girl's School.
- 37 Red brick house owned by old Mr and Mrs Vercoe (?) whose daughter married Ken Ward and lived in the maisonettes near Marden's shop.
- 38 George Marden's house and shop. George was English, served in the Boer War and was a builder of sorts. He built Heathmont's first shop on the front of his house. It wasn't huge, about ten by eight feet and, with a small amount of stock and a counter, and it would only hold about three people. He built it for his wife, Fanny, who was the first postmistress in 1929. They had two daughters, Mary, who was a AWARC during the war, and Ada, who later ran the shop and post office. "Pop" or George Marden enlarged the shop just after the war as he took over the newspaper authorisation for Heathmont from CV Ward in Ringwood.

Pop built a large fernery in the back of the house and it served as the meeting place for Heathmont's euchre and 500 parties. These were held regularly to raise funds for the cricket club, railway station, progress association and other local institutions. The electricity was first turned on for Heathmont in a ceremony in the fernery in 1938.

George built a few houses in the post-war era, in Heathmont, on cheap blocks of land at £15 each. I don't know if any are still standing. The shop was where the licensed grocer is now. Ron Nicholls delivered the morning papers; Brian Pump delivered the evening papers.

- 39 The shops are now in front of the five brick maisonettes that were together. Birt Lavis built a two-story one next to Marden's. He had a hardware shop on the ground floor and Doctor Thom was upstairs. Archie Patterson had a green grocers shop in the lower one. Archie was Heathmont's first postman bringing mail from Ringwood on a push bike. Both Archie and Birt stood for local government and both became mayors. Birt was mayor when Ringwood became a city.

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- 40 Cuttings store, the second Heathmont shop, built by Arthur Cutting just after the war. It was a general store. Arthur started the Heathmont Football club and coached it. They won the Premiership in their first year. A colonel Wright bought the shop from the Cuttings. He was ex-Army, catering corp.
- 41 Heathmont Tennis Club and courts. See Ian Sharp or Linda Washusen for more details.
- 42 Herman Pump's house.
- 43 Arthur Sharp's house.
- 44 Ron Sharp's house.
- 45 Doug Muller's house.
- 46 George Muller's house.
- 47 Mrs Angie's house; she was a very prim English lady who had an English-style garden.
- 48 Fred Peck's house. They had an adopted daughter, Valerie, who was killed in a motor accident when she was only 20.
- 49 Sykes owned this house for awhile.
- 50 Mr and Mrs Ramsey lived here. He was retired and was connected with the Methodist Church.
- 51 Mr Moran, from Moran and Cato Grocery chain, lived here with his housekeeper.
- 52 Henry Fleigner built this house just after the war. He was a school inspector. Henry went to WWI and, when it was all over, his two mates GJ & JG Coles, pondering their future, Henry opted to go back teaching and the Coles brothers opened their store in Smith Street, Fitzroy. Henry had been invited to join them but declined - could have been the Coles & Fleigner Stores. Henry always has an appointment with them on Friday afternoons for a liquid lunch, until they all died.

- 53 Methodist Church. The church hall was moved from Ringwood Methodist Church, corner of Bedford Road and Greenwood Avenue. It had been moved there from Melbourne Street behind Norman's Grocery. It was remodelled when it came to Heathmont. It must be at least 100 years old. The hall was also used as the Heathmont State School for a short time.
- 54 Our old house in Campbell Street.
- 55 Frank Secombe's house.
- 56 Billy Headen's house. He was the Railways engineer for Puffing Billy.

## Odd Bods

Mrs Honey came from England to live with her sister in Mountain View Road but it did not work out. She later lived with Ada Marden.

Mrs Honey was the wife of an Australian journalist working in Fleet Street during WWI. After the war was over, it was proposed that some sort of memorial should be proposed. A competition was held and George Honey won it with a proposal of 5 minutes silence at 11am on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of each year and is called Armistice Day. He won the competition with his suggestion and it was sent to King George V for approval. He shortened the time to 2 minutes and approved it for adoption. There is a plaque in St Kilda Road, near Simpson and his donkey, commemorating George.

George must have had an eye for the ladies. Mrs Honey was a chorus girl in the first production of Ivor Novello's 'Chocolate Soldier' which ran on Drury Lane Theatre in London. Mrs Honey still had her brown chorus girls dress and showed it to me when I knew her. In her later years, the RSL found out about her and put her in one of their retirement homes.

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Captain Reg Saunders, the first aboriginal to hold rank in the army, lived in a house in Canterbury Road. I think a Gospel publishing house now occupies the site. Reg had lots of extended family who visited and they often slept in the fowl house.

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Humphrey Law started the first nylon sock factory on land in Armstrong Road.

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Jack Saunders built the first garage on the corner of Campbell and Canterbury Roads. Building materials were very scarce so he had loads of second-hand bricks delivered to the site.

He spent many months chipping off the mortar with a tommy axe to clean them. They came from air raid shelters in South Melbourne. They has two children Glenys and ??

The family car was a DKW and his tow truck was a 1934 Packard car cut down.

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Herbie Jenkins and Graham ?? started the first Caltex garage in Heathmont Road.

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Howard McPhie was the railway porter just after the war; he came from Kilsyth.

Station

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As stated, the railway station was constructed and paid for by the local people. The first station building was shifted there from somewhere in the Mallee but was burnt down by a swaggie. Its replacement came from a closed outer circle line station. I think that it has been replaced again.

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There were no mail deliveries until after the war. All mail was addressed c/o Ringwood PO.

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Bread deliveries came from Guest's Bakery opposite the Club Hotel in East Ringwood. Harry Owen drove the cart and also delivered the newspapers from CV Ward in Ringwood.

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Milk, if needed, came from Dyers Dairy in Thanet Street, Ringwood. You had to hang you billy on the front fence for daily bulk deliveries.

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There were no sewers or septic tanks before the war and the night-cart came weekly from the sanitary depot on the North-East corner of Canterbury and Heathmont Roads. There must have been some good gardens in that area.

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Mr Brumby lived on the corner of Canterbury Road and Waterloo Street. Further along Waterloo Street lived Mrs Bailey (right-hand side) and further along, in a pine plantation, lived Mr Phillips (left-hand side).

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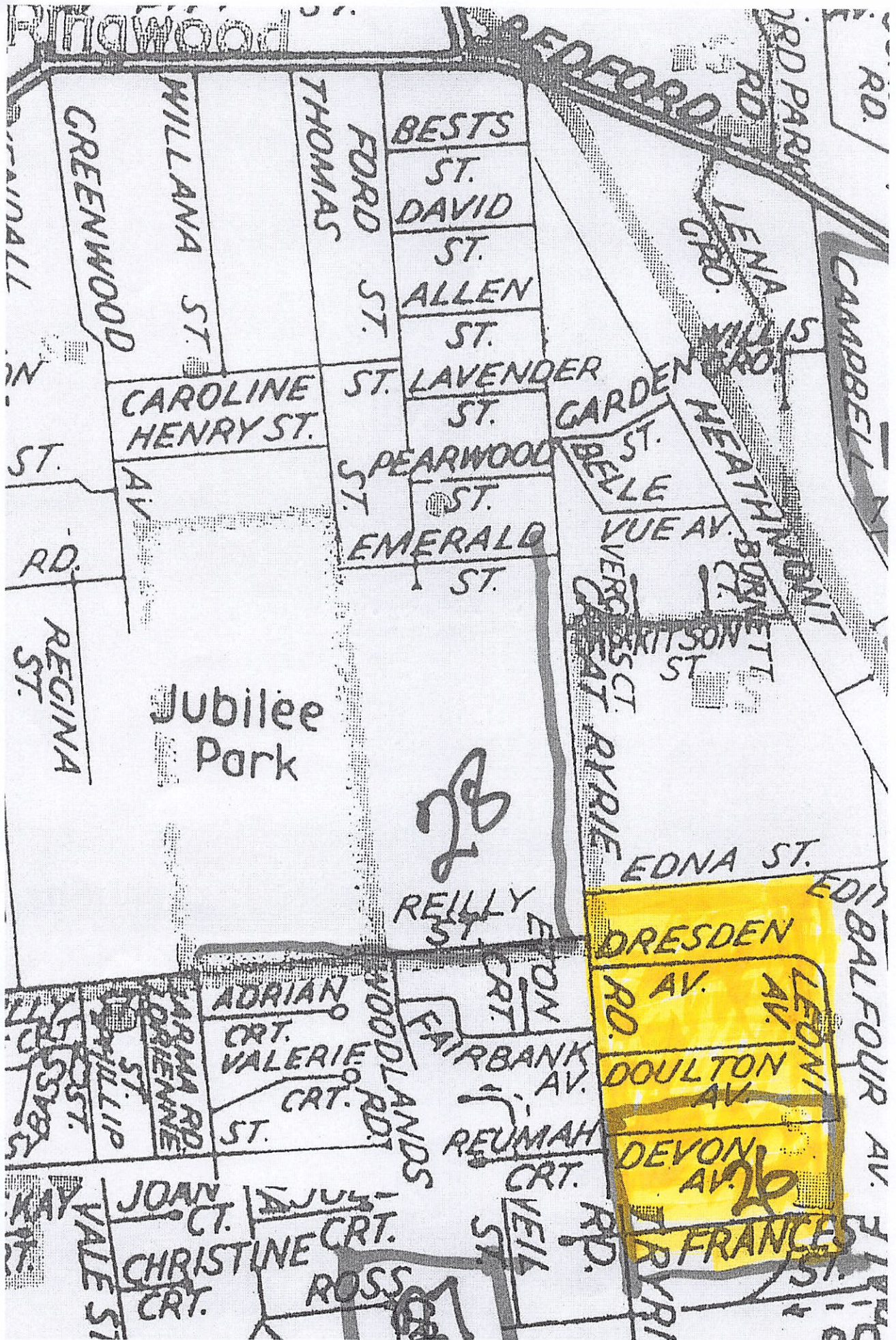
Do you remember the doll's house, a very small house in Bedford Road opposite the high school?

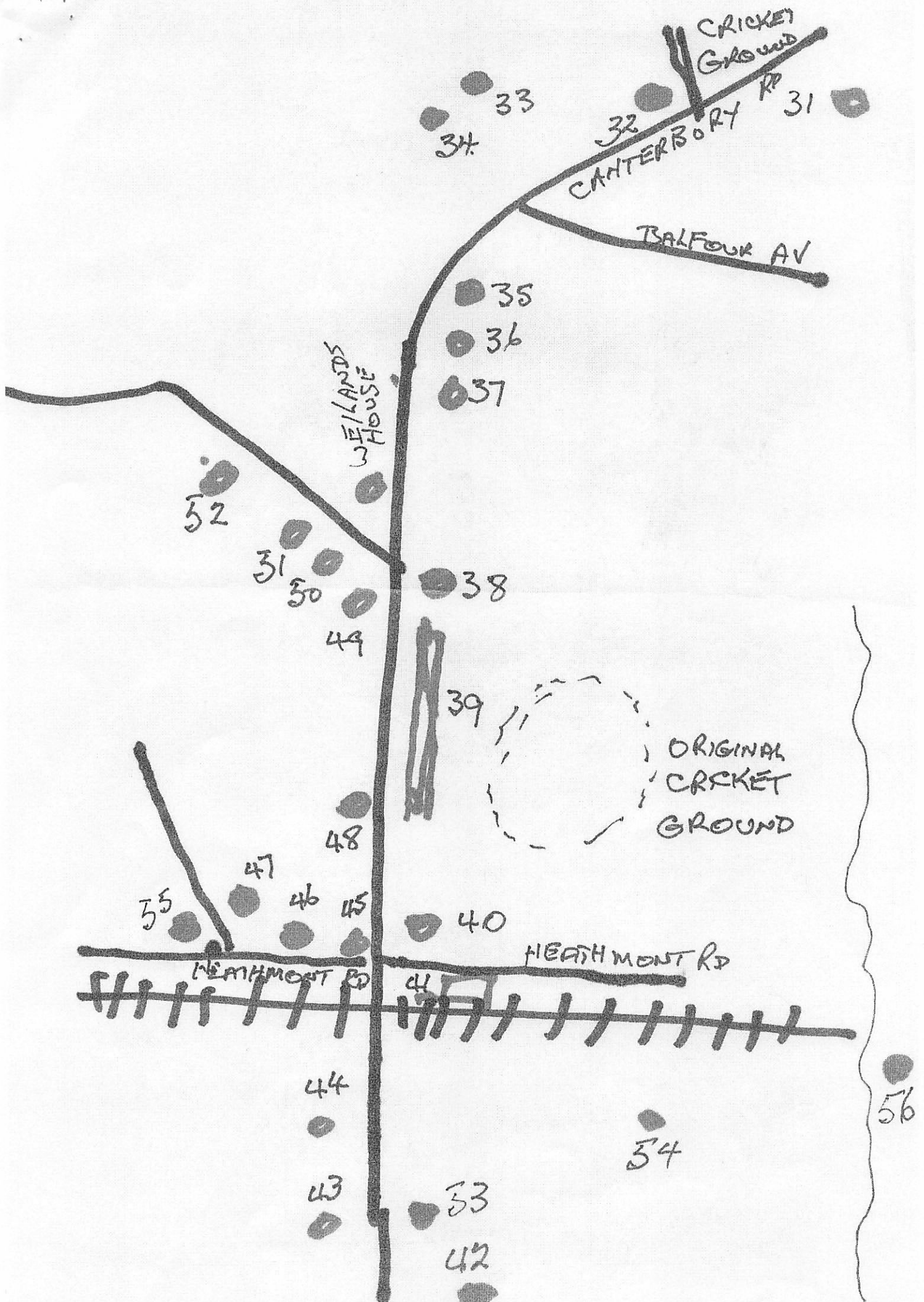
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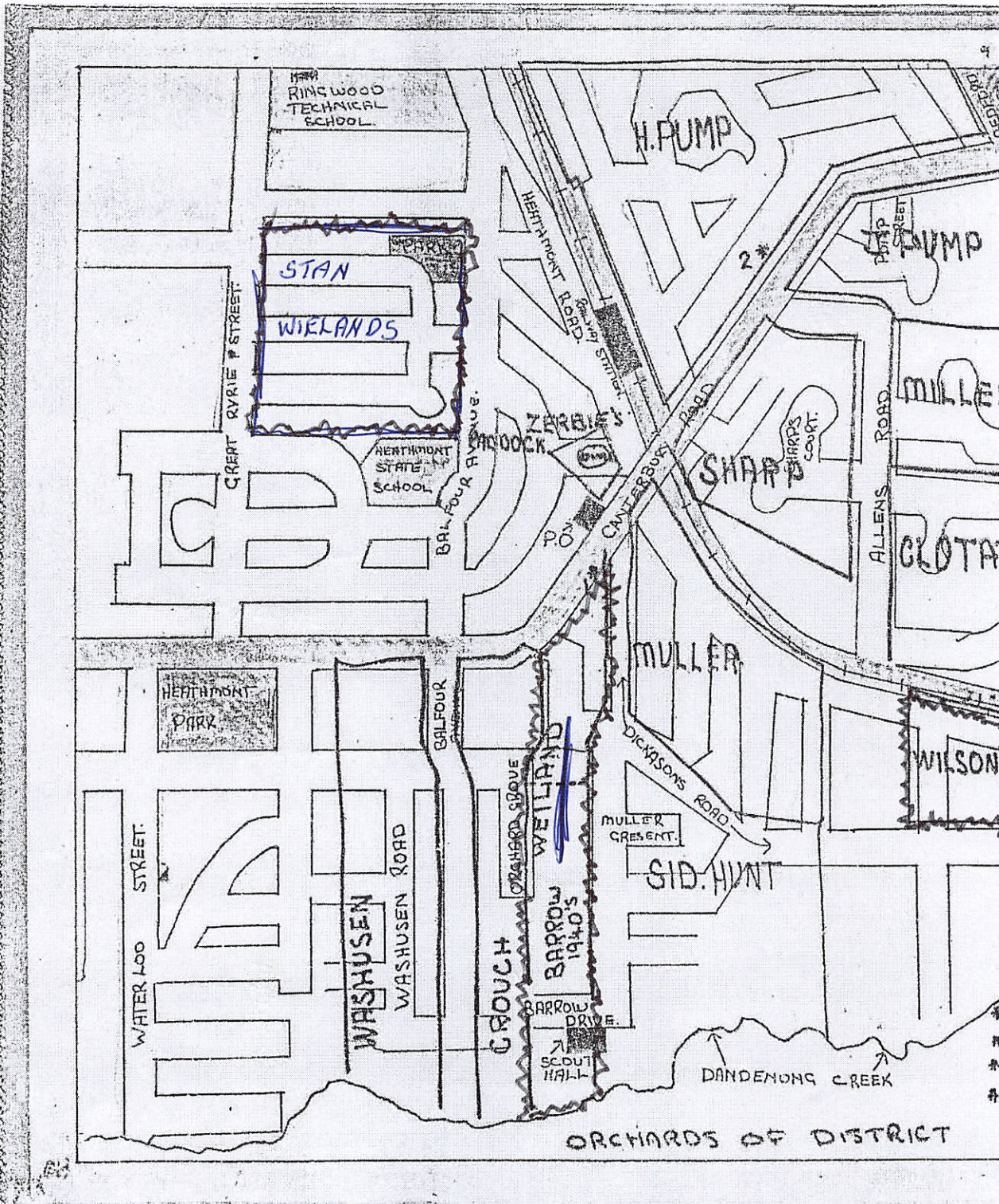
During the war, a petrol tanker went out of control going down the hill, past our place and went off the bridge, through the overhead wires and crashing into the cutting and bursting into flames. The driver was OK. There were no trains for the remainder of the day and buses came from Ringwood. The Railways sent up a steam engine and crane and dragged the wreck to the Bedford Road crossing where it lay for months.

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When dad and others were boys, they used to try to shovel dirt and stones down the funnel of steam engines when they went under the bridge. They were ratbags then!







Opening of Heathmont Railway Station  
by His German Pump 1926

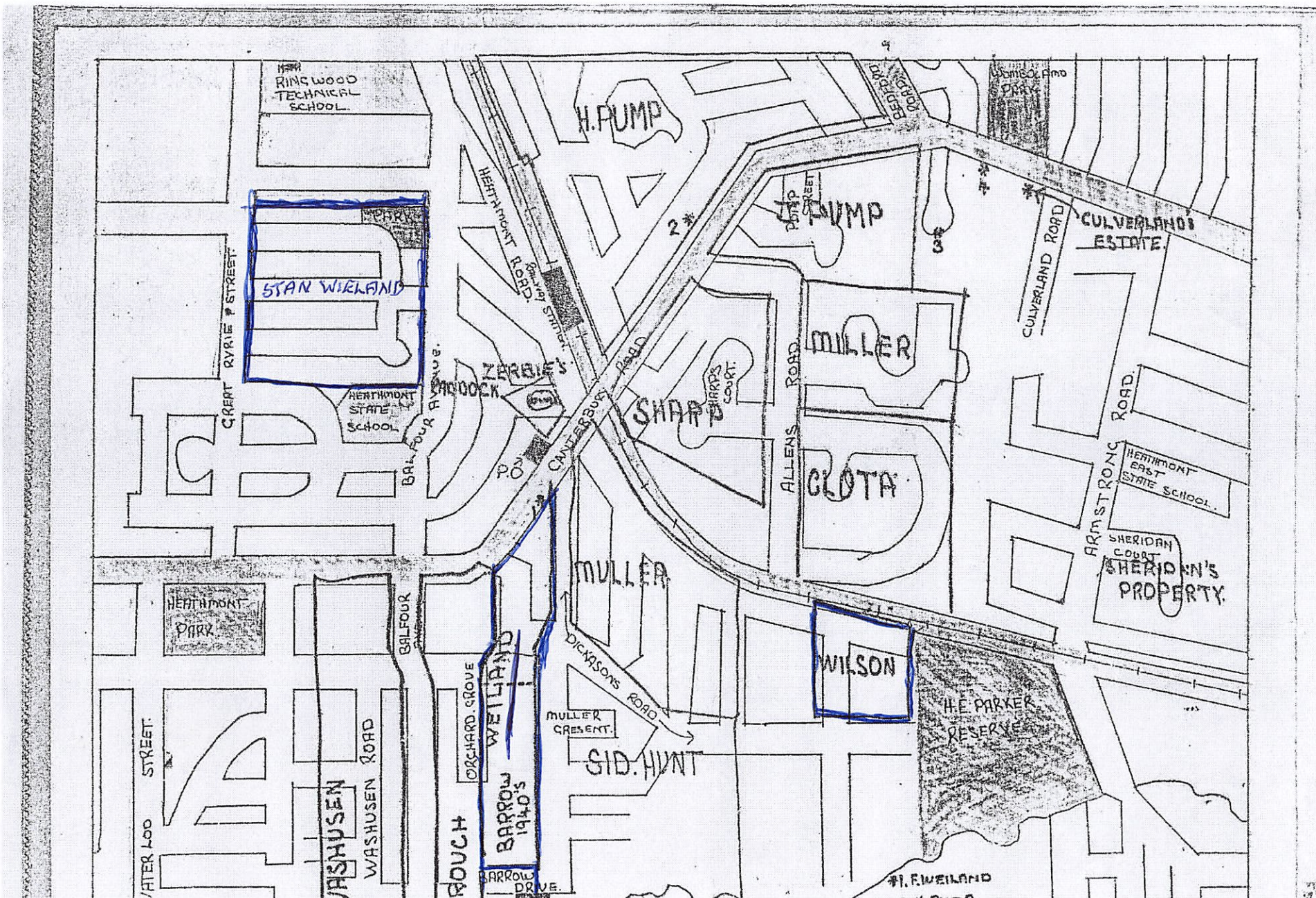
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