

Chapter 6

Maps

Several maps have been studied as part of this work. The ordnance survey organisation produced maps to a very high standard and these have been useful aids to finding locations of Colchester's old inns and taverns. Without a doubt, the large scale (1:500 or 41.66 ft per inch) series, produced in 1876, is by far the most useful, with sections of it being reproduced on the following pages.

The town was surveyed in 1876 by Captain H G Pilleau (Royal Engineers) and levelled by Captain W Wynne (Royal Engineers) and shows Colchester as it was then, in fascinating detail (due to its large scale) and as it was before the advent of the motor car caused so many buildings to be demolished to make way for new roads, and before mains water, electric street lighting, telephones, etc. came into our daily lives. It was made after the building of the army barracks, which are shown in splendid detail. The main impact of new technology was the railway line of the GNER, shown cutting through the north section of the town and giving rise to pub names such as the Locomotive and the Railway Tavern.

Because of the large scale of this map series, each premises is clearly depicted, showing details of window positions, doors, outside urinals, water wells, stable yards, covered ways, and the like.

At the end of this section, are extracts from a set of Chas. Goad (Civil Engineer) insurance maps of the town centre area, dated from 1909 and which, whilst not as extensive as the 1876 series, does show many extra details. The scale is 1:480 or 40ft per inch. This set is particularly useful because it shows what each premises was used for, how many storeys it had, what it was constructed of, street numbers, etc. Yet again, it shows the destruction that has taken place in the town over the past century, mainly to accommodate the requirements of the motor vehicle.

Regrettably, this section must assume that the reader possesses a certain familiarity with Colchester, as the map extracts do not fit into a grid system and do not all point vertically to the north. The extracts have been selected to show as many premises as possible per page. For the unfamiliar, it is recommended that a street map be used to assist with explaining locations more fully.

Premises Identified on the 1876 and 1909 Maps

The houses shown or identified on this map series are listed below and refer to the numbering system of maps on the following pages. The order of numbering generally follows the various east to west and south to north straight line routes. The map series does not include outlying pubs in Lexden, Old Heath, Mile End and Greenstead and the 1909 series only includes a small number of houses compared to the 1876 series. All of the maps have an arrow that indicates north. The highlighted properties in the following list appear on both 1876 and 1909 maps.

(The 'current situation' comment was correct in 2012. The housing developments of Layer Road, Prettygate, Monkwick, Barnhall, etc. were not then to be built for many years to come).

ref	name	location	current situation
87	Albert Inn	North Street	demolished
93	Alma Tavern	Mersea Road	now a shop
24	Anchor Inn	Magdalen Street	demolished
49	Angel Hotel	High Street	demolished between 1876 and 1909
35	Artillery House	Artillery Street	still a pub
37	Barley Mow Inn	Hythe Hill	demolished
17	Bath Hotel	Osborne Street	demolished
60	Bell Inn	Priory Street	demolished
47	Blue Boar PH	West Stockwell Street	demolished
9	Brewer's Arms PH	Stanwell Street	still a pub
108	Brewery Tap	Maidenburgh Street	demolished
48	British Hotel	West Stockwell Street	now an office

95	Britannia Inn	Berechurch Road	still a pub
126	Buck's Horns	Greenstead Road	demolished
34	Bugle Horn PH	Barrack Street	demolished
6	Bull Inn	Crouch Street	still a pub
116	Caledonian PH	St John's Green	now housing
91	Cambridge Arms PH	Military Road	closed
114	Carpenter's Arms PH	Chapel Street	demolished
59	Castle Inn	High Street	still a pub
85	Castle Inn	North Street	other premises
80	Chaise and Pair PH	North Hill	now a restaurant
8	Clarence PH	Trinity Street	now the Purple Dog
72	Clarendon Inn	Harwich Road	closed 2011
82	Coach and Horses Inn	North Street	demolished
79	Cock and Pie PH	North Hill	now an office
28	Colchester Arms PH	Magdalen Street	now a shop
57	Cross Keys PH	Long Wyre Street	demolished
111	Crown and Sceptre	South Street	now an office
46	Cups Hotel	High Street	demolished
41	Dolphin PH	Hythe Hill	now an office
73	Dragoon PH	Butt Road	now The Ale House
26	Duke of Wellington Inn	Magdalen Street	demolished
33	Duke of York PH	Barrack Street	now a restaurant
7	Elephant and Castle	Headgate	now Fox and Fiddler
113	Essex Arms Inn	Essex Street	demolished
104	Fencers PH	Maidenburgh Street	now a private house
77	Fleece Inn	Head Street	demolished
20	Fountain	Magdalen Street	now Judge and Jury
54	George Hotel	High Street	still a hotel
94	Globe PH	Mersea Road	closed
86	Globe Inn	North Street	other premises
65	Goat and Boot Inn	East Hill	still a pub
100	Greyhound PH	St Botolph's Street	now a shop
110	Grosvenor Hotel	Maldon Road	closed
4	Horse and Groom PH	Crouch Street	demolished
2	King's Arms PH	Crouch Street	still a pub
5	King's Head PH	Balkerne Hill	now the Hole in the Wall
50	Lamb PH	High Street	two different locations
107	Locomotive PH	West Stockwell Street	now a private house
115	Lord Palmerston	Abbeygate Street	demolished
92	Lord Raglan PH	Military Road	demolished
31	Mariners PH	Magdalen Street	now a shop
83	Market Tavern	Middleborough	demolished
101	Marlborough Head PH	St Botolph's Street	now a shop
81	Marquis of Granby PH	North Hill	still a pub
106	Nelson's Head PH	West Stockwell Street	now housing
88	Norfolk Hotel	North Street	still a pub
64	Old Whalebone PH	East Hill	now a shop
45	Ordnance Arms PH	Hythe Quay	demolished
19	Plough Inn	Plough Corner	demolished
21	Prince of Wales PH	Magdalen Street	other premise
42	Queen's Head PH	Hythe Hill	now an office
11	Rainbow PH	Long Wyre Street	demolished
53	Red Lion Hotel	High Street	now shops and hotel above
71	Rifleman PH	Ipswich Road	demolished
61	Roman Urn PH	Roman Road	now a private house
70	Rose and Crown PH	East Street	still a pub
14	Rose and Crown PH	Vineyard Street	demolished
74	Royal Artillery Inn	Butt Road	now the Fat Cat
96	Royal Standard PH	Mersea Road	now housing
23	Sawyers Arms PH	Magdalen Street	now a shop
120	Scotch Ale Stores	Short Wyre Street	now a shop
58	Sea Horse Inn	High Street	demolished
63	Ship Inn	East Hill	now a shop
99	Sir Colin Campbell PH	Mersea Road	now housing

84	Spread Eagle Inn	Middleborough	demolished
102	Sun Inn	Maidenburgh Street	now a private house
56	Swan Inn	High Street	demolished
44	Swan Inn	Hythe Hill	now housing
121	Vine	Long Wyre Street	demolished
78	Waggon and Horses Inn	North Hill	now Pat Molloy's
25	Waterloo Inn	Magdalen Street	demolished
3	White Hart Inn	Crouch Street	demolished
67	White Horse PH	East Street	now an office
30	White Lion PH	Magdalen Street	demolished
18	Woolpack Hotel	Plough Corner	demolished

Houses shown on the map but not identified by name (probably because they were beerhouses rather than public houses).

76	Alexandra	Head Street	now a shop
119	Anchor	Hythe Quay	now the Spinnaker
103	Artillery Arms	Maidenburgh Street	now a house
29	Baker's Arms	Magdalen Street	now the Beerhouse
90	British Grenadier	Military Road	still a pub
15	British Lion	Stanwell Street	now a shop
118	Crown and Anchor	Stanwell Street	demolished
62	Forester's Arms	Castle Road	still a pub
117	Gardener's Arms	St John's Green	demolished
1	Hospital Arms	Crouch Street	still a pub
128	Lifeboat	Magdalen Street	demolished
12	Little Crown	Short Wyre Street	still a pub
10	Live and Let Live	Stanwell Street	demolished?
39	Lord Nelson	Hythe Hill	still a pub
98	Mermaid	Mersea Road	now housing
66	Mitre	East Street	demolished
125	Neptune	Hythe Quay	demolished
112	New Inn	South Street	still a pub
124	New Dock Inn	New Quay	demolished
123	Oddfellows Arms	Northgate Street	demolished
40	Packet	Hythe Hill	demolished
43	Perseverance	Hythe Hill	demolished
22	Railway Tavern	Magdalen Street	demolished
16	Robin Hood	Stanwell Street	now a fast food outlet
27	Stag's Head	Magdalen Street	demolished
105	Stockwell Arms	West Stockwell Street	closed 2009
13	Taylor's Arms	Short Wyre Street	now a shop
127	Victoria	North Station Road	still a pub
69	Welcome Sailor	East Street	now a restaurant
54	Wheatsheaf	High Street	now part of the George Hotel
36	William IV	Artillery Street	demolished

Houses shown on the map which were once the location of an inn or tavern before 1876.

109?	Bird in Hand	East Stockwell Street	demolished
75	King's Head	Head Street	now offices
51	Queen's Arms	Pelham's Lane	demolished
89	Royal Mortar	Military Road	demolished
32	Yorkshire Grey	Magdalen Street	demolished

Houses shown which later became public houses.

52	Cups	Trinity Street	now a shop
97	Odd One Out	Mersea Road	currently a pub
68	Siege House	East Street	currently a restaurant
122	Tramway Tavern	North Street	now a shop
109	Royal Oak	East Stockwell Street	replaced by a house

NB. The premises which are highlighted are shown on both the 1876 and the 1909 map series.

Abbreviations Used - 1876 Map

Typical abbreviations and signs are as follows:

BM 93.7 Refers to a bench mark, usually cut into a wall or structure showing the height, in feet, above mean sea level. The highest pub appears to be the New Inn at 109 feet. Many of these bench marks survive to this day, although they are often confused with war department (WD) marks, which are similar.

C.R. Centre of the road? Usually used in conjunction with boundary marks between wards or parishes.

F.P., F.S., F.W. Unsure of what these refer to, but possibly foot path, fixed wall, etc.

Guide Post Presumably a signpost pointing the way into town or to outlying towns and villages.

L Light? This mark is shown at each end of the Red Lion passageway.

L.P. Lamp post?

M.P. Marshalling post? Found near to railway track.

P Pump. These seem to occur with great regularity in the confines of back yards or gardens.

Posts It is unknown what the relevance of these were and if they were simply for hanging out the washing, surely they were hardly worthy of recording.

Stone Presumably a stone giving information about distances or underground services or to determine boundaries of land. A few of these still exist in their original positions.

Stone WD As above but showing the war department signature.

Urinal Public houses tended to have their toilet facilities outside in the yard and sometimes in the street itself such as is the case with the Brewer's Arms, the Royal Standard, etc.

Tank Tank for storing water for washing and drinking. Running water was still, at that time, not available to the majority of the townsfolk and it was not to be so until the Jumbo water tower was built some eight years later. Up until then all water had to be pumped from reservoirs or wells.

W.P. Water pump or pipe?

W.T. Water tank? These seem to occur with great regularity in the confines of back yards or gardens.

Pillar Letter Box and Letter Box Evidence of the Royal Mail postal system that was started in 1840

Abbreviations Used - 1909 Map

Typical abbreviations and signs are as follows:

BK 1ST Brick first floor

D Dwelling

P.H. Public House

Street numbers are shown in the road area, directly adjacent to the building.

The numbers within the confines of the building shape signify the number of storeys.

2 signifies two storeys.

The round symbols signify positions of the all important fire hydrants, so important to those assessing insurance risk and therefore the size of the premium.

There are other, more subtle, abbreviations concerning windows, types of shutters, types of doors, etc. but these are not detailed in this listing.

The following pages show the plan views of land occupied by public houses and hotels. Where the detail is bracketed, it indicates that the building was previously or later used as a licensed house, or alternatively, was a beer house that was consequently unidentified by the map maker.

There must also be other buildings shown on the 1876 map extracts which were licensed, but which cannot, at this stage, be accurately identified.

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EDDIE WILLETT



This picture is a copy of a painting done in the 1960s, allegedly by Mick Smee (artist) and portraying Edward Hersant (Eddie) Willett, landlord of the New Market Tavern in the 1960s.

Given to us by Mike Blackmore landlord of the New Town Tavern in 2012.
Mike had worked at that pub and took the word 'tavern' from here when renaming his pub.

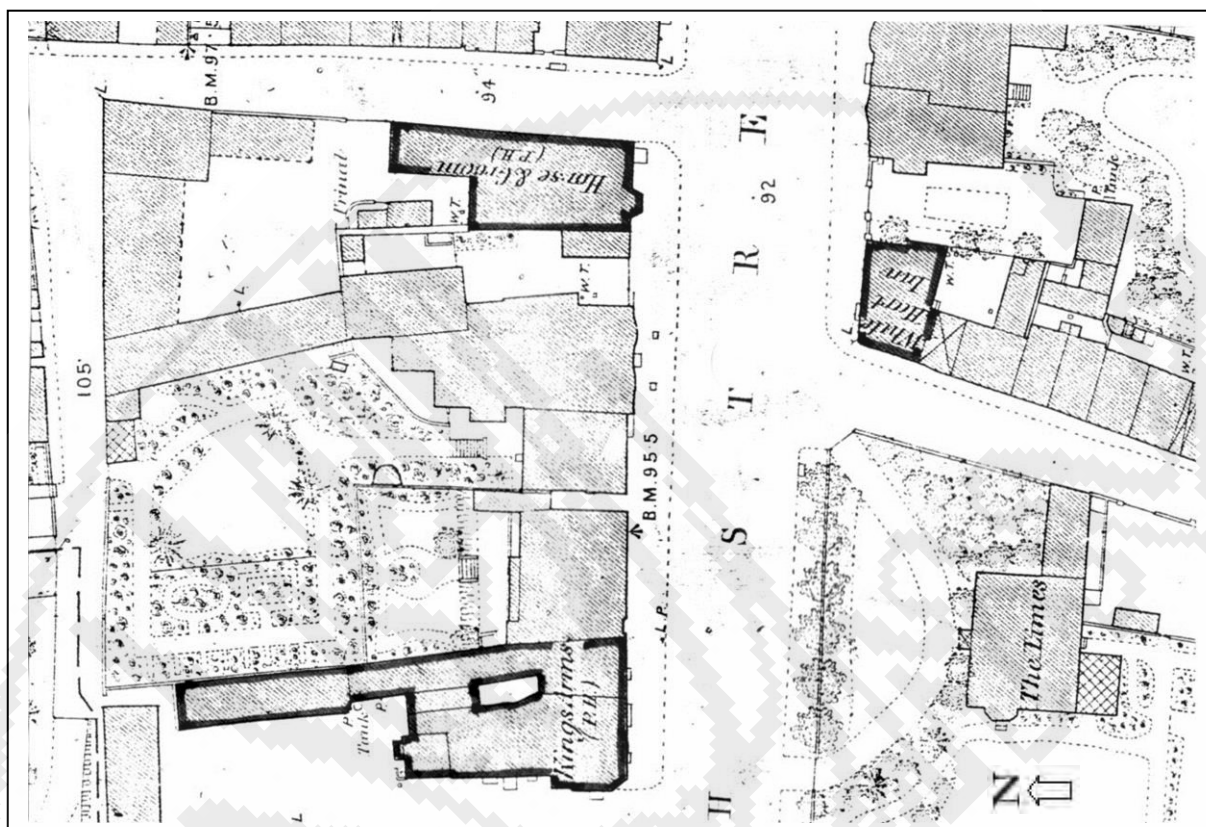
1876 OS Map Extract 330 and 331

1 (Hospital Arms)

2 King's Arms

3 White Hart

4 Horse and Groom

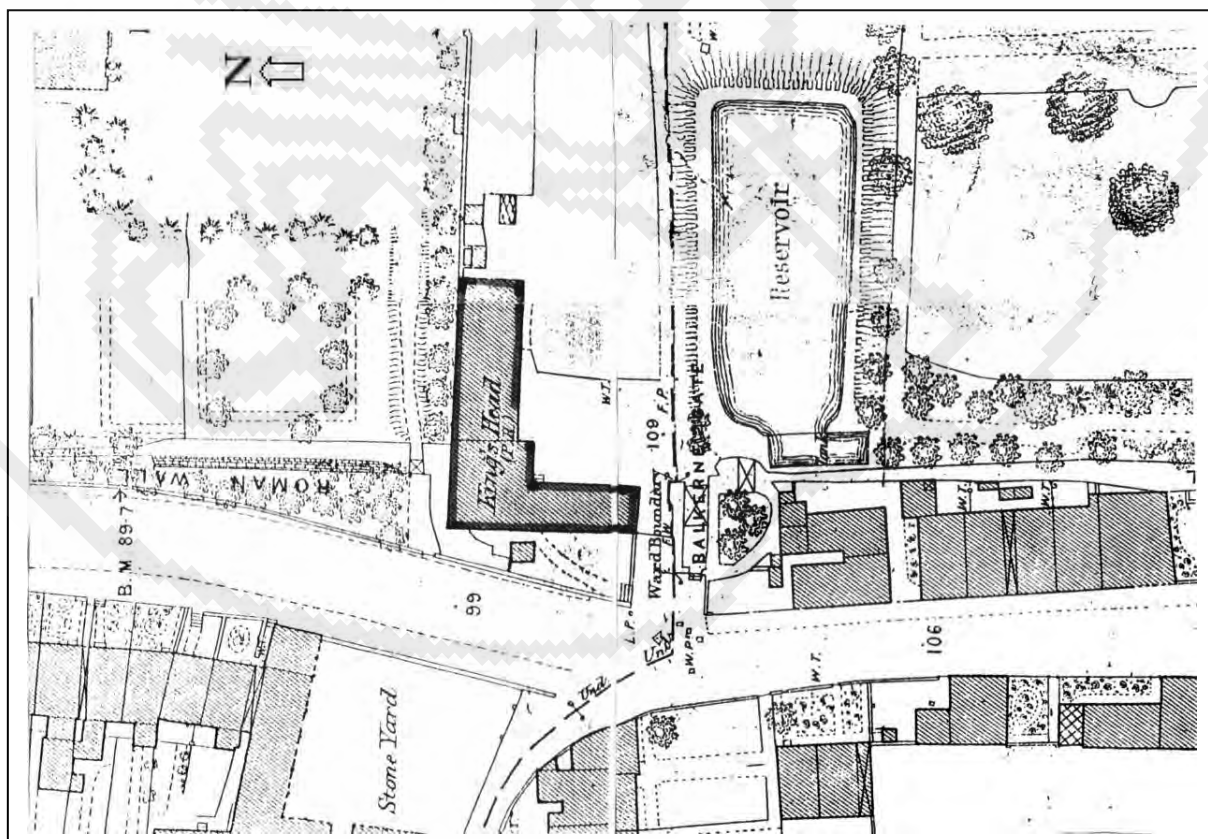
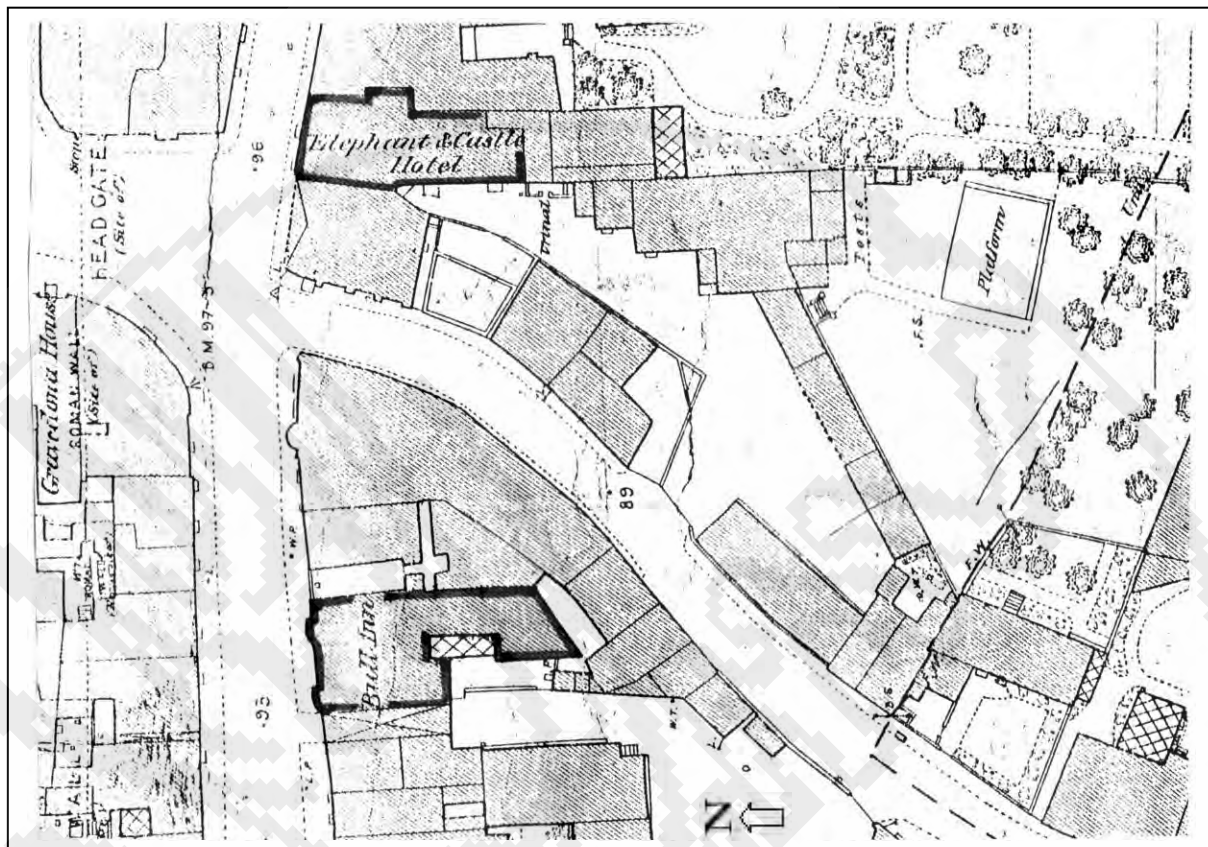


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5 King's Head

6 Bull Inn

7 Elephant and Castle

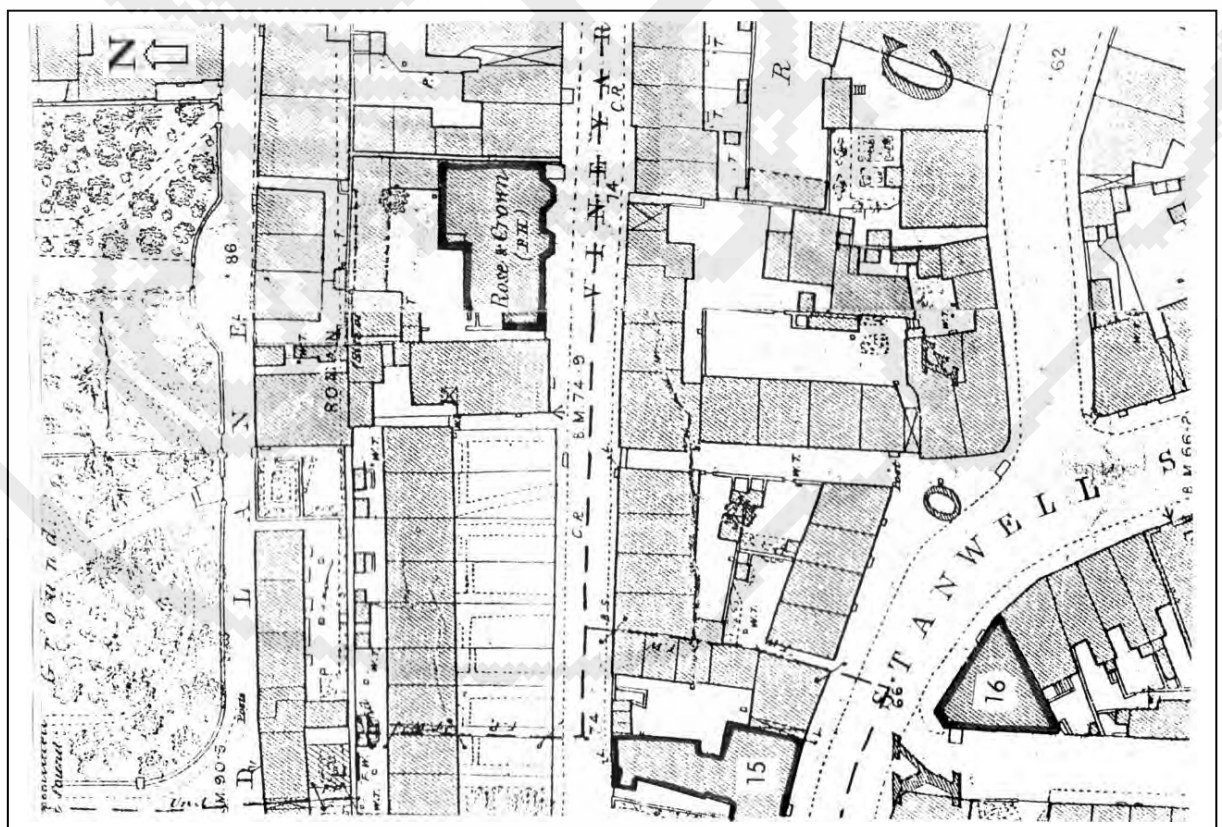
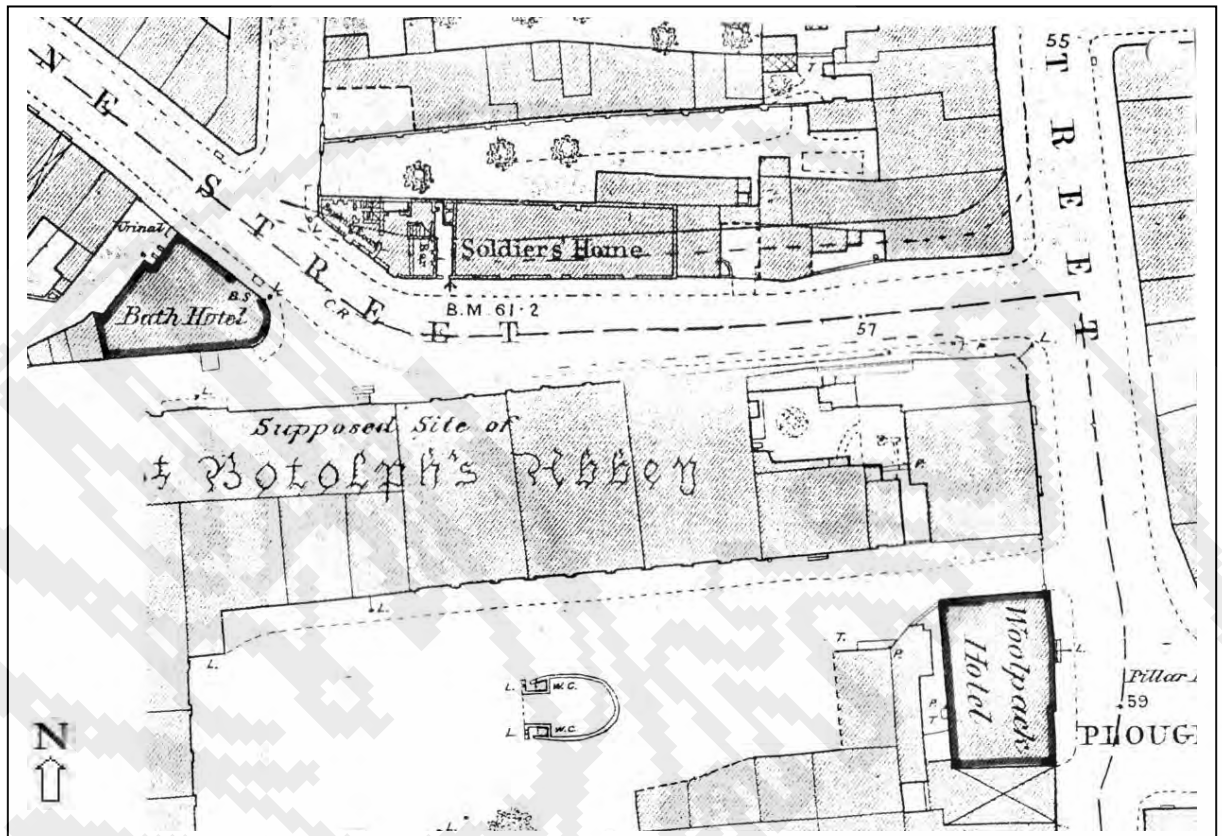




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14 Rose and Crown
15 (British Lion)
16 (Robin Hood)

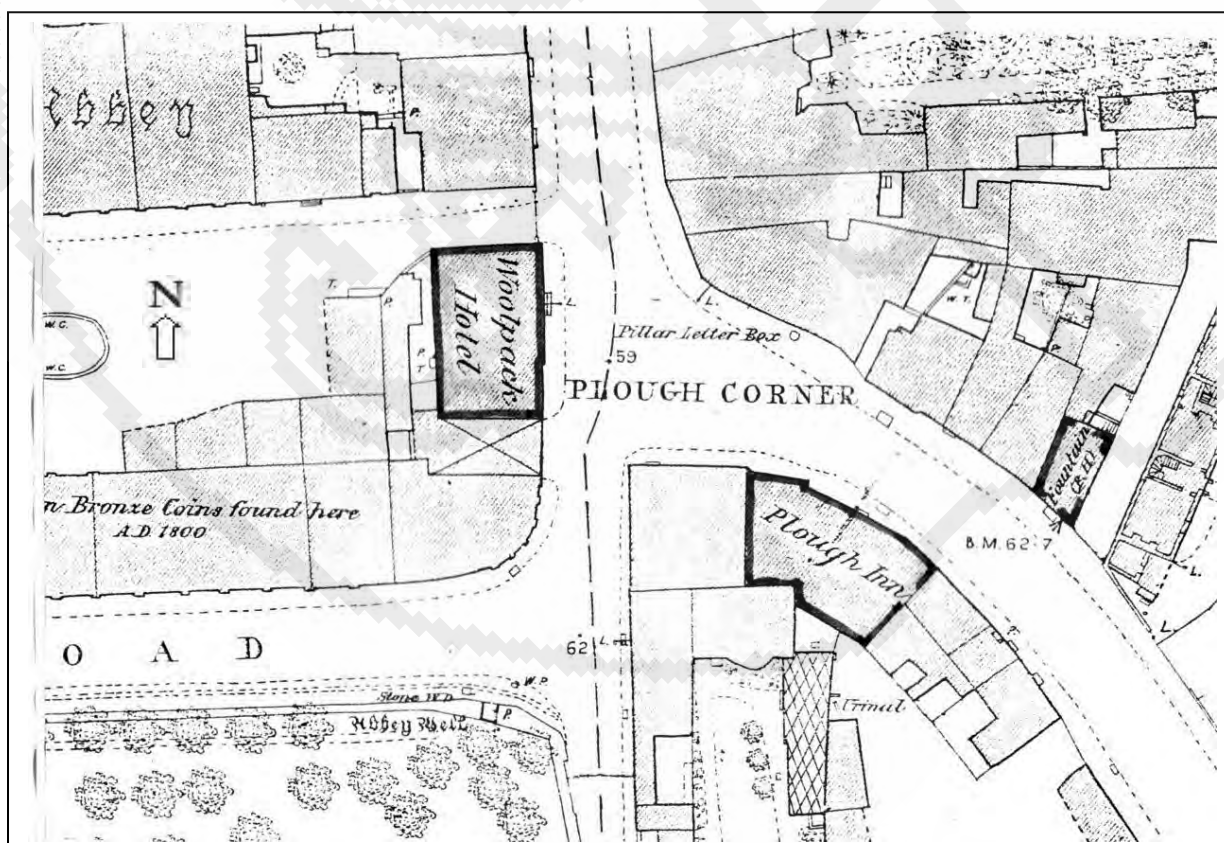
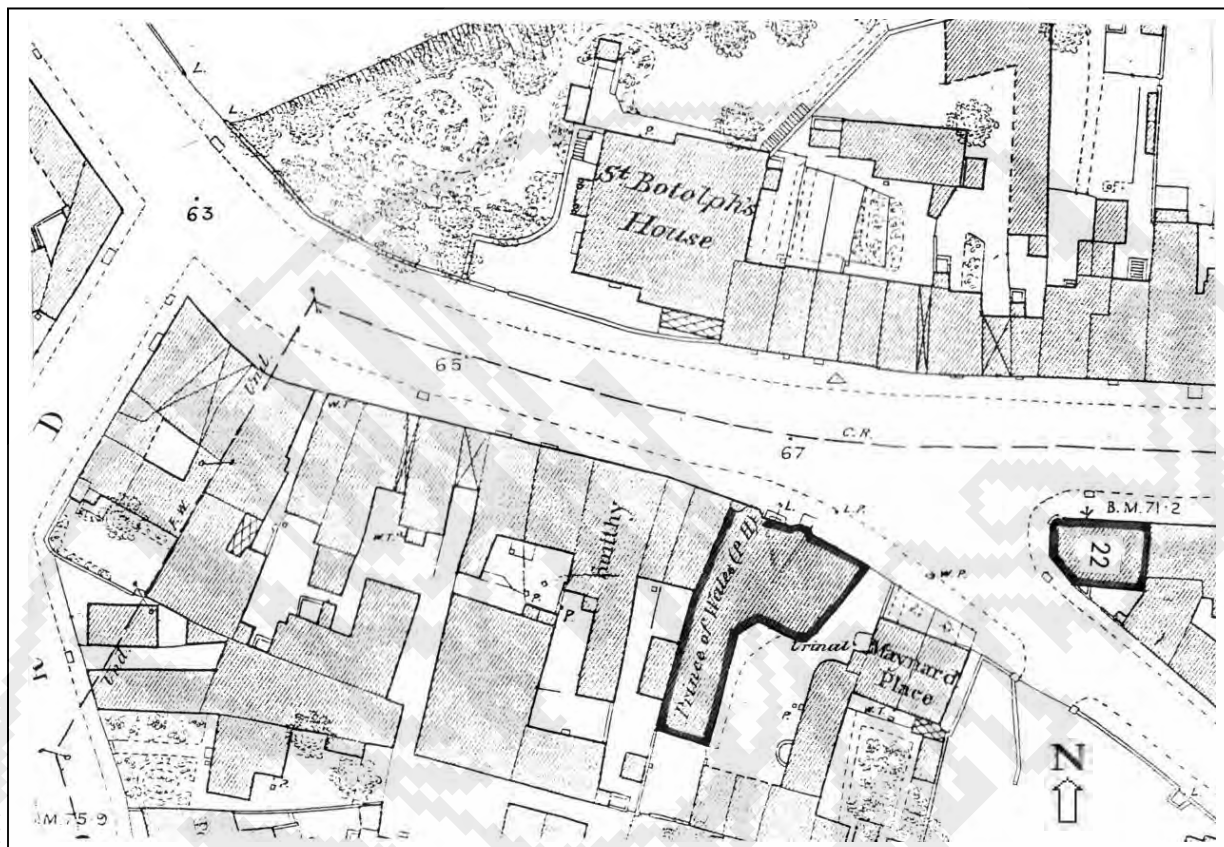
17 Bath Hotel
18 Woolpack Hotel



1876 OS Map Extract 338 and 339

18 Woolpack Hotel
19 Plough Inn
20 Fountain

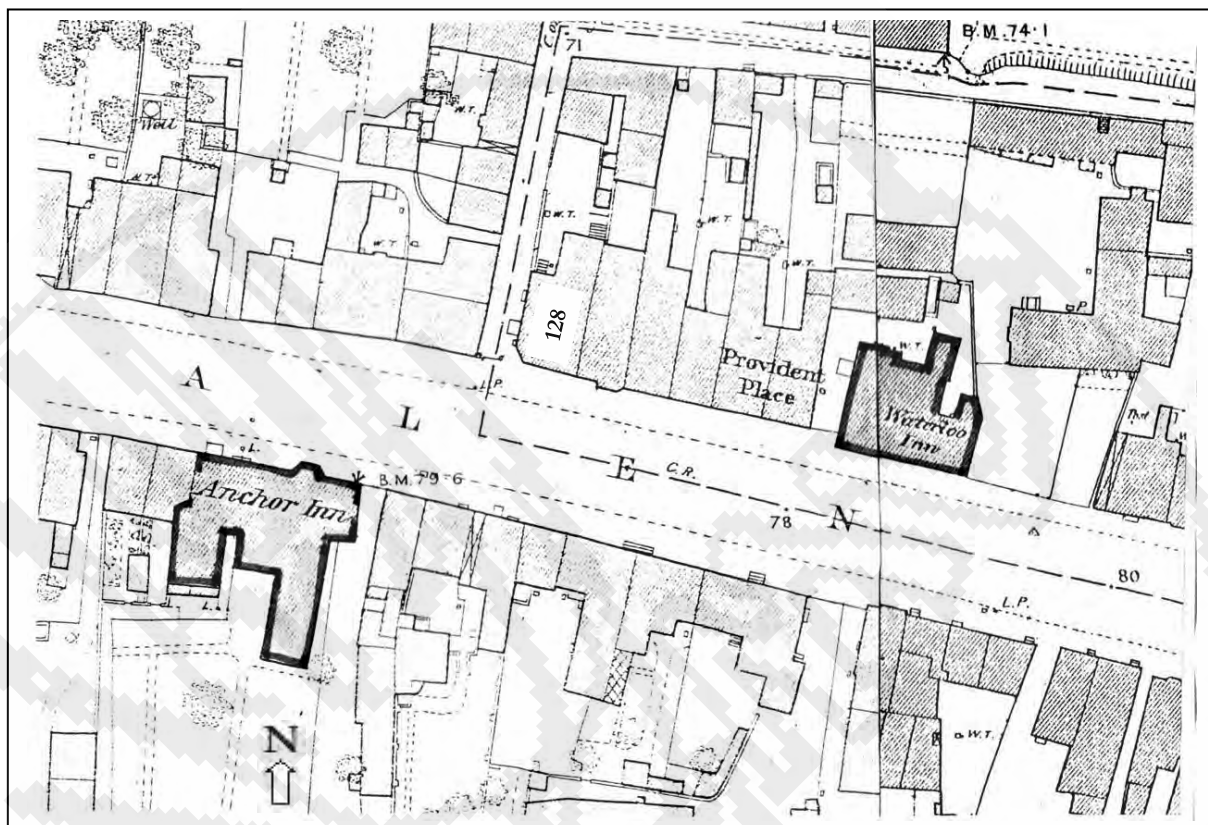
21 Prince of Wales
22 (Railway Tavern)



1876 OS Map Extract 340 and 341

23 Sawyer's Arms
24 Anchor

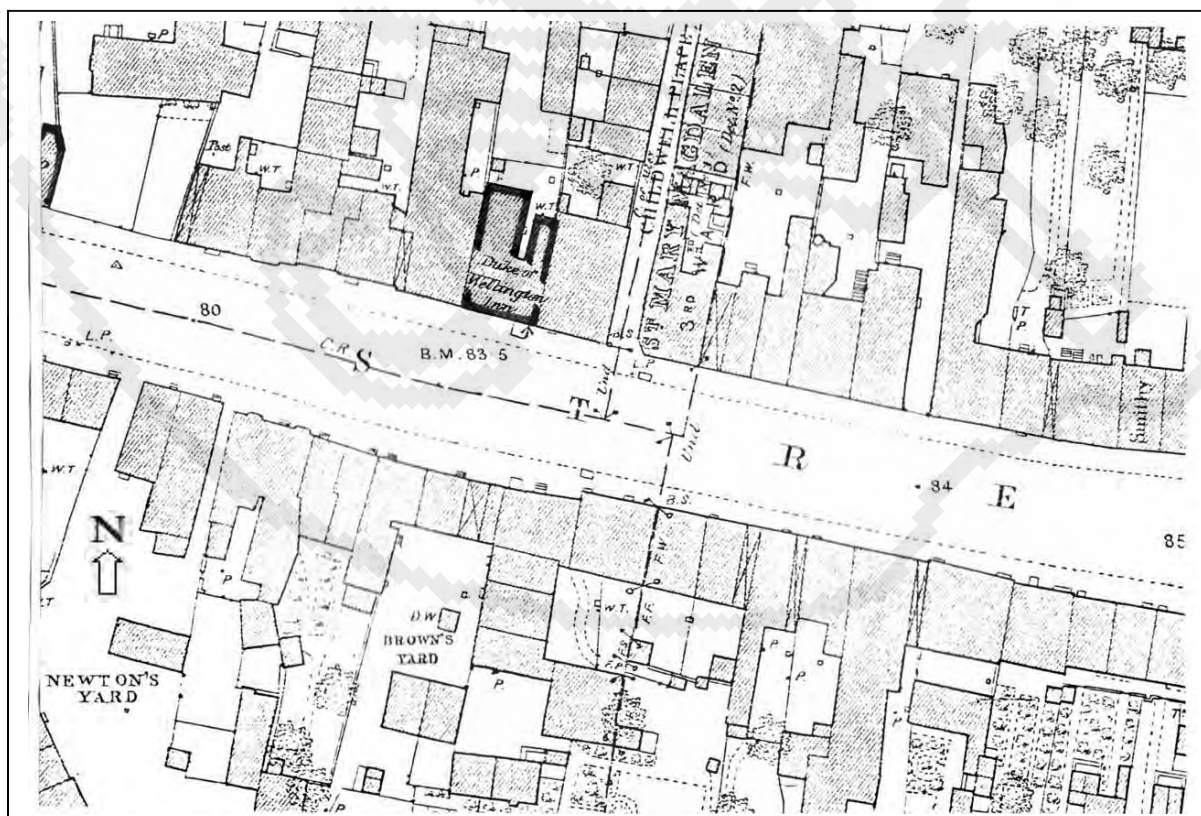
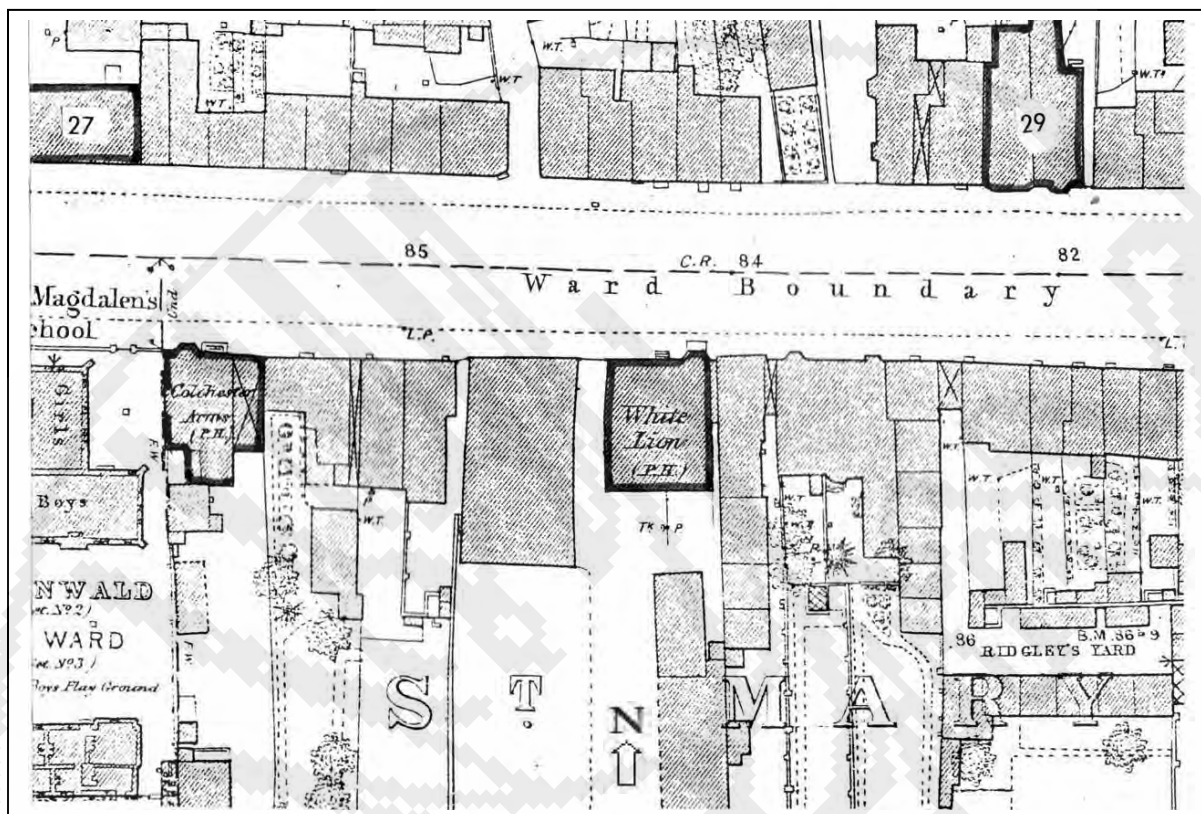
24 Anchor
128 (Lifeboat)
25 Waterloo



1876 OS Map Extract 342 to 343

25 Waterloo
26 Duke of Wellington

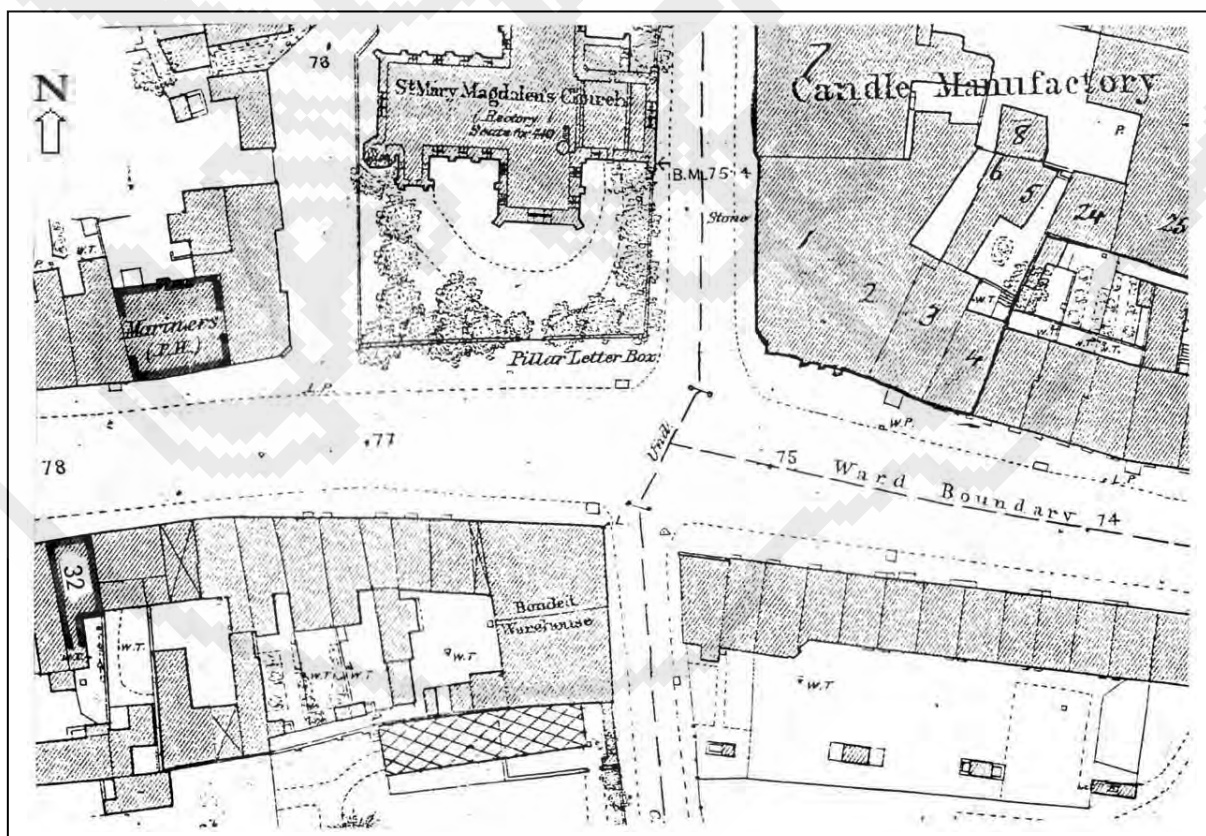
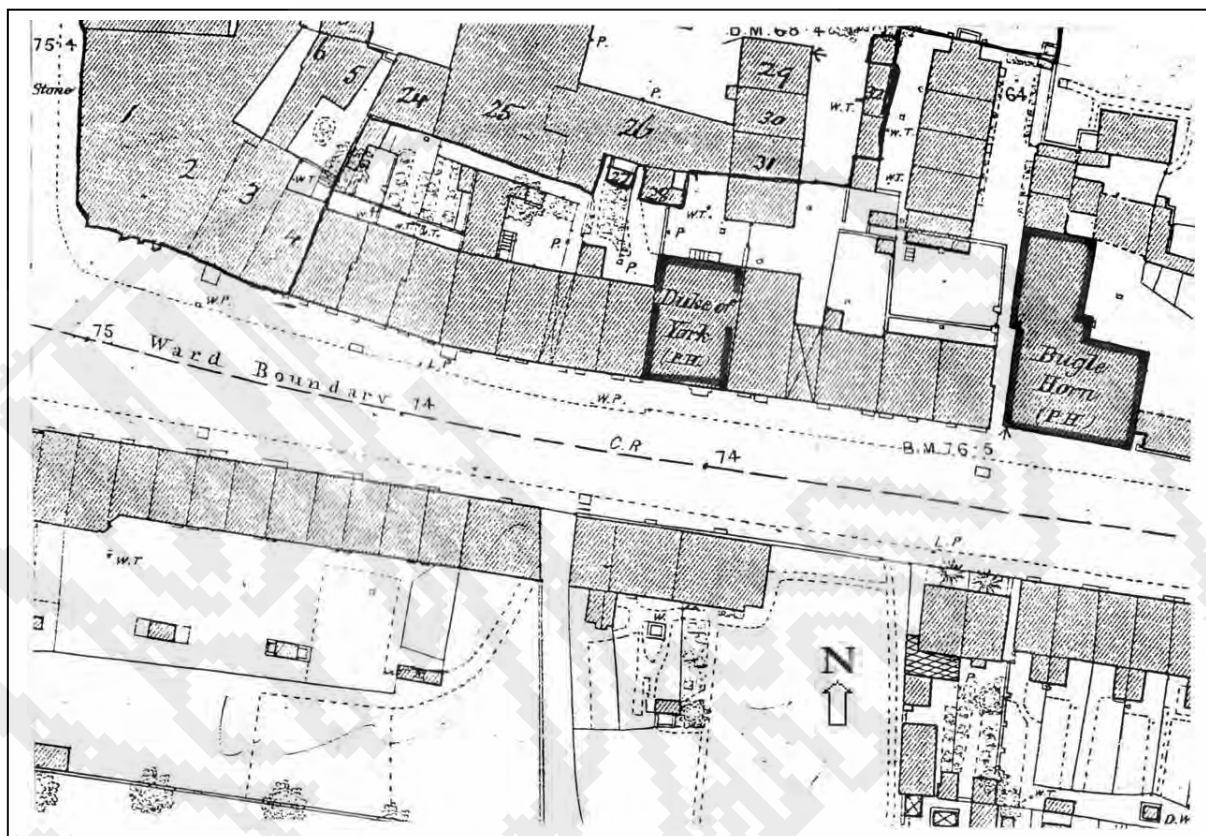
27 (Stag's Head)
28 Colchester Arms
29 (Baker's Arms)
30 White Lion



1876 OS Map Extract 344 and 345

31 Mariners
32 (Yorkshire Grey)

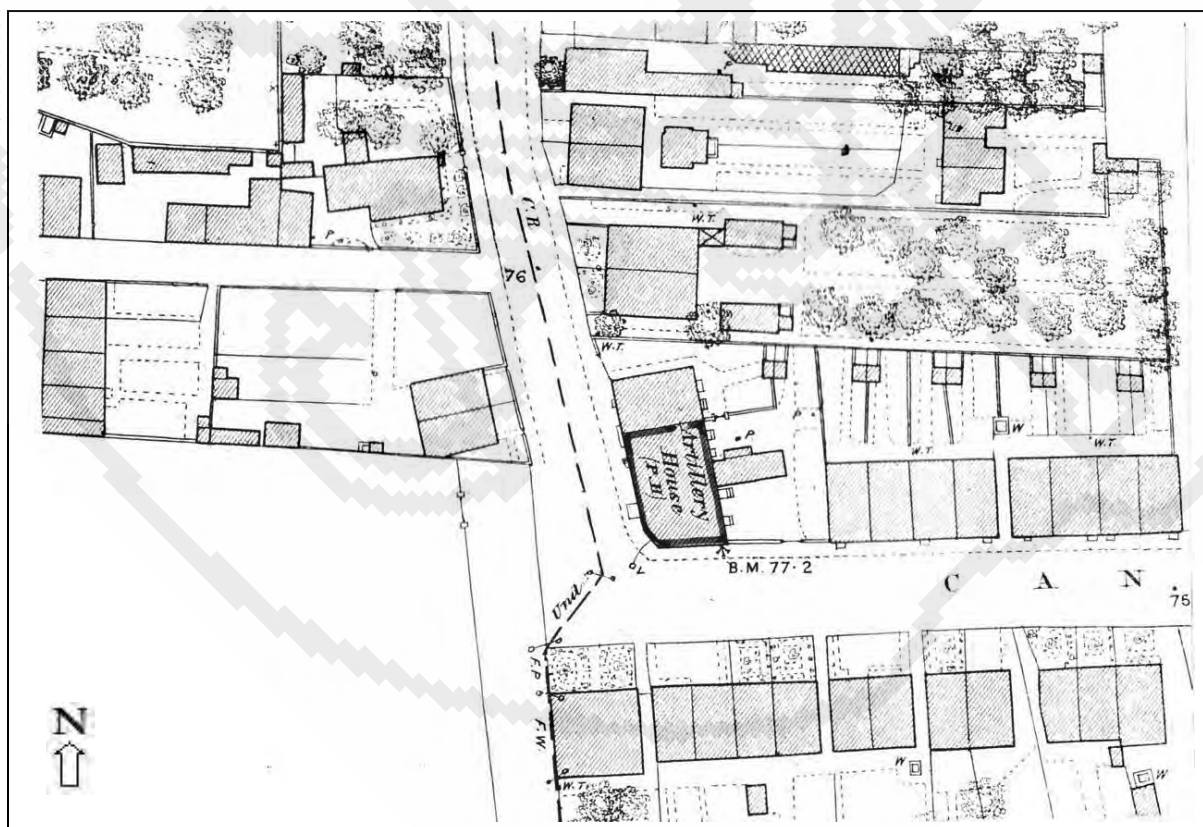
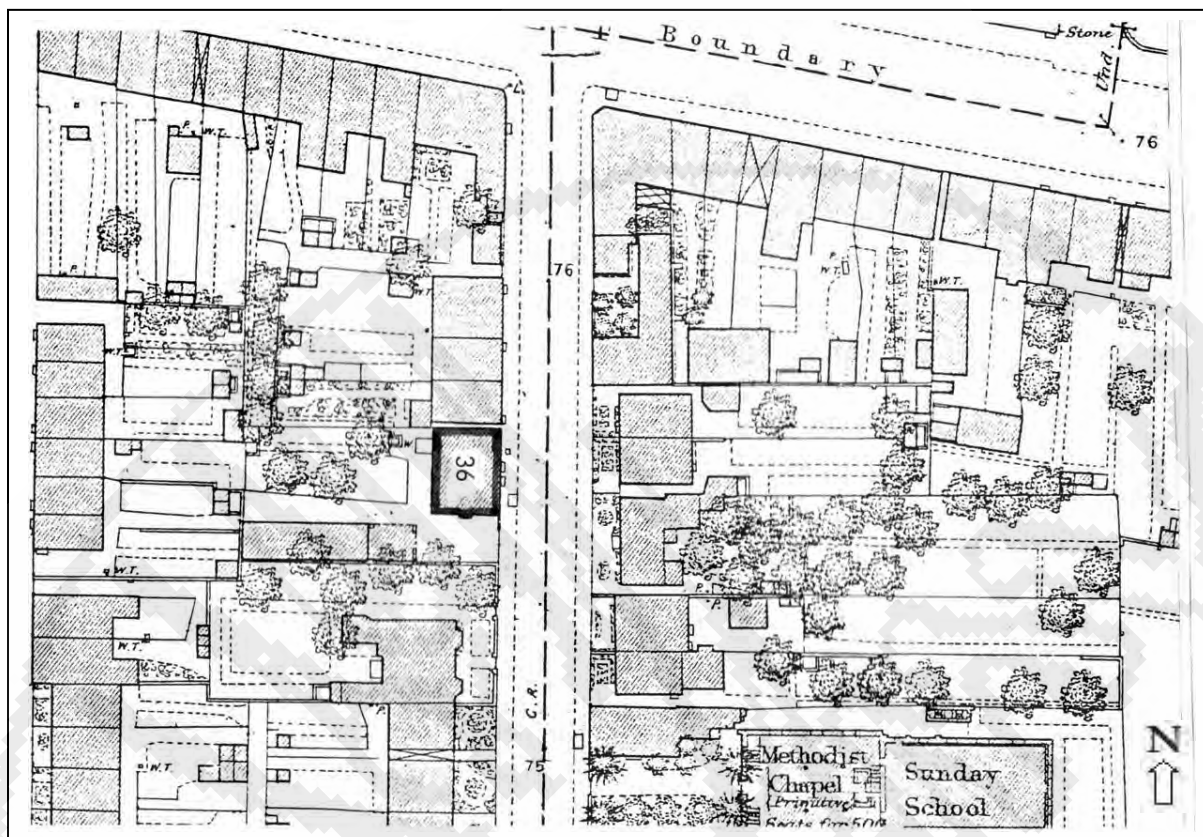
33 Duke of York
34 Bugle Horn



1876 OS Map Extract 346 and 347

35 Artillery House

36 (William IV)



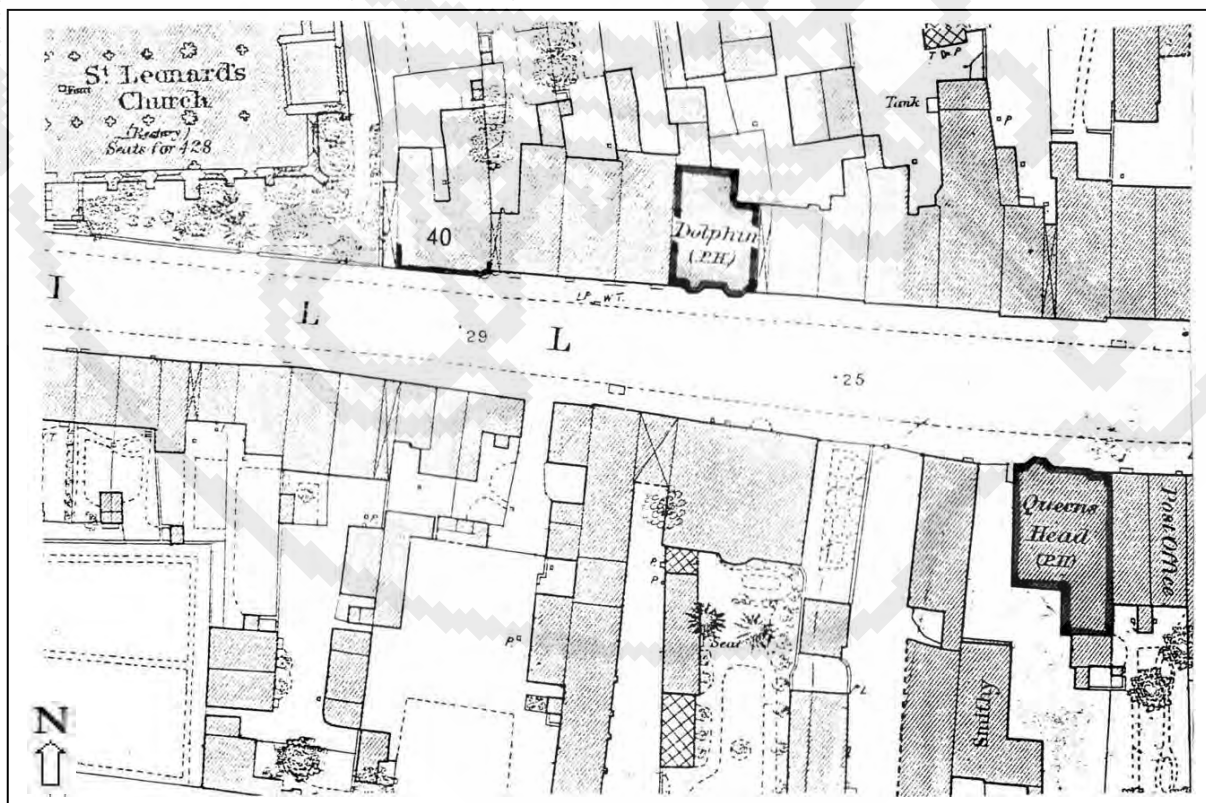
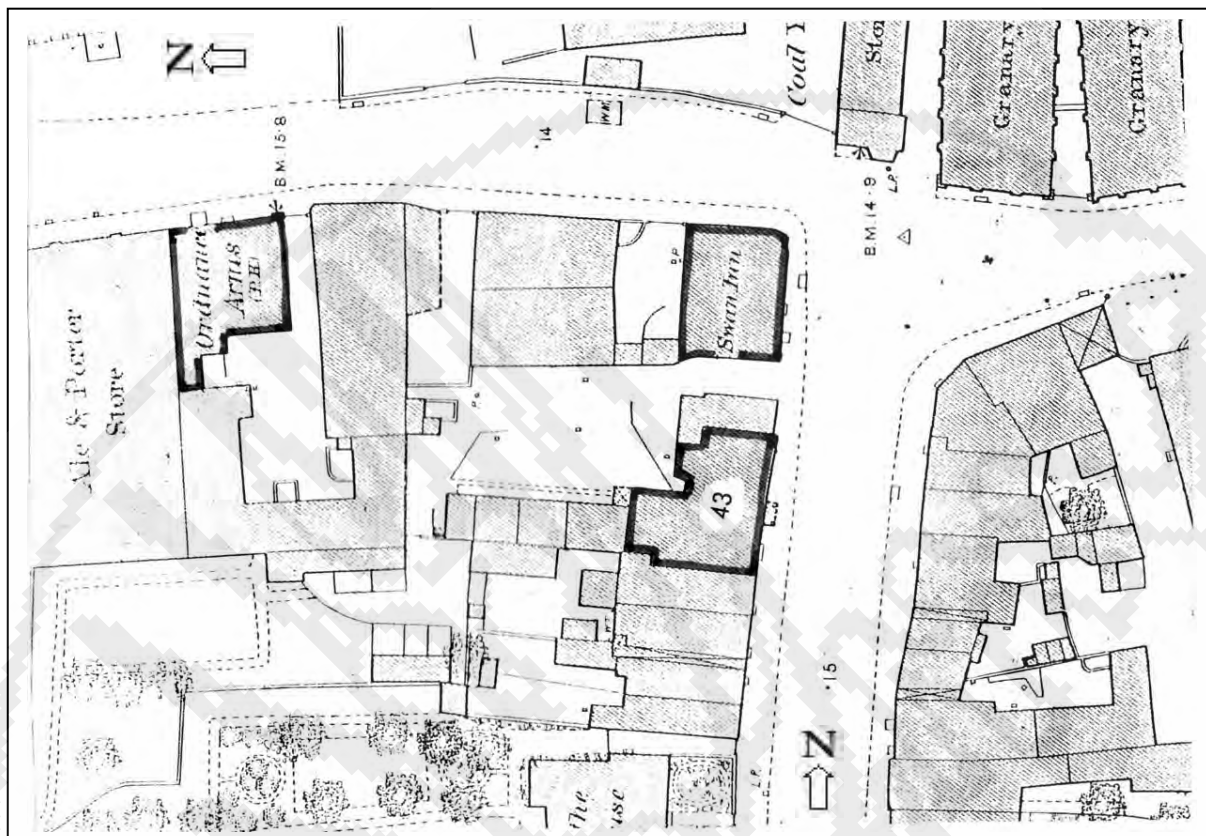
39 (Lord Nelson)



1876 OS Map Extract 350 and 351

40 (Packet)
41 Dolphin
42 Queen's Head

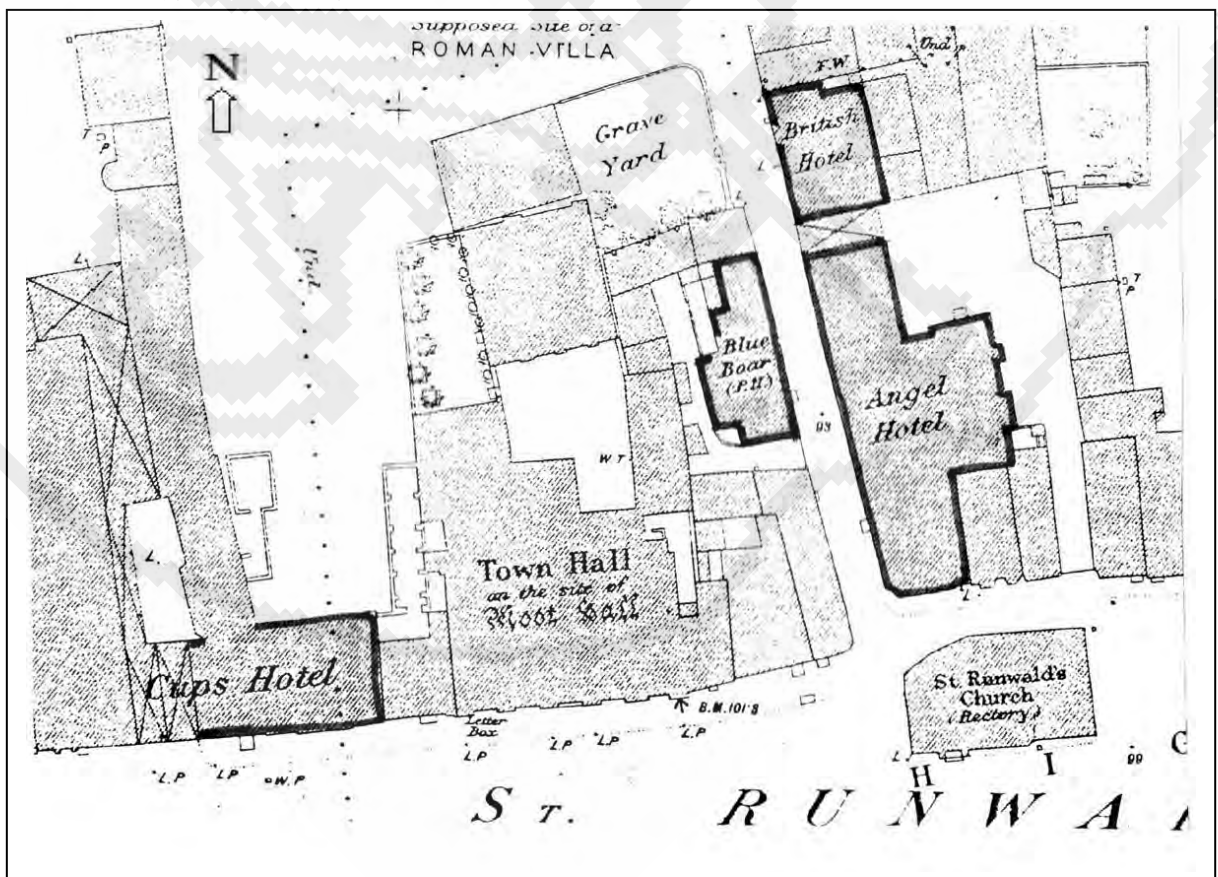
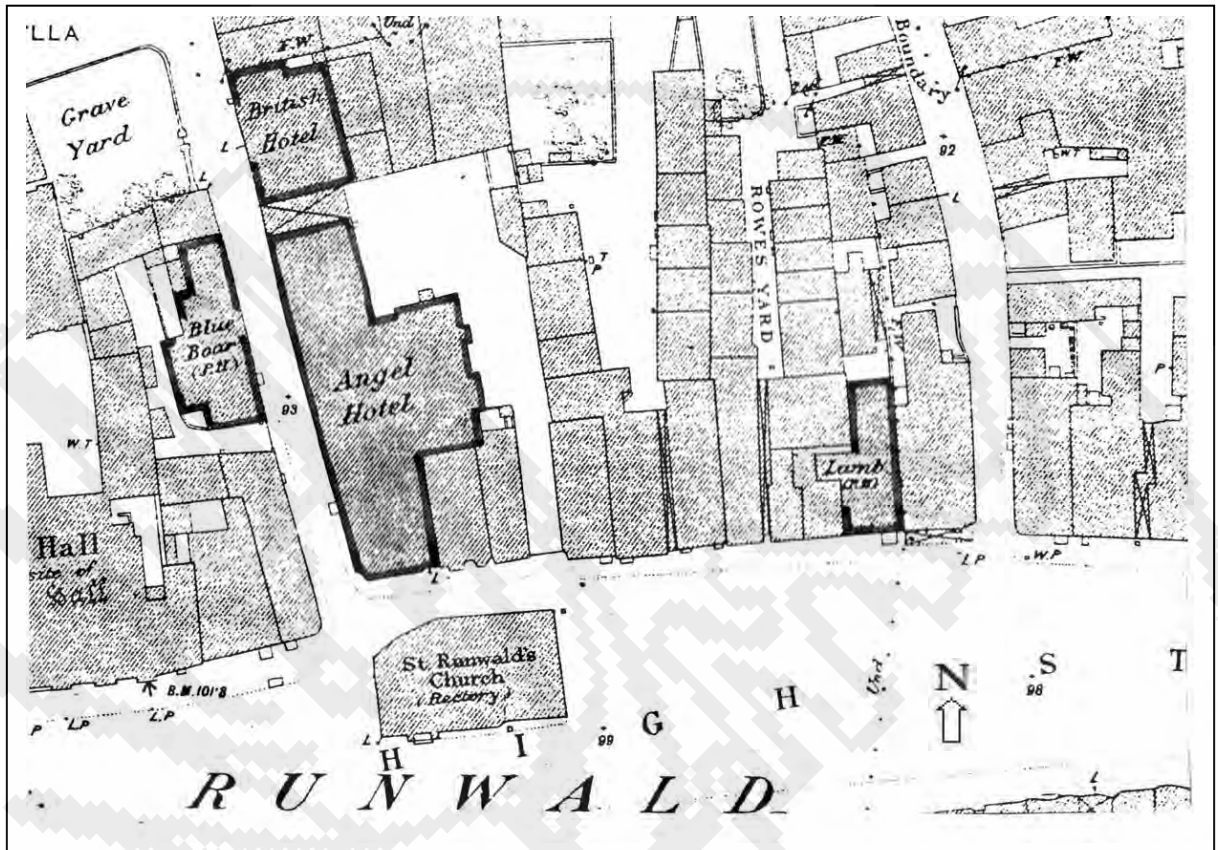
43 (Perseverance)
44 Swan
45 Ordnance Arms



1876 OS Map Extract 352 and 353

46 Cups
47 Blue Boar
48 British Hotel
49 Angel Hotel

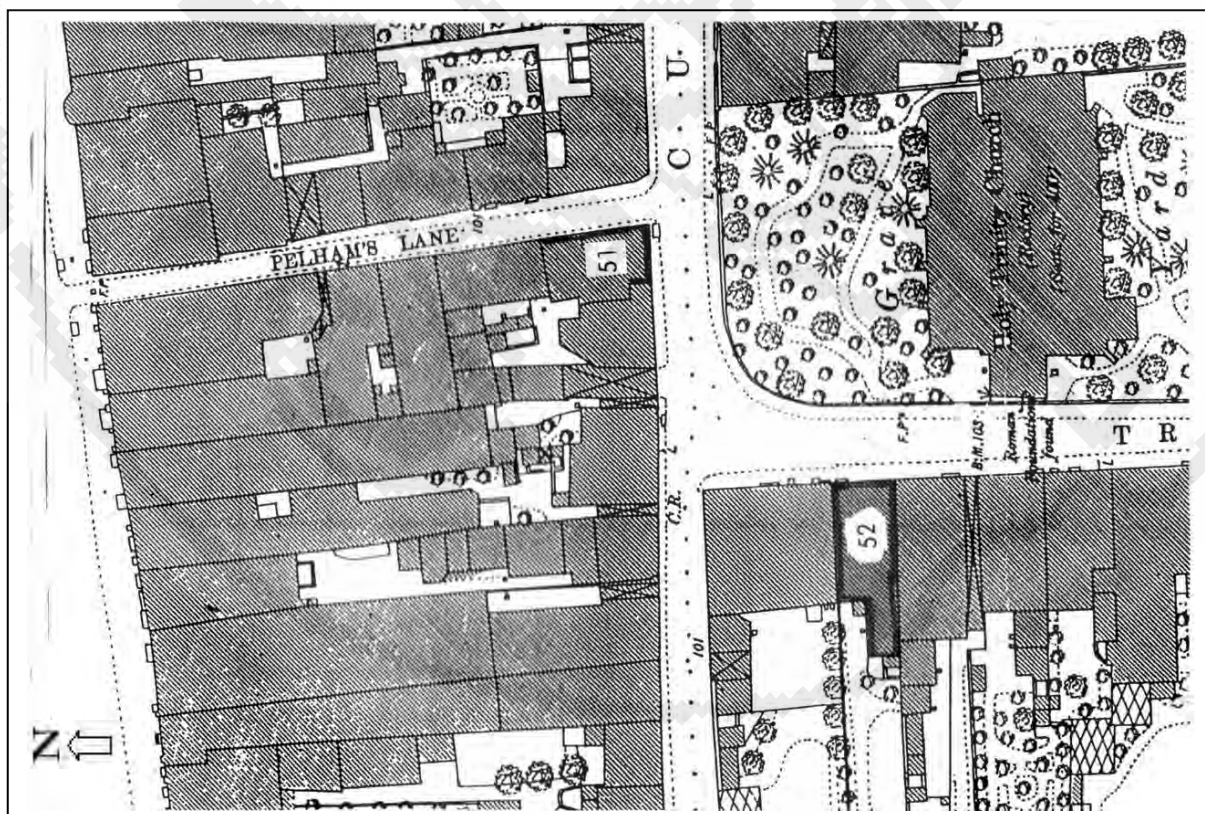
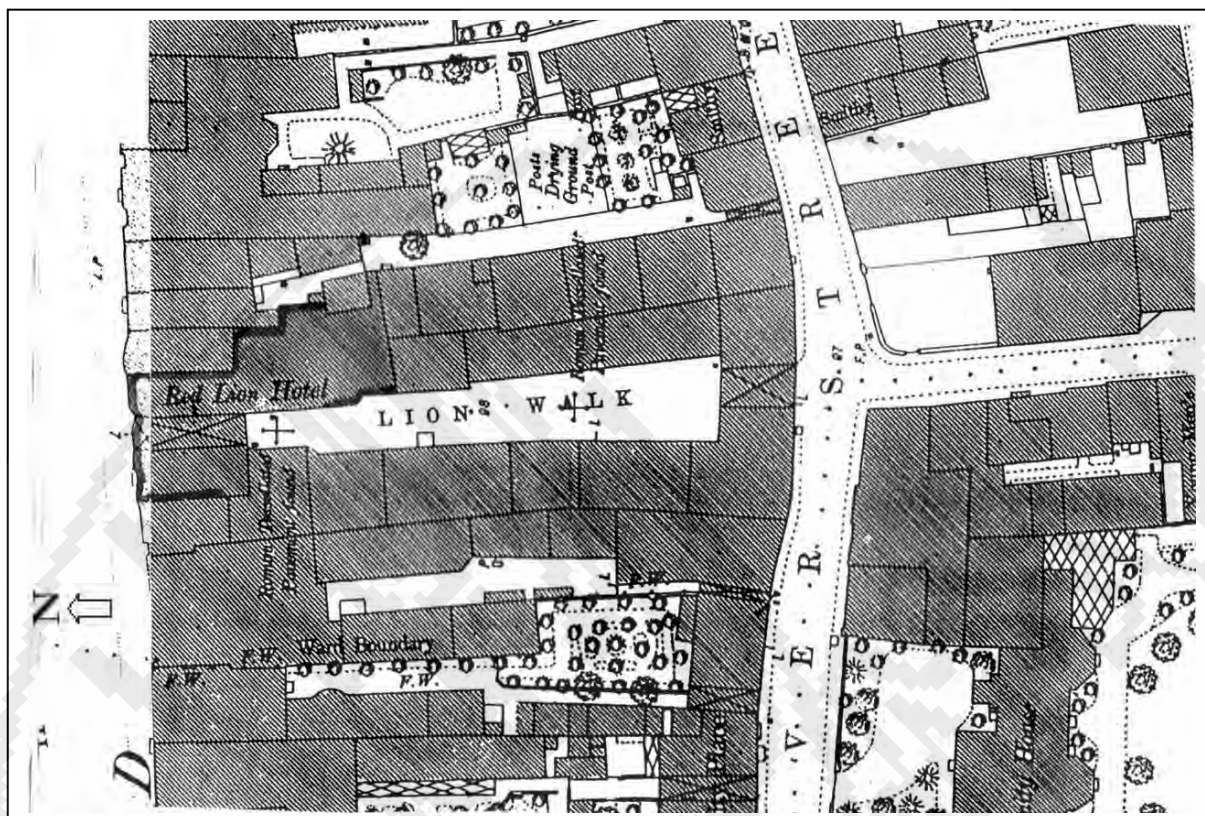
47 Blue Boar
48 British Hotel
49 Angel Hotel
50 Lamb Inn



1876 OS Map Extract 354 and 355

51 (Queen Elizabeth's Head)
52 (Cups)

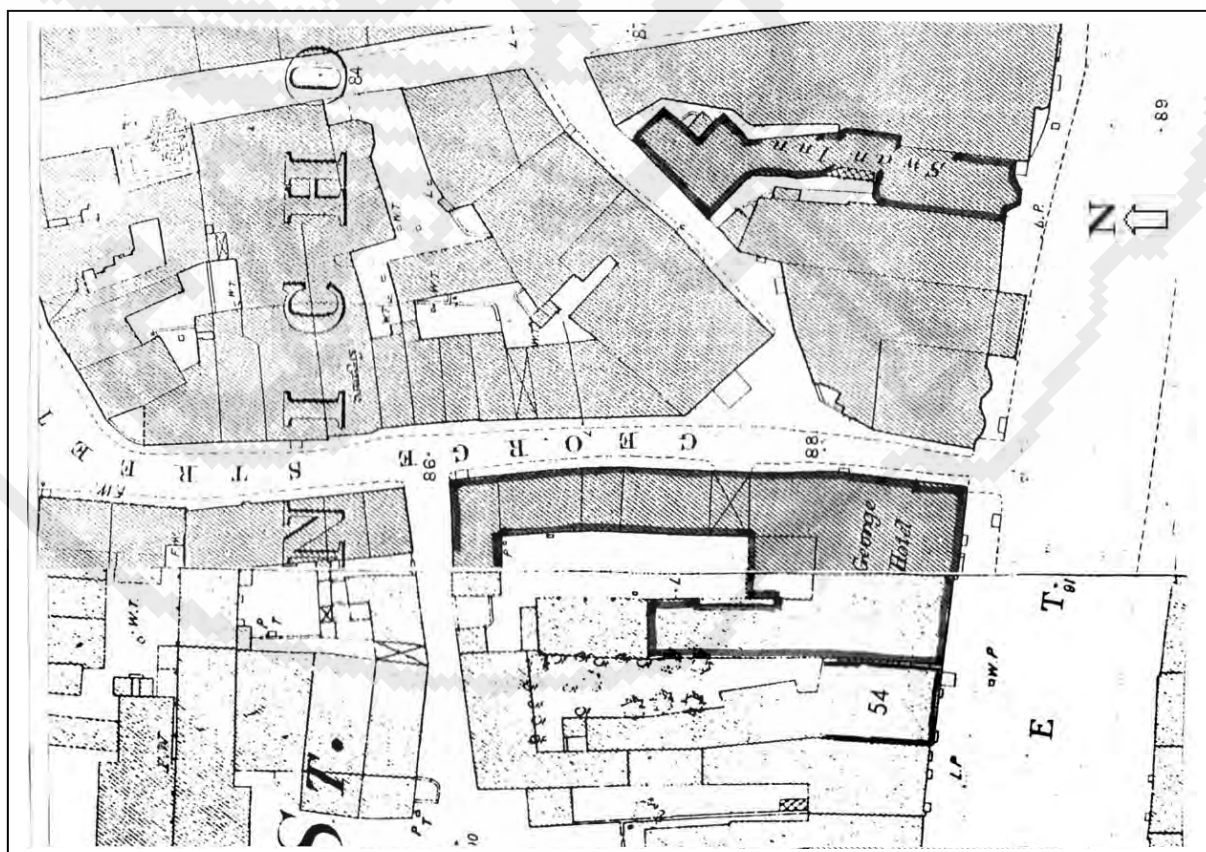
53 Red Lion



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54 (Wheatsheaf)
55 George Hotel
56 Swan Inn

57 Cross Keys
58 Sea Horse Inn

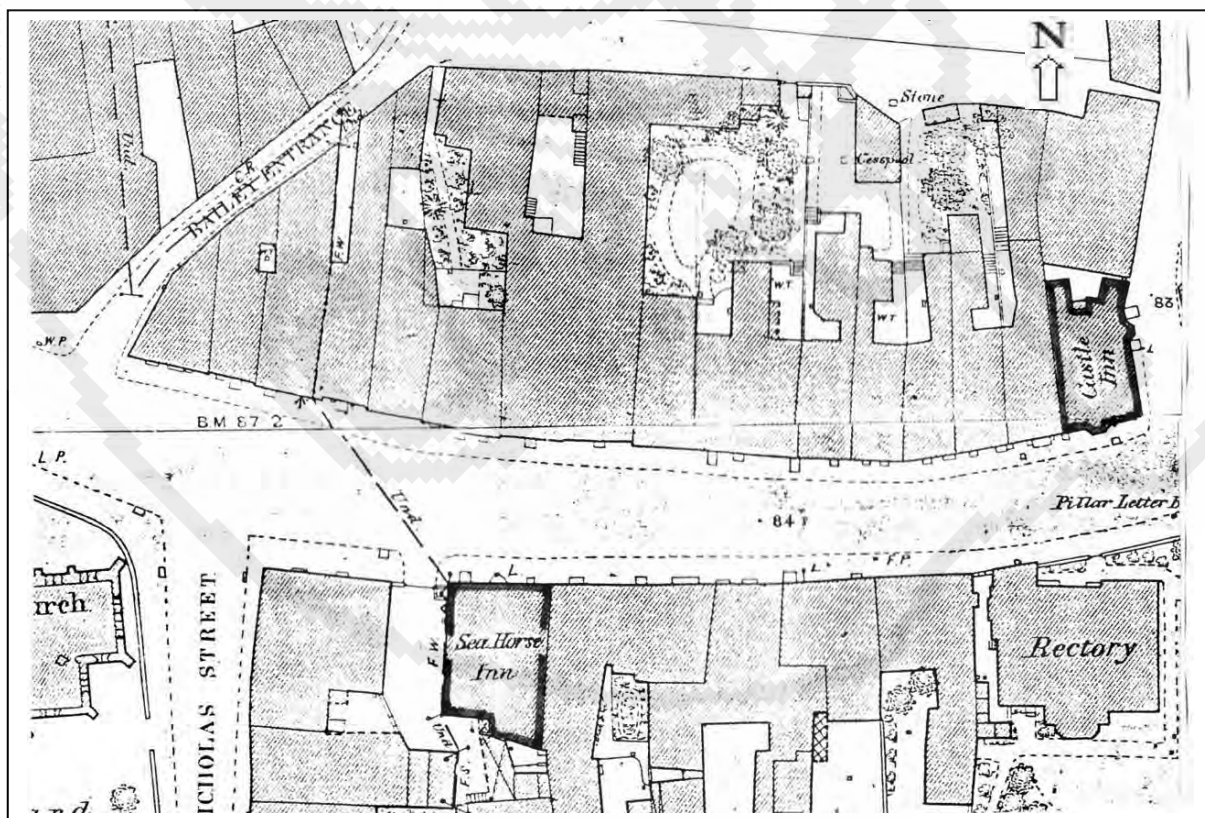
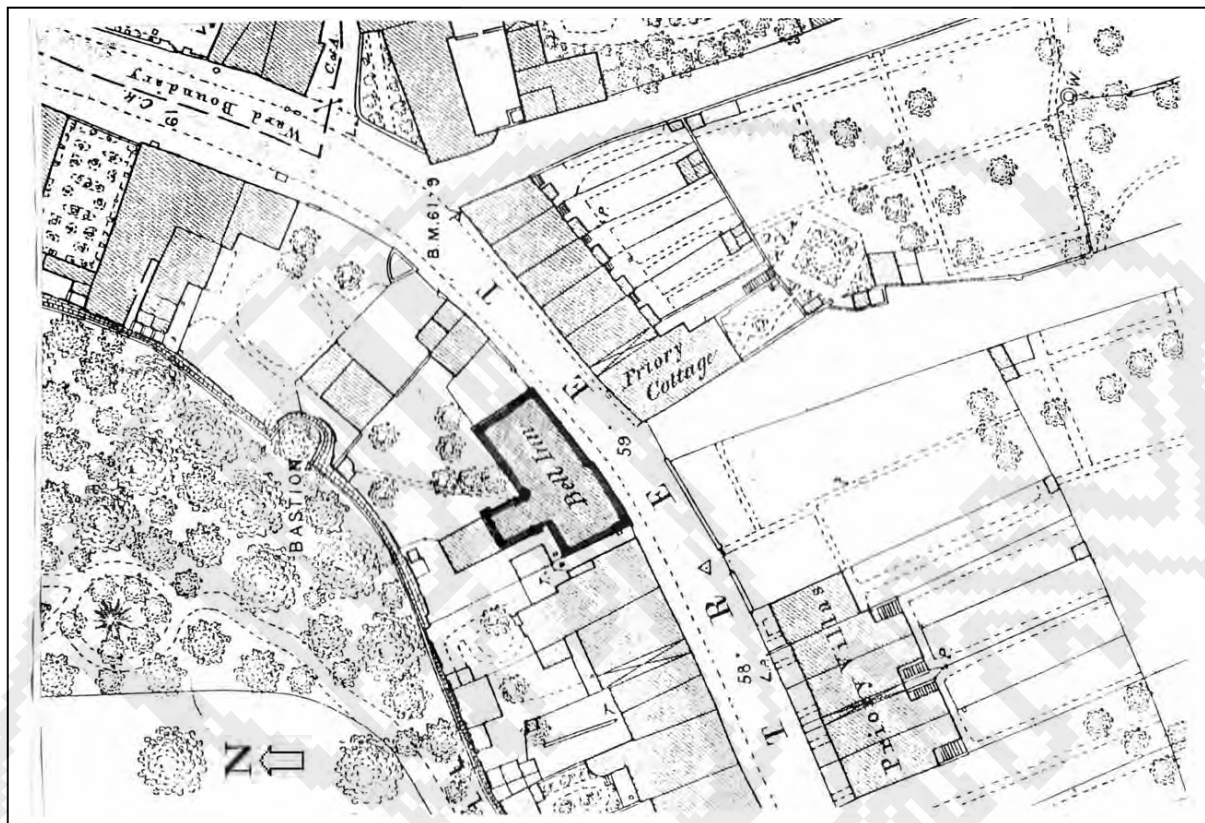


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58 Sea Horse Inn

60 Bell Inn

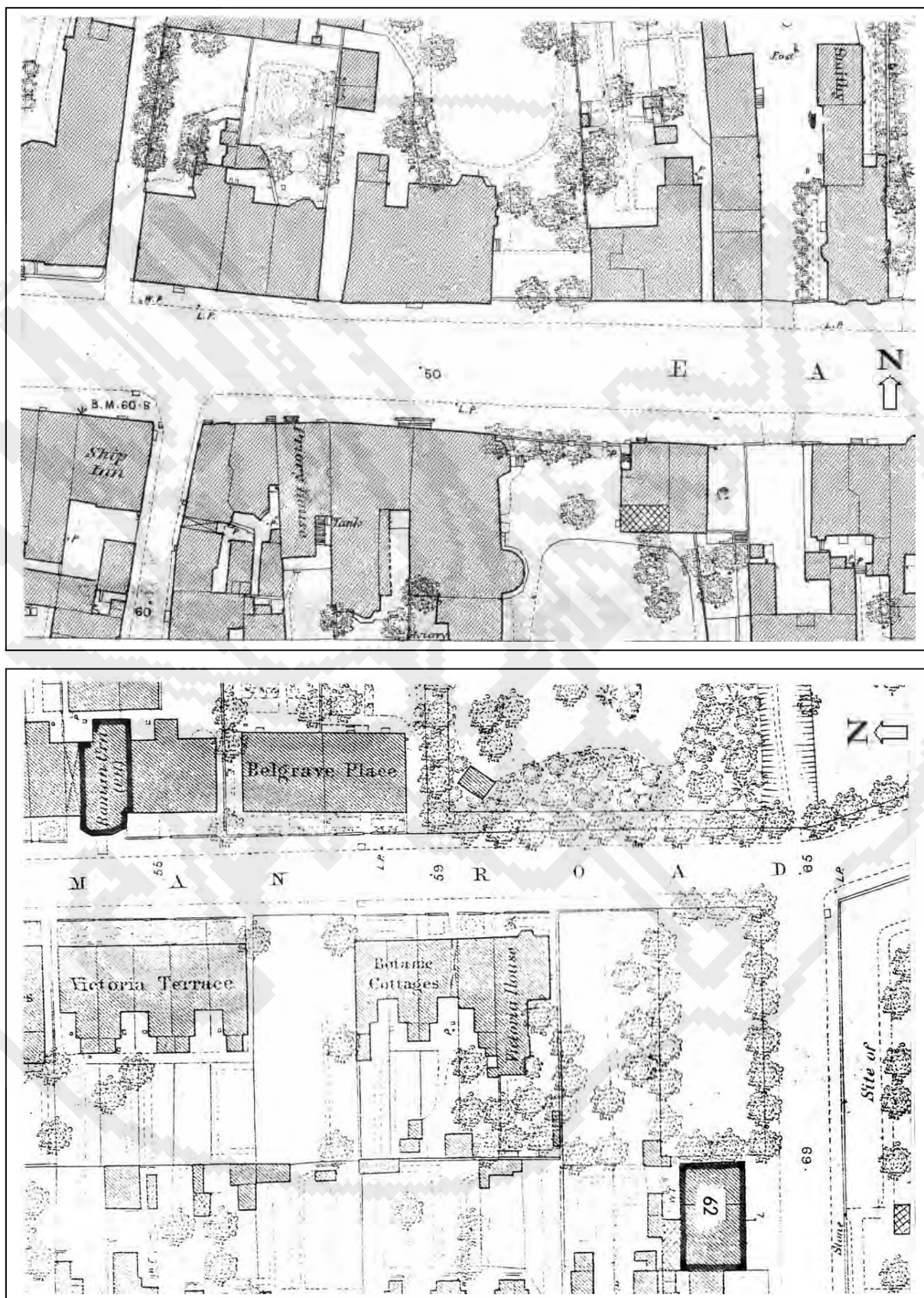
59 Castle Inn



1876 OS Map Extract 360 and 361

61 Roman Urn
62 (Forester's Arms)

63 Ship Inn, East Hill

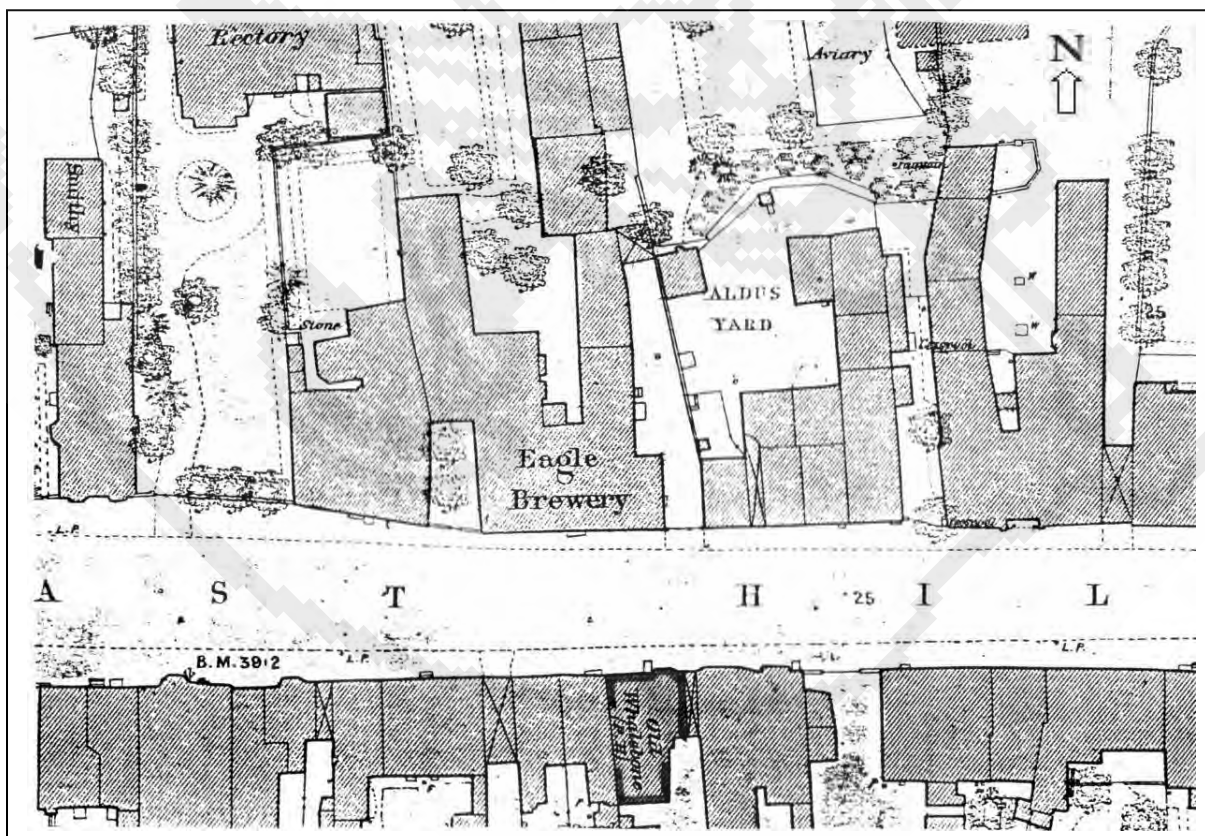


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64 Old Whalebone

65 Goat and Boots Inn

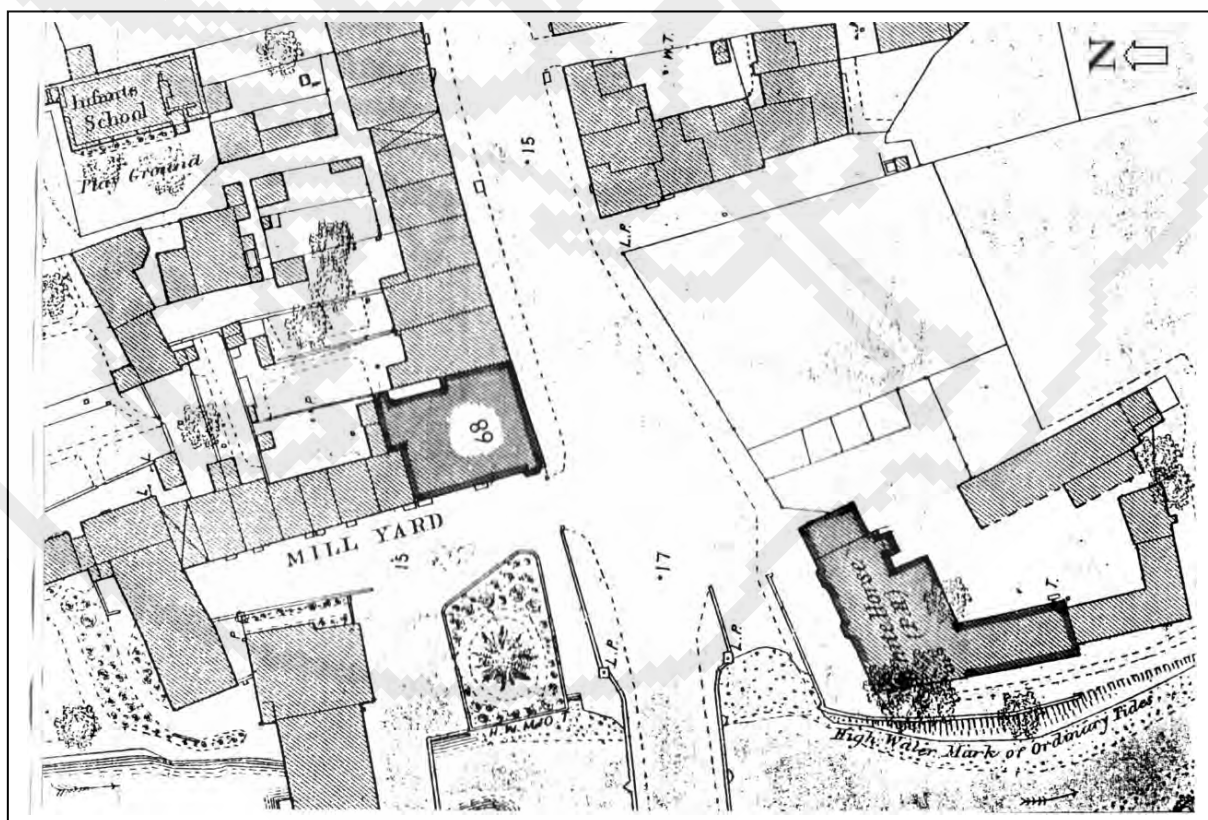
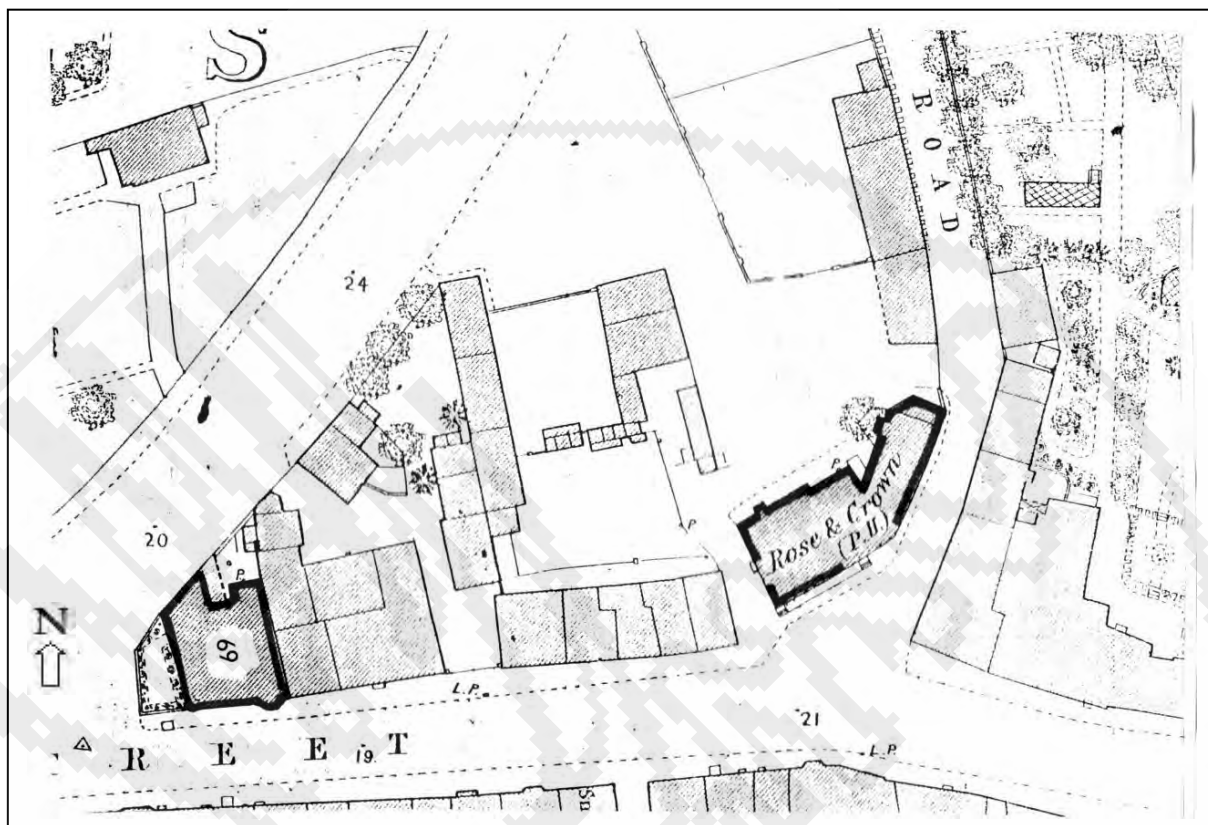
66 (Mitre)



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67 White Horse
68 (Siege House)

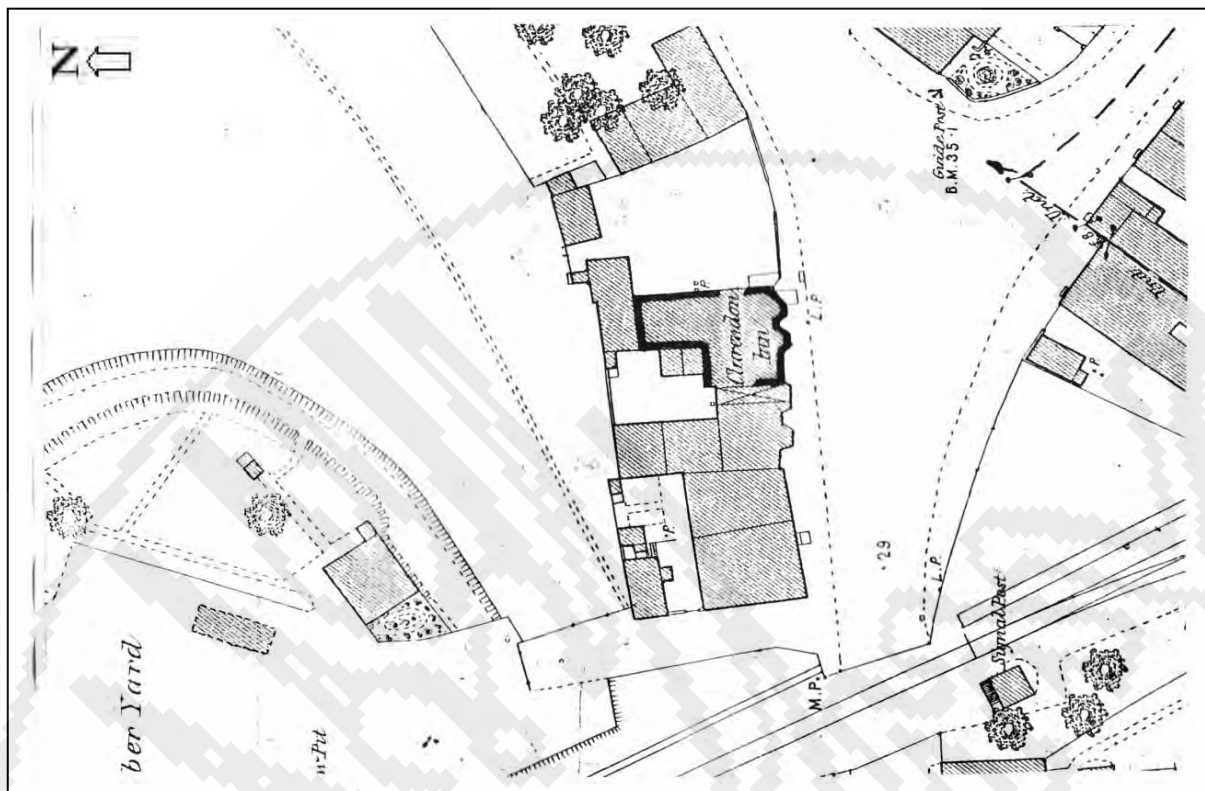
69 (Welcome Sailor)
70 Rose and Crown



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71 Rifleman

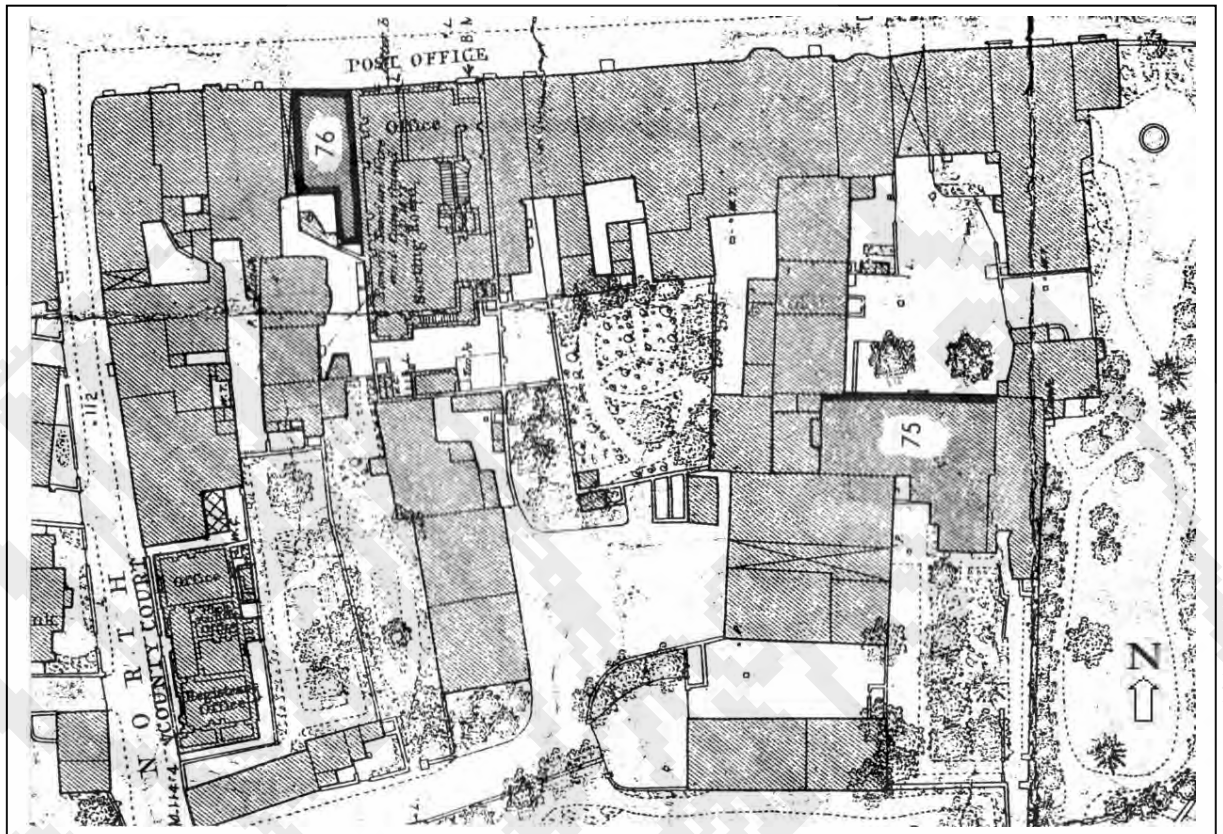
72 Clarendon Inn



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73 Dragoon
74 Royal Artillery Inn

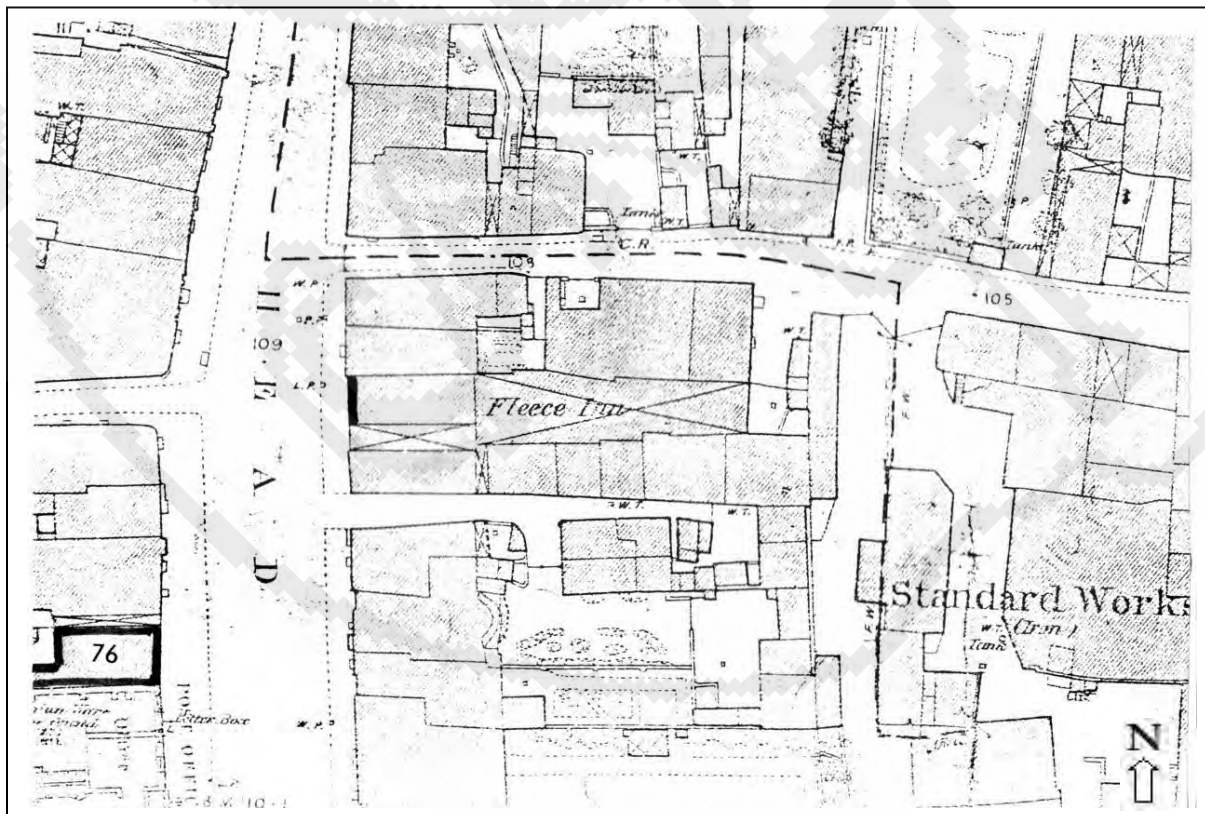
75 (King's Head)
76 (Alexandra)



1876 OS Map Extract 370 and 371

76 (Alexandra)
77 Fleece Inn

78 Waggon and Horses

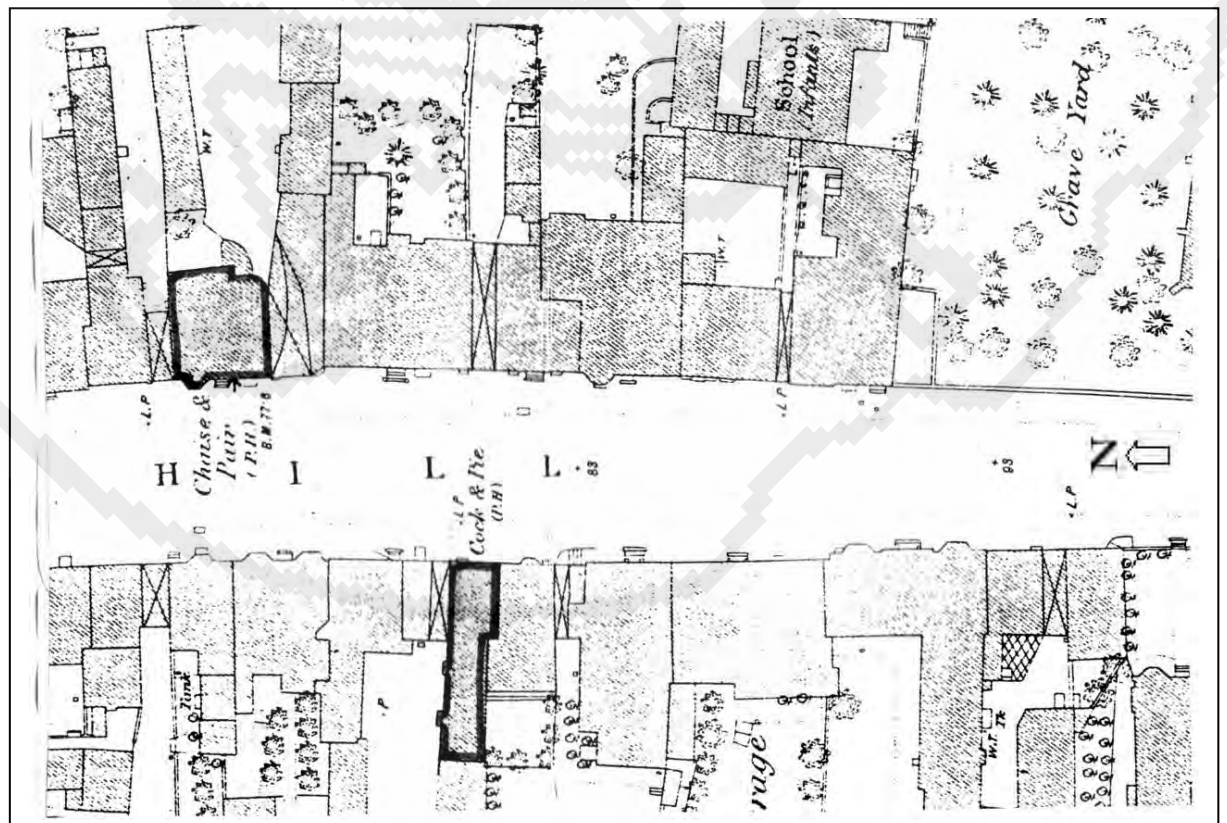
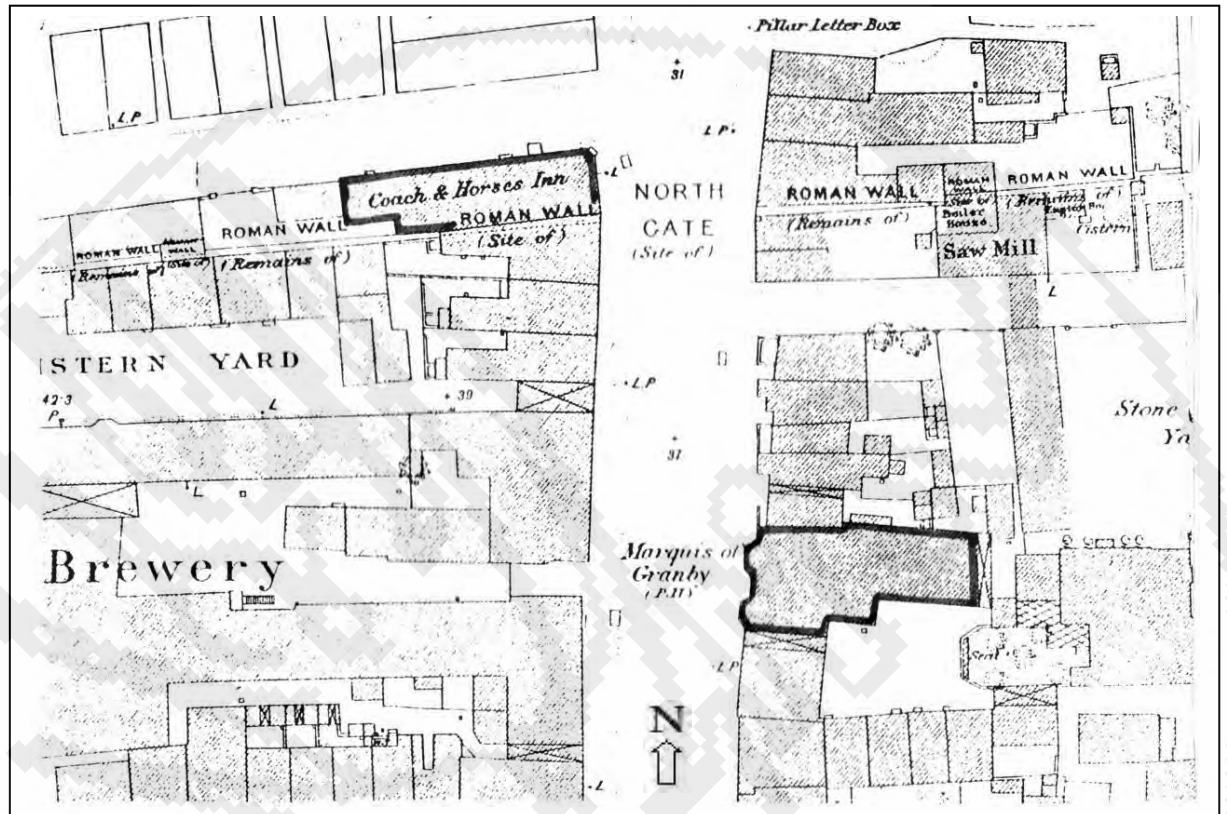


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79 Cock and Pie
80 Chaise and Pair

81 Marquis of Granby
82 Coach and Horses Inn

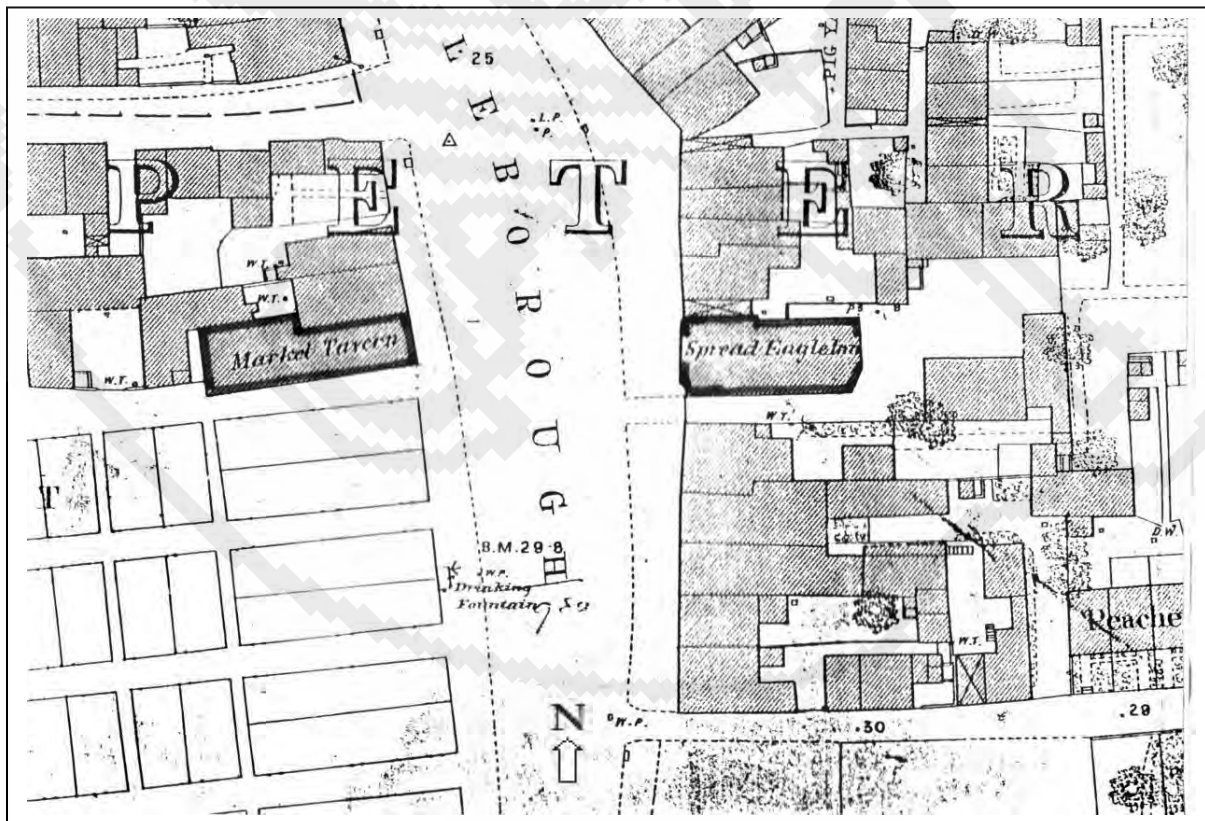
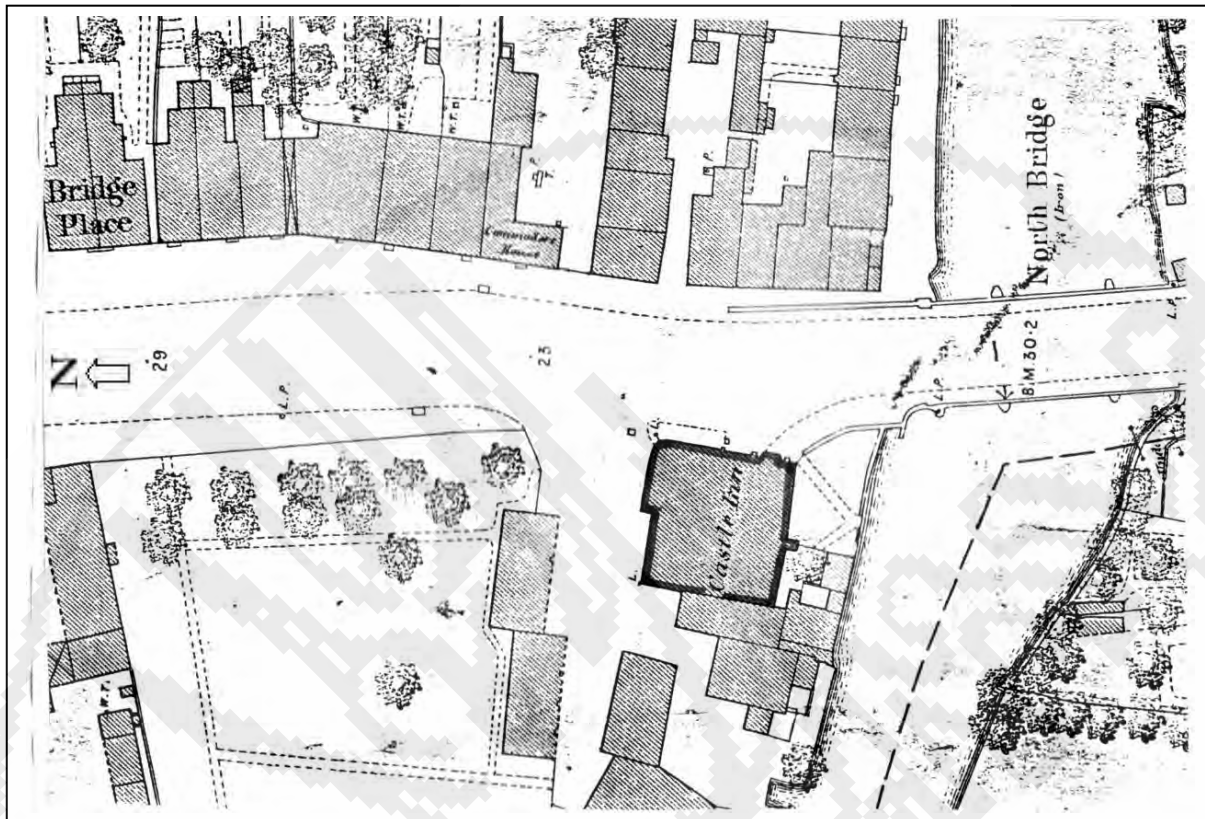
also shown is what was once the Cobbold's Brewery with the source of water at Cistern Yard



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83 Market Tavern
84 Spread Eagle Inn

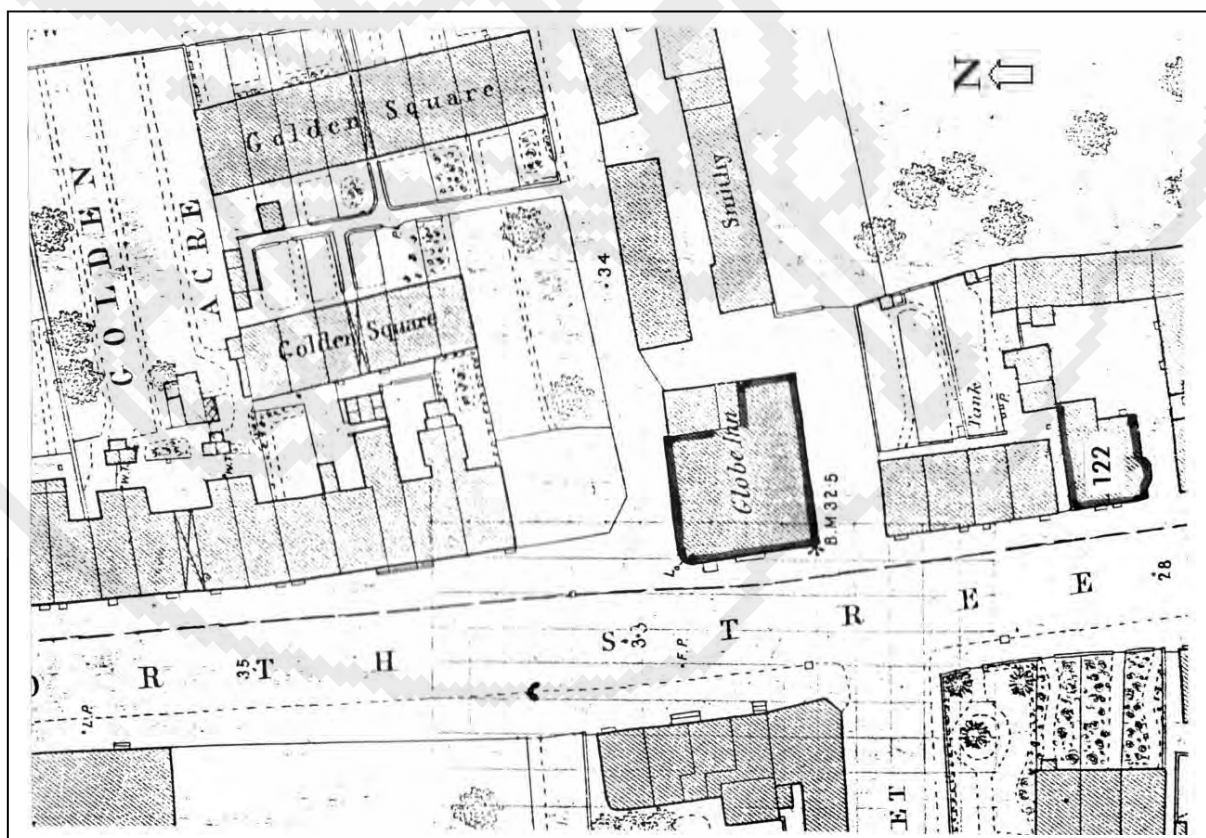
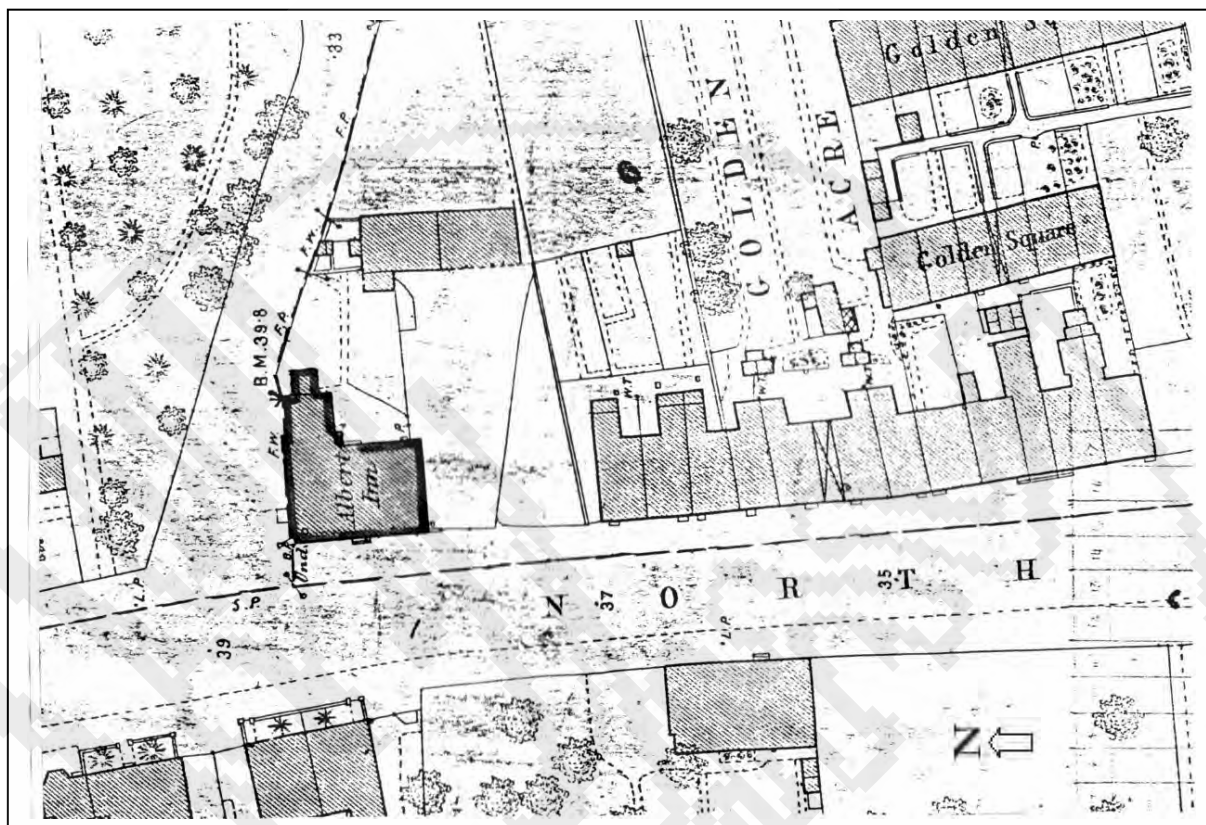
85 Castle Inn



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86 Globe Inn
122 (Tramway Tavern)

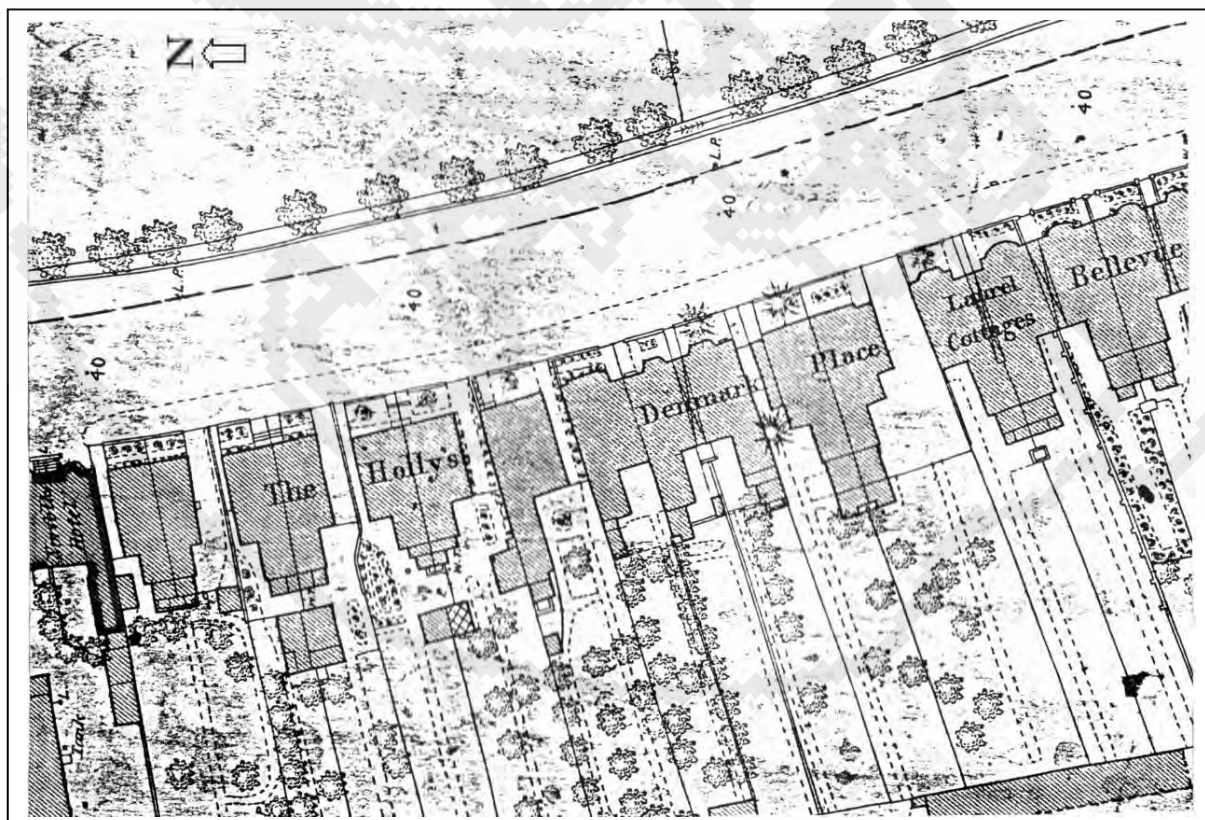
87 Albert Inn



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88 Norfolk Hotel (on outer edge of map)

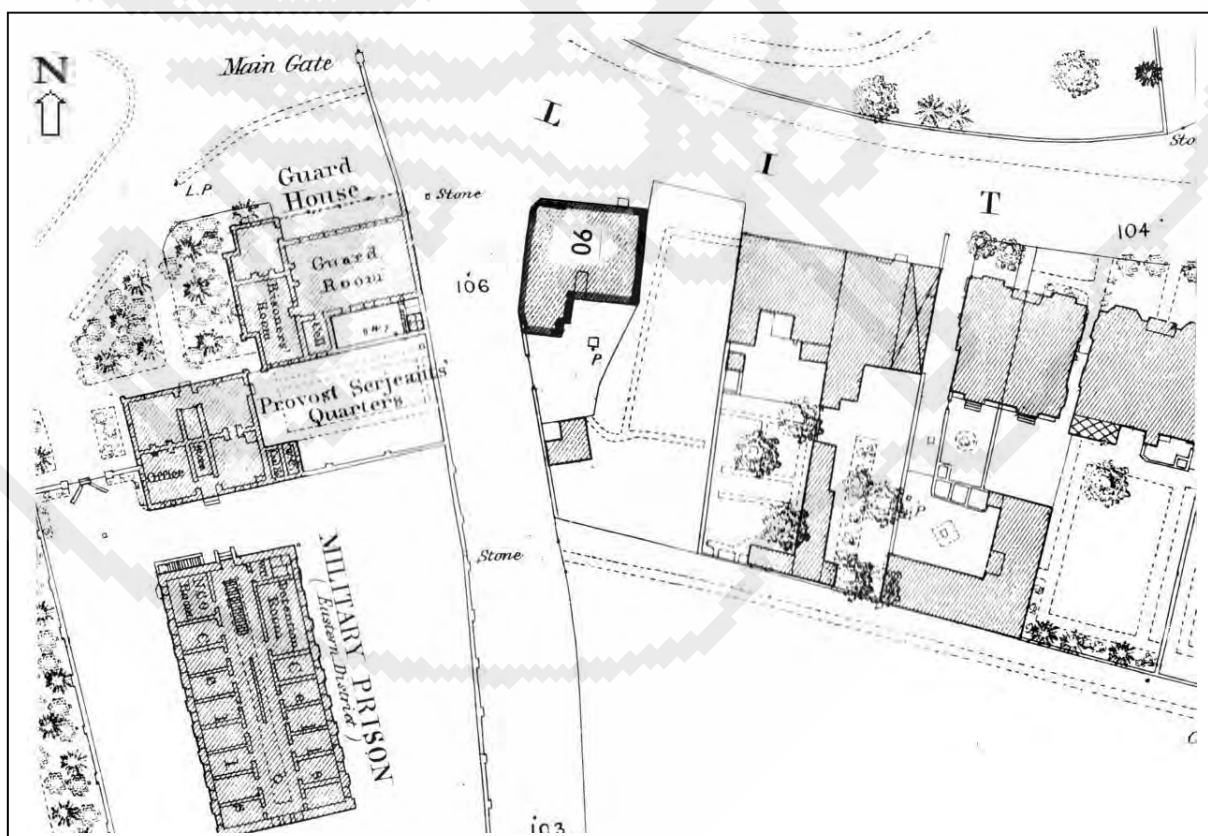
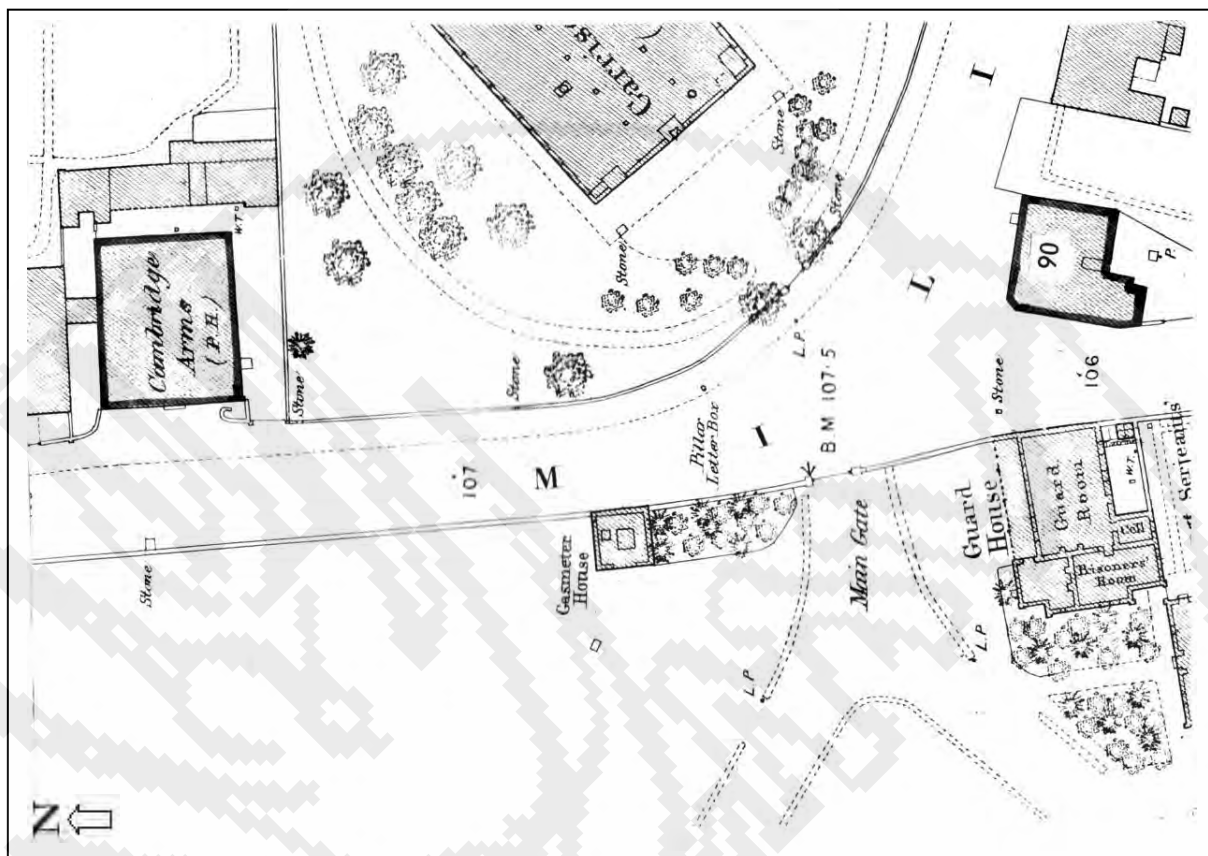
89 (Royal Mortar - 1)



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90 (British Grenadier)

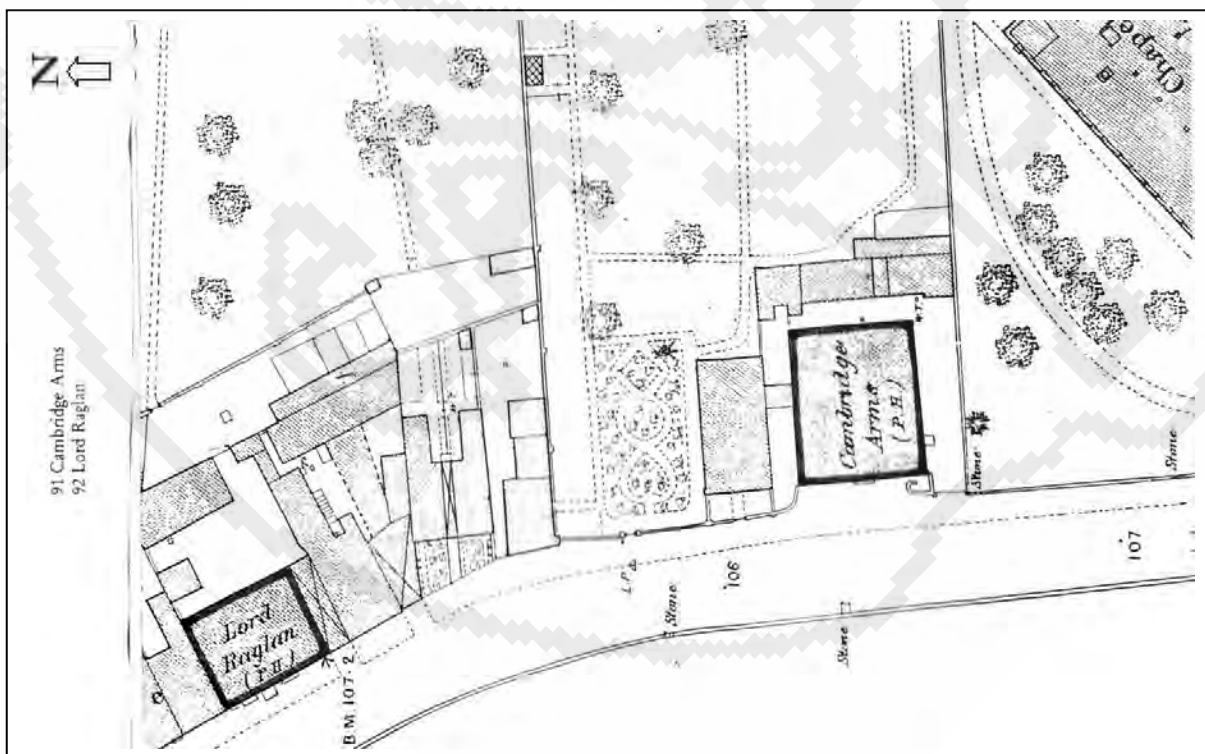
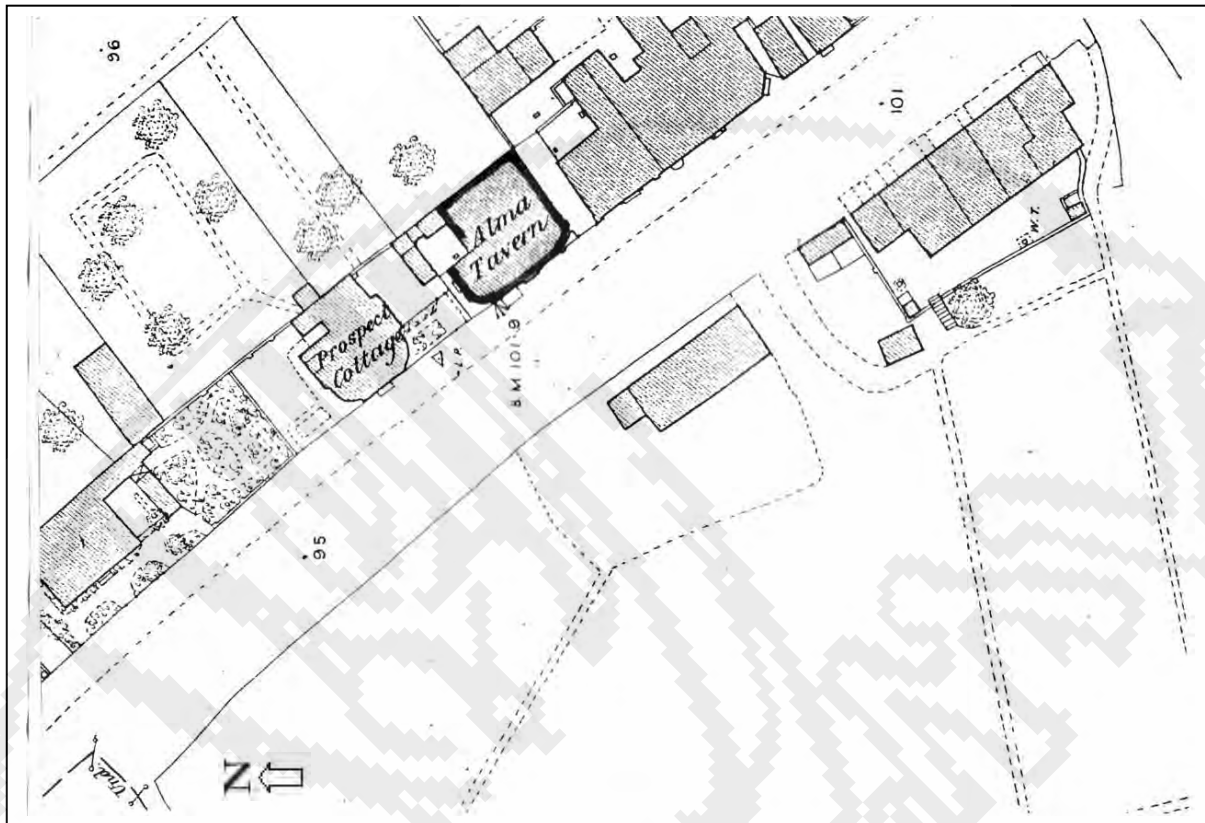
90 (British Grenadier)
91 Cambridge Arms



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91 Cambridge Arms
92 Lord Raglan

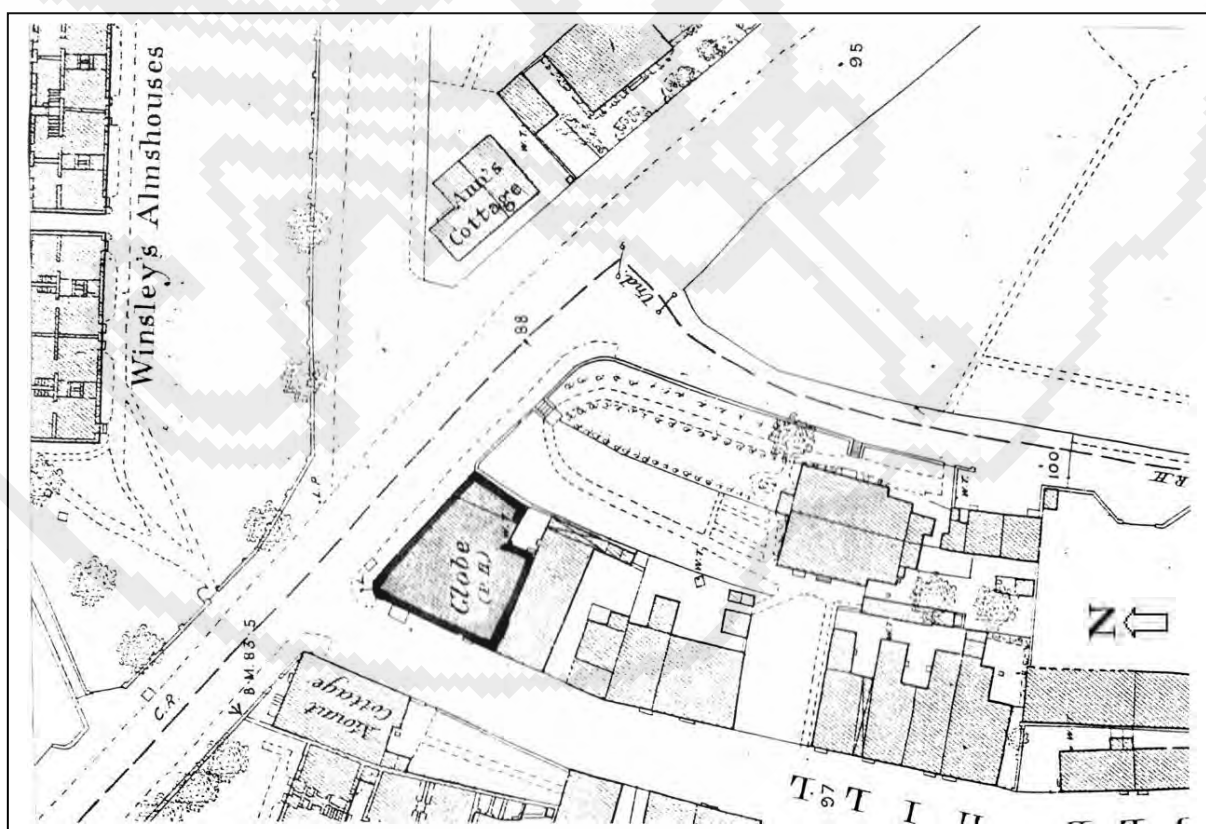
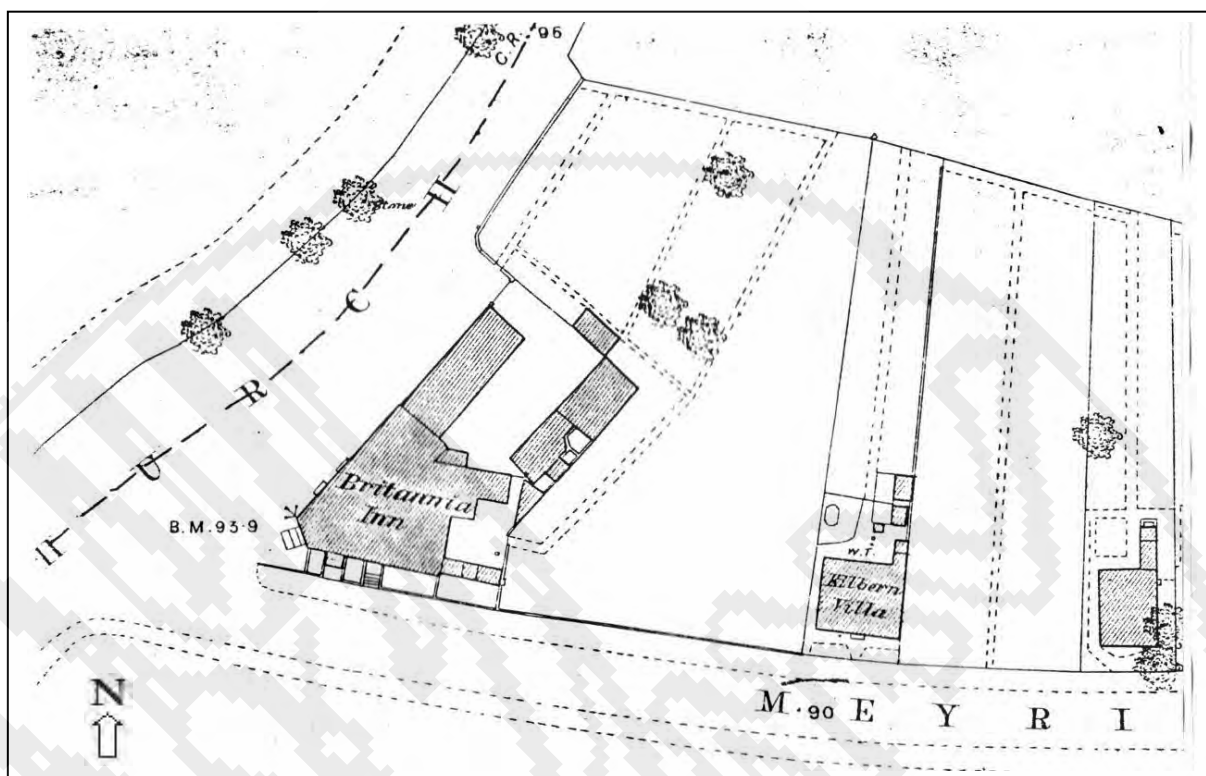
93 Alma Tavern



1876 OS Map Extract 384 and 385

94 Globe

95 Britannia Inn



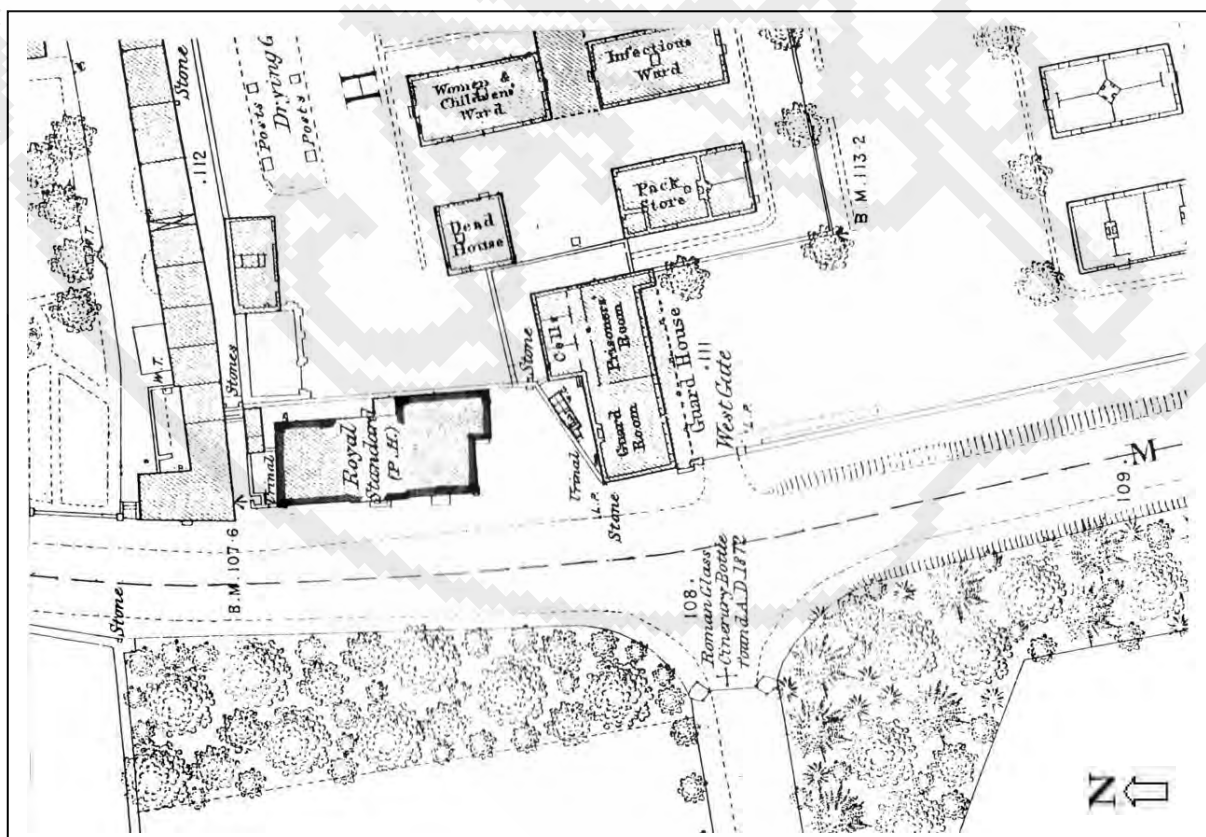
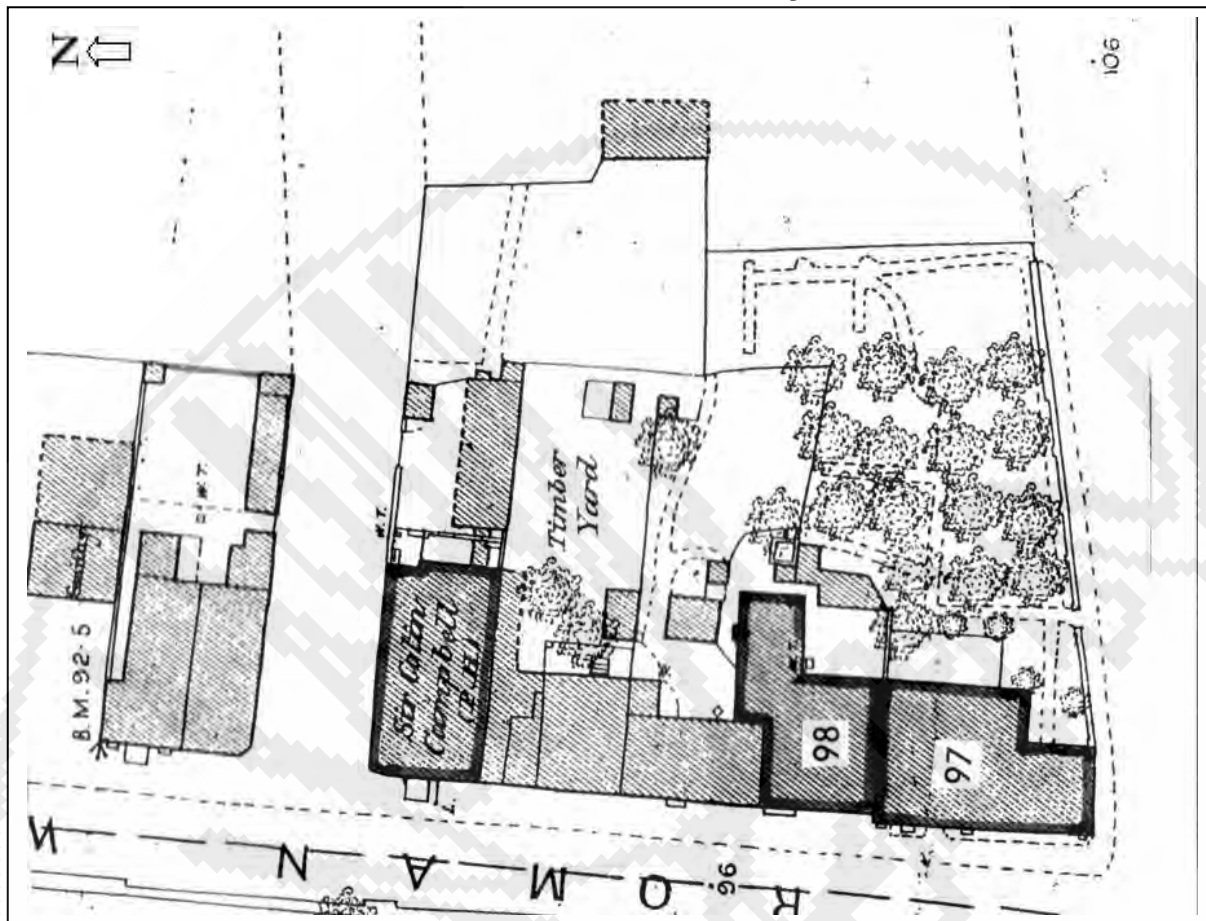
1876 OS Map Extract 386 and 387

96 Royal Standard

97 (Odd One Out) (Mermaid -2)

98 (Mermaid - 1)

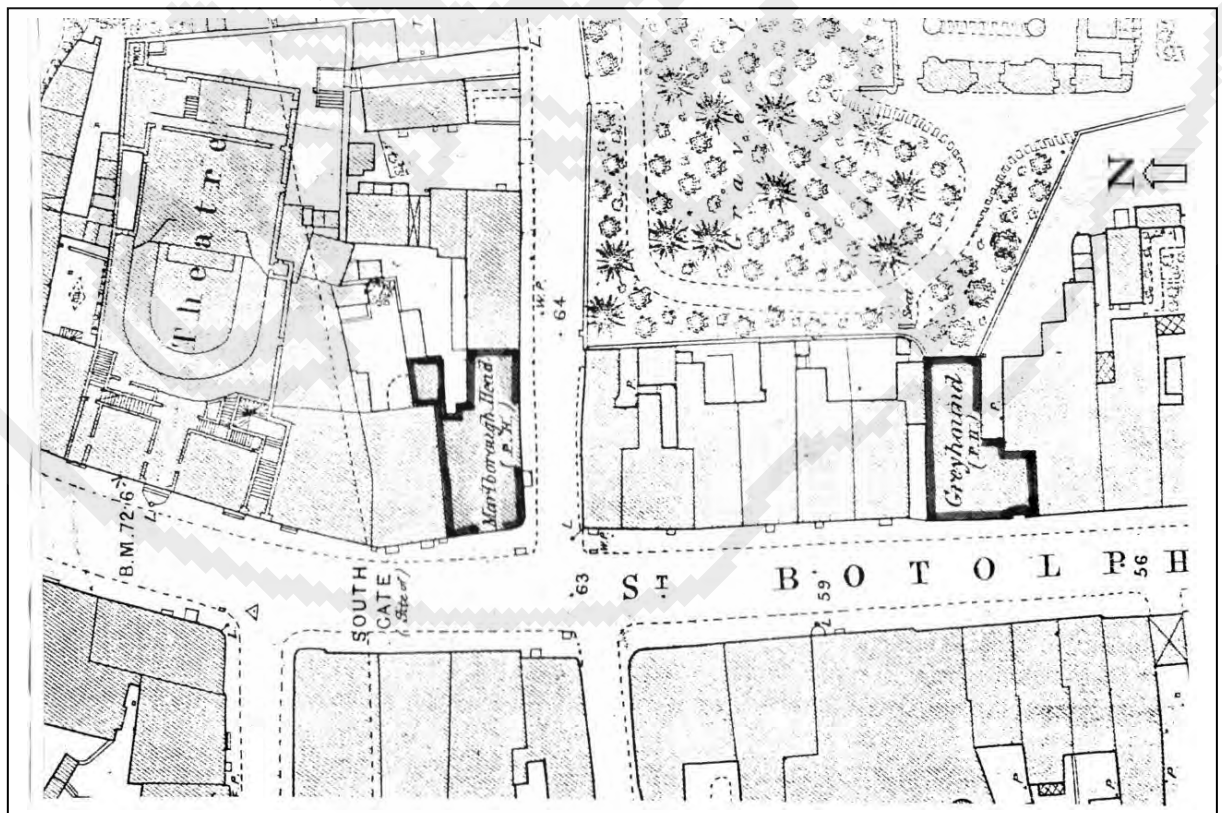
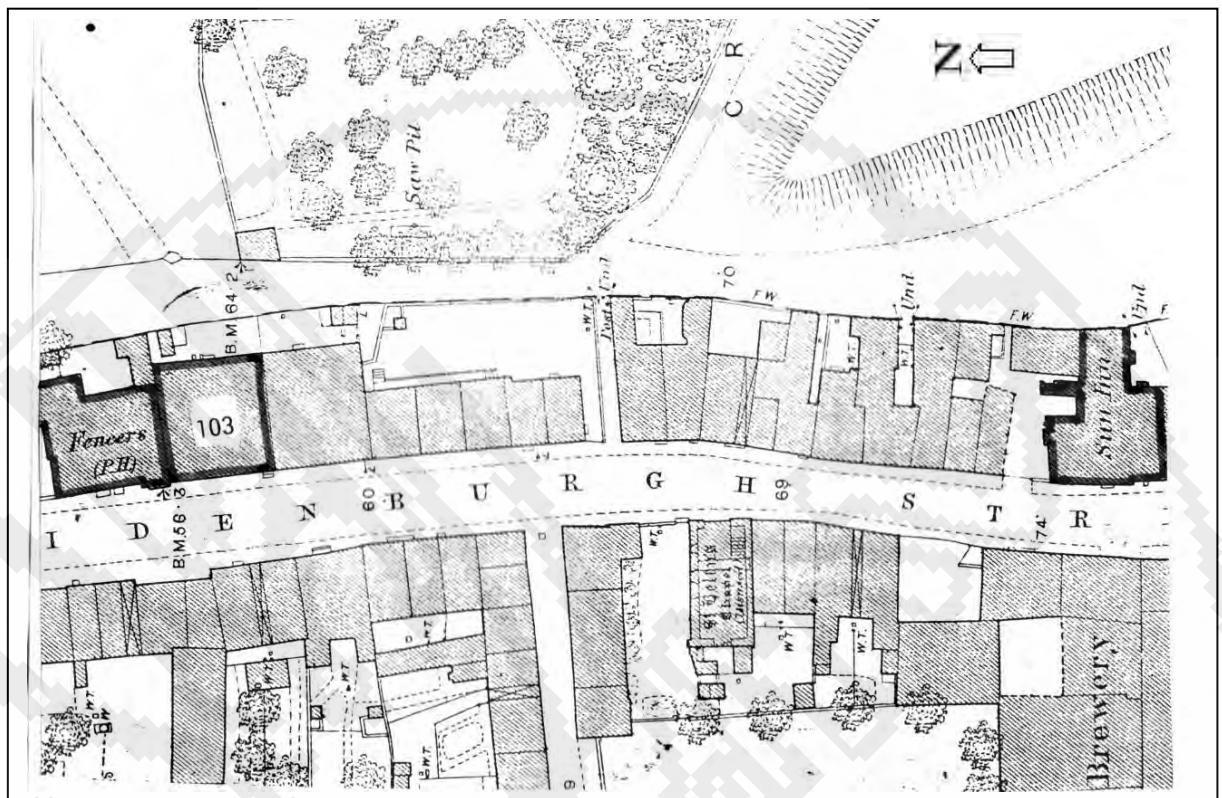
99 Sir Colin Campbell



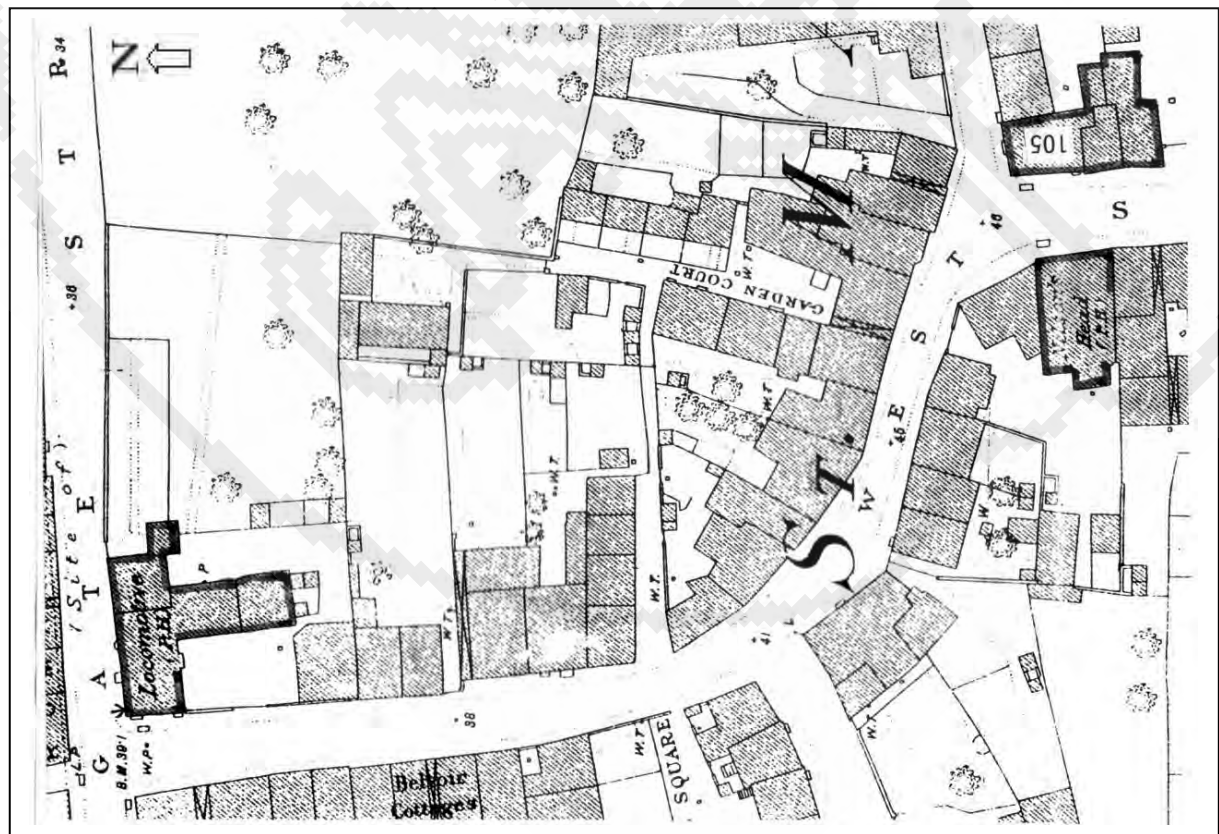
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100 Greyhound
101 Marlborough Head

102 Sun Inn
103 (Artillery Arms)
104 Fencers



105 (Stockwell Arms)	109 (Royal Oak)
106 Nelson's Head	109 (Bird in Hand)
107 Locomotive	



1876 OS Map Extract 392 and 393

110 Grosvenor Hotel

111 Crown and Sceptre
112 (New Inn)

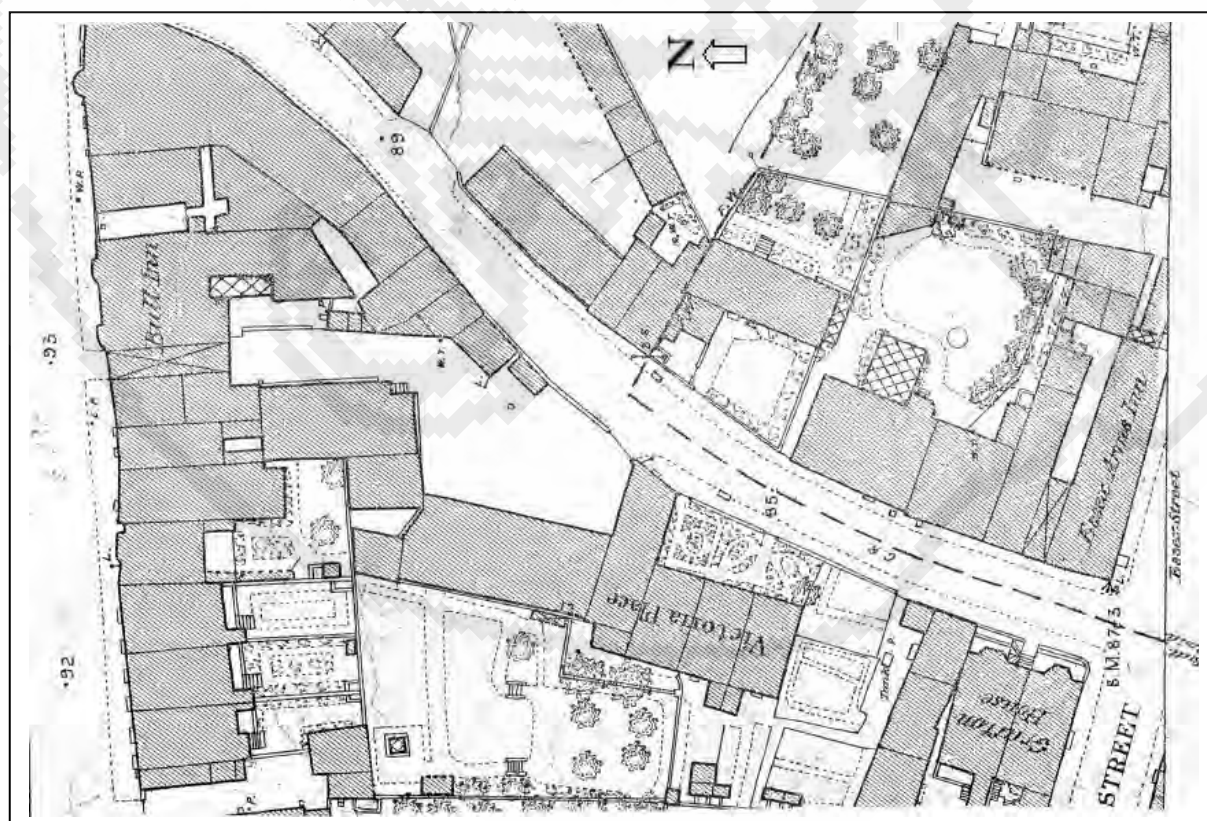


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6 The Bull Inn

114 Carpenter's Arms

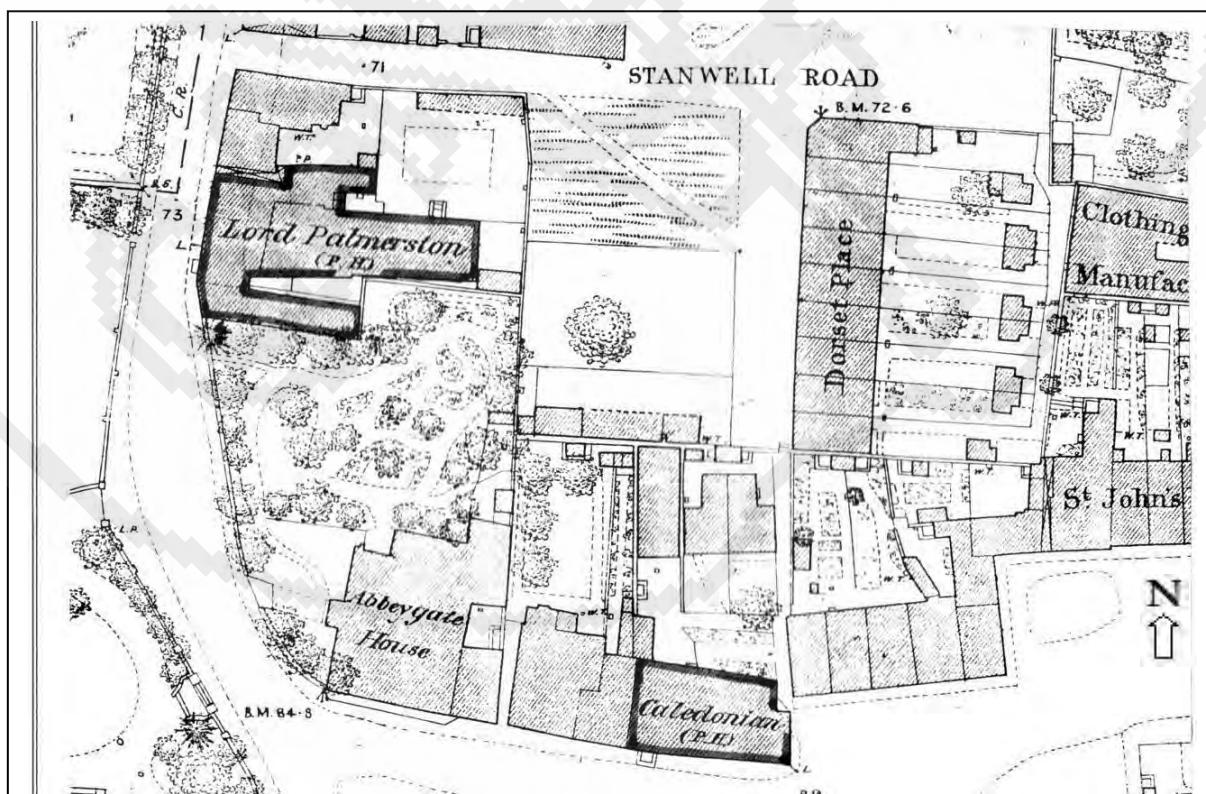
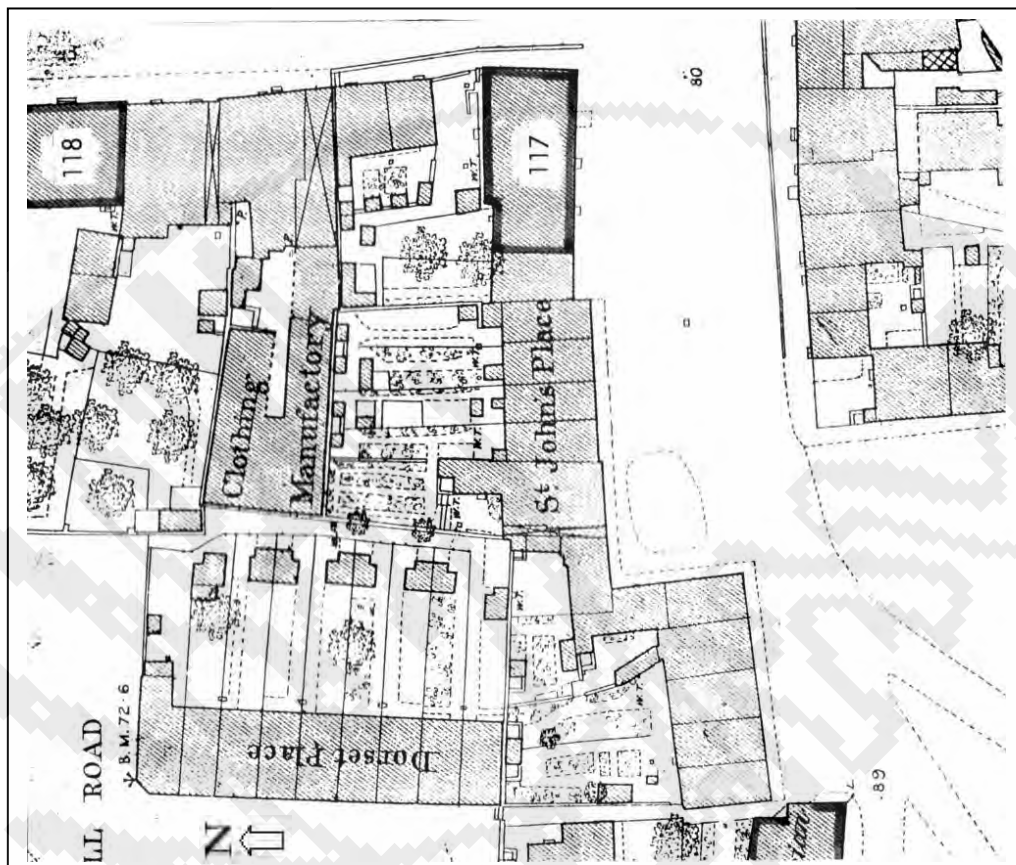
113 Essex Arms Inn



1876 OS Map Extract 396 and 397

115 Lord Palmerston
116 Caledonian

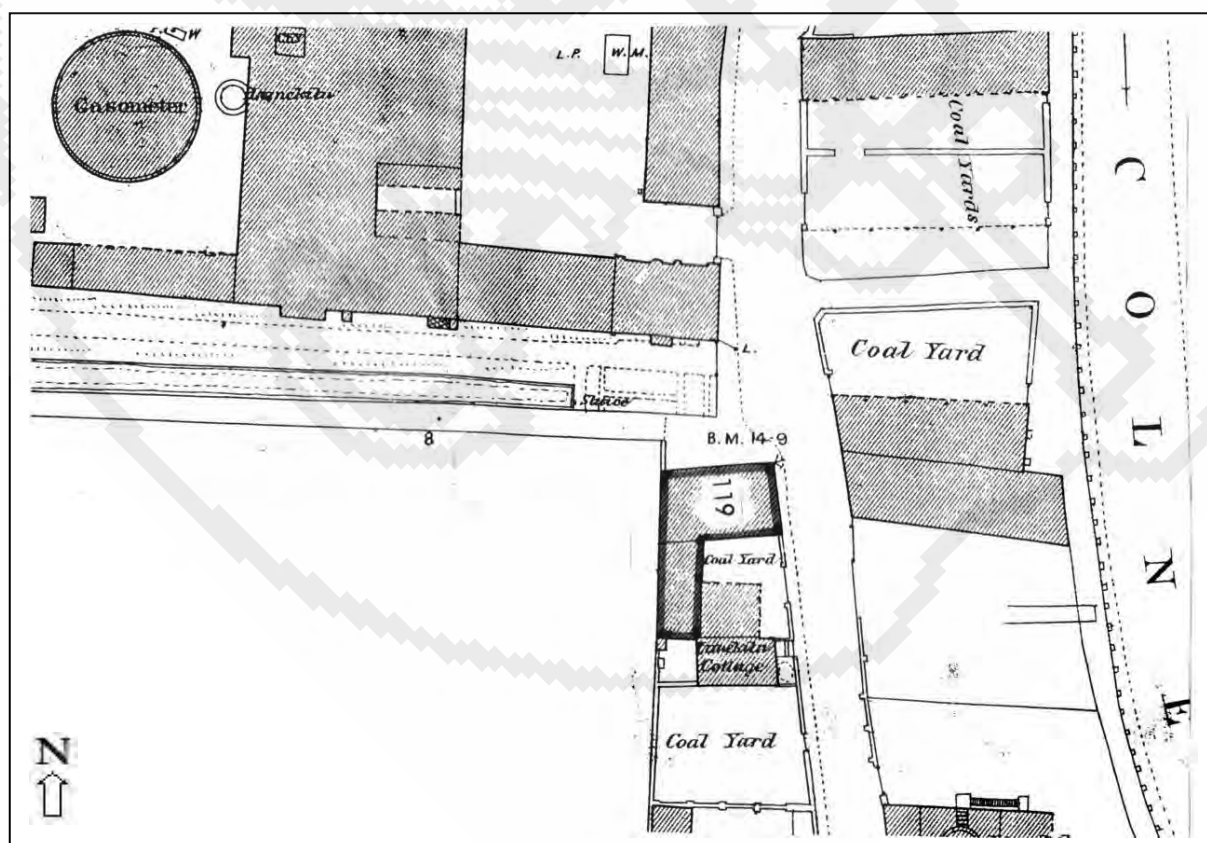
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117 (Gardener's Arms)
118 (Crown and Anchor)



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119 (Anchor, Hythe Quay)

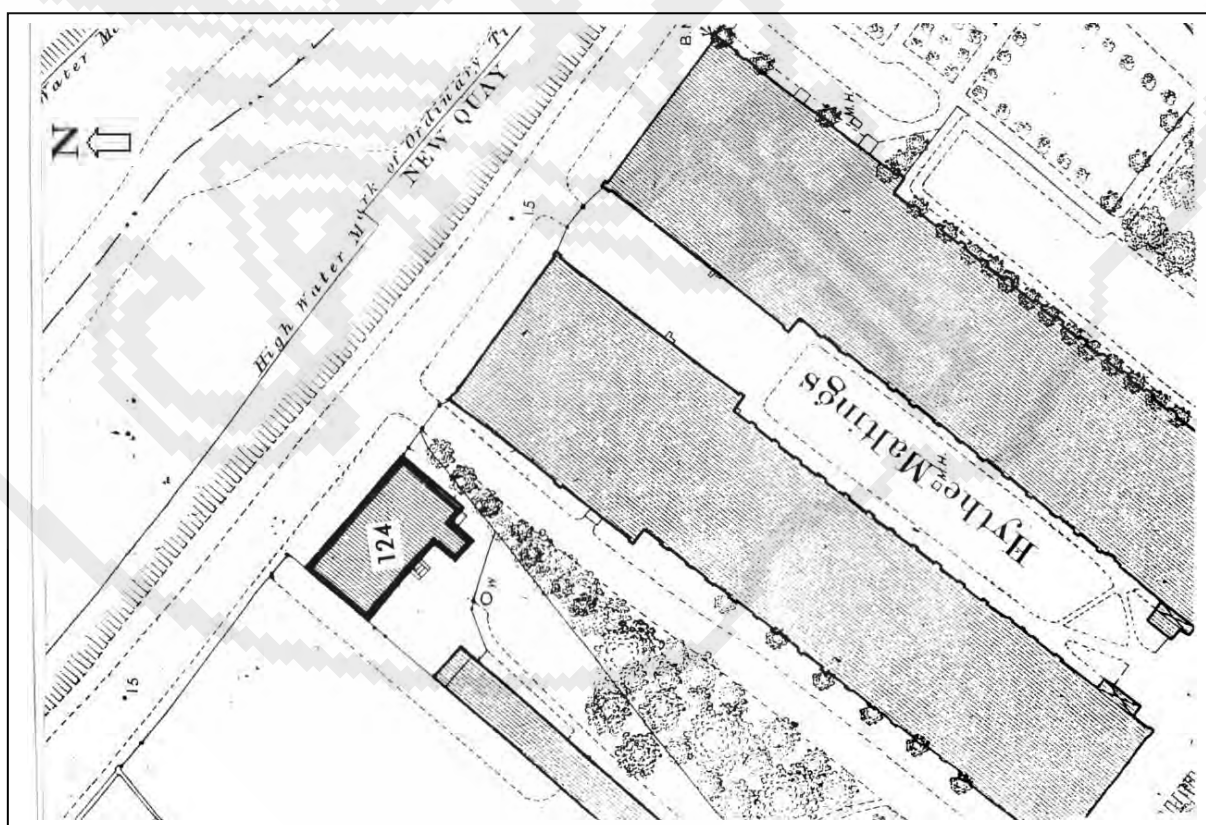
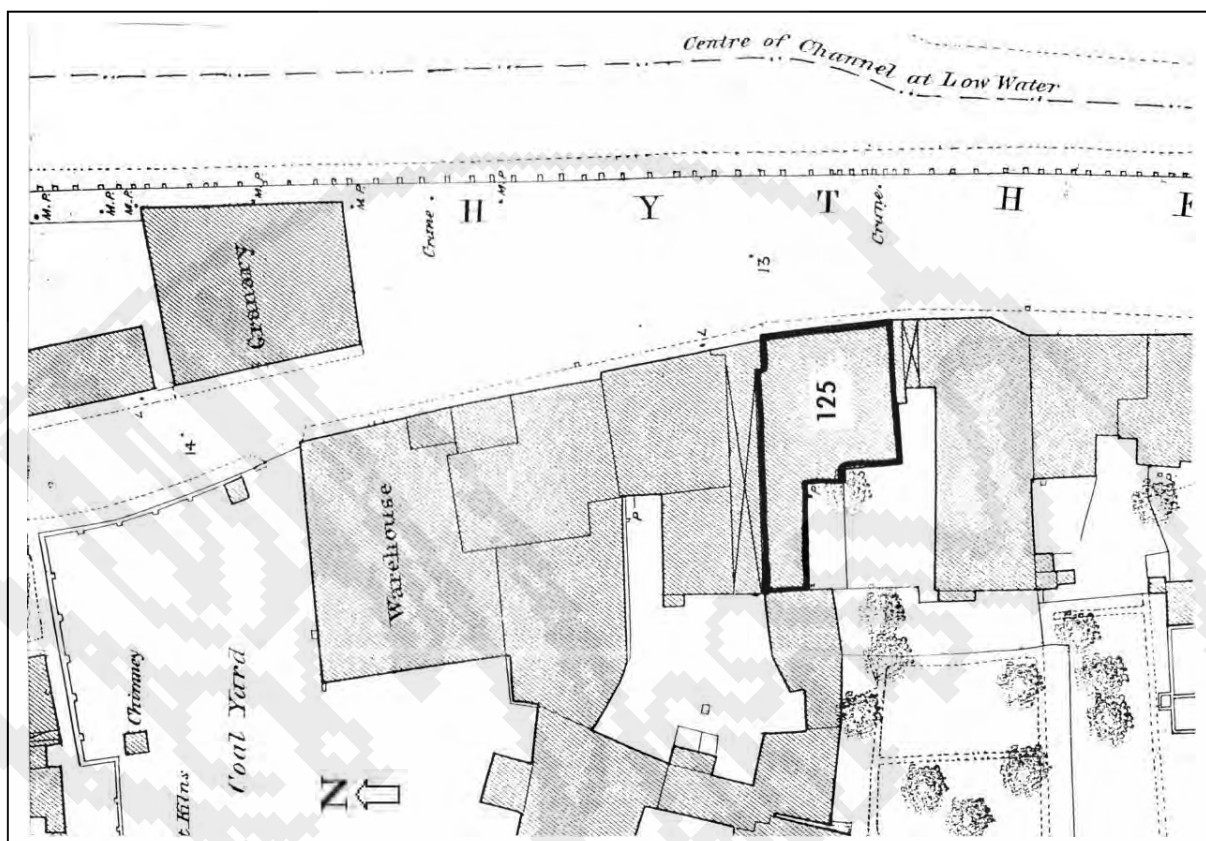
123 (Oddfellows Arms)



1876 OS Map Extract 400 and 401

124 (New Dock Inn)

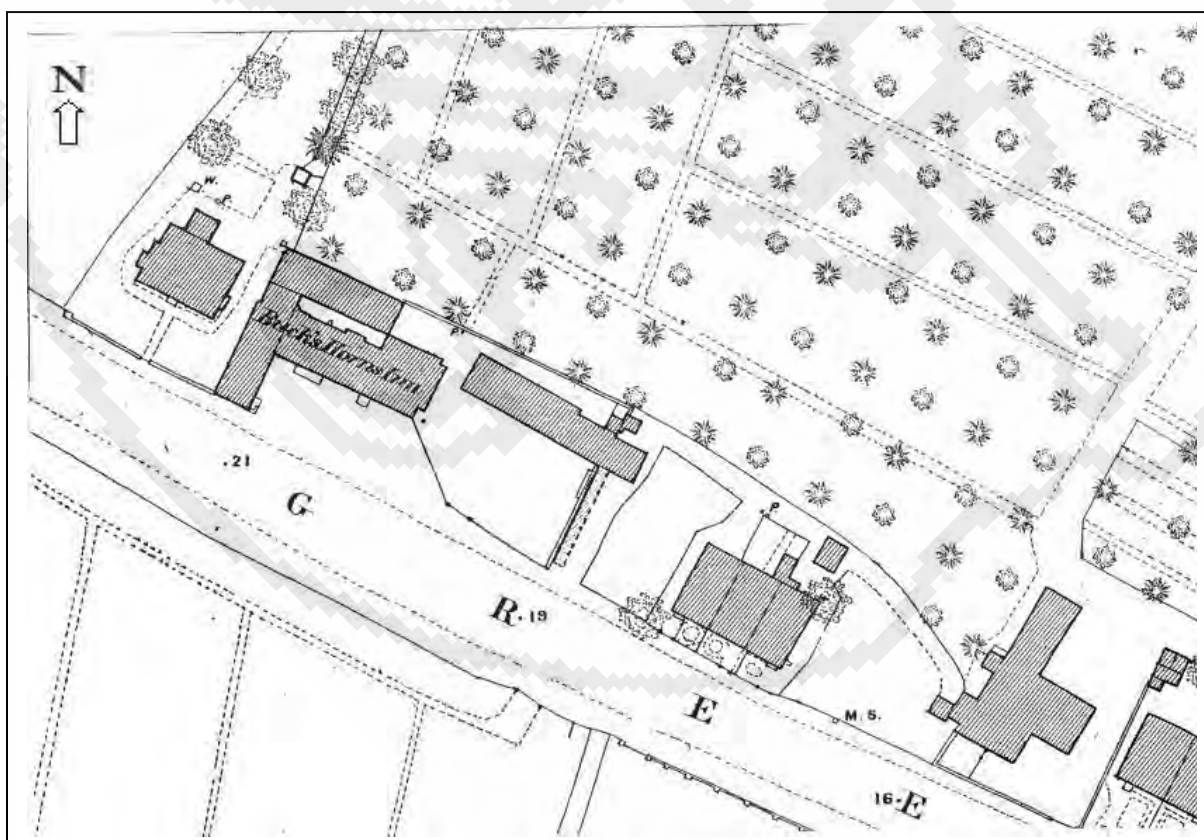
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1876 OS Map Extract 402 and 403

126 Buck's Horns

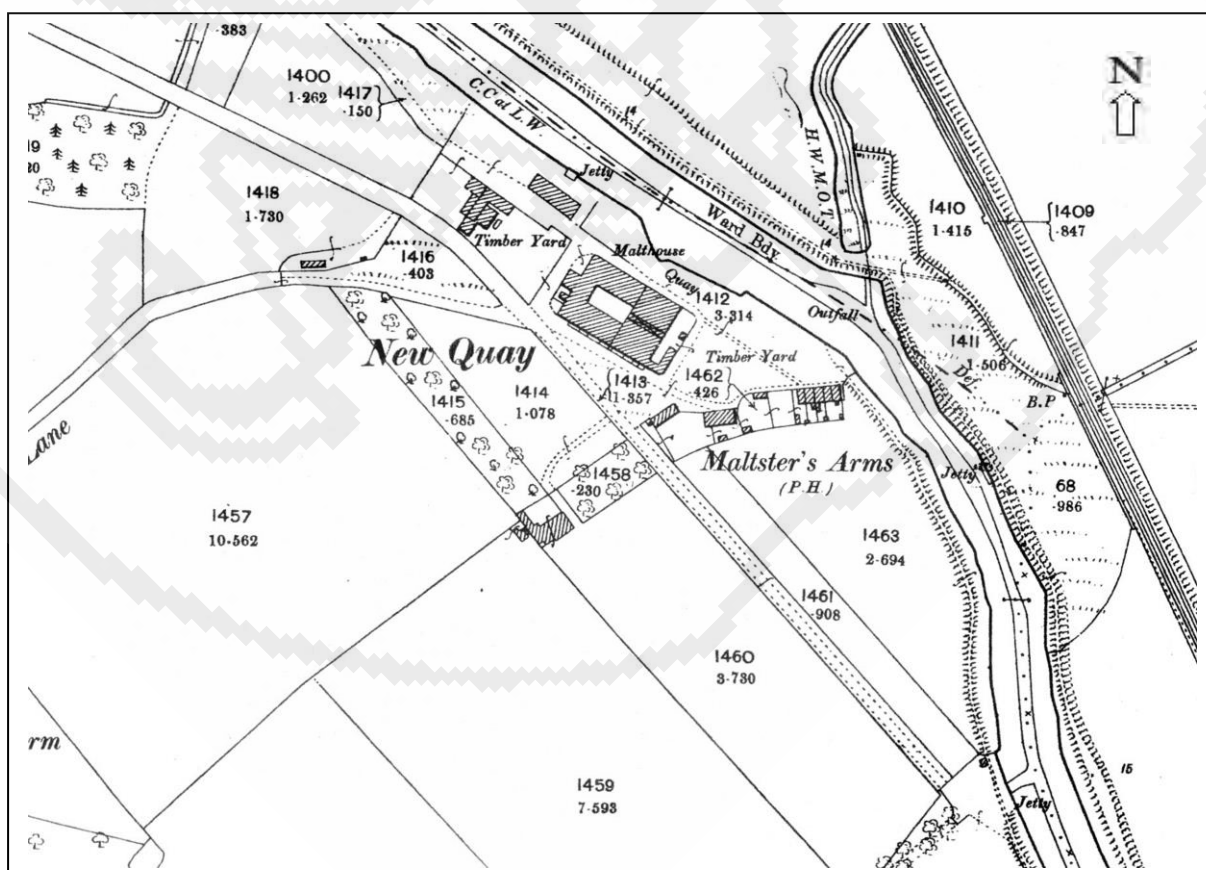
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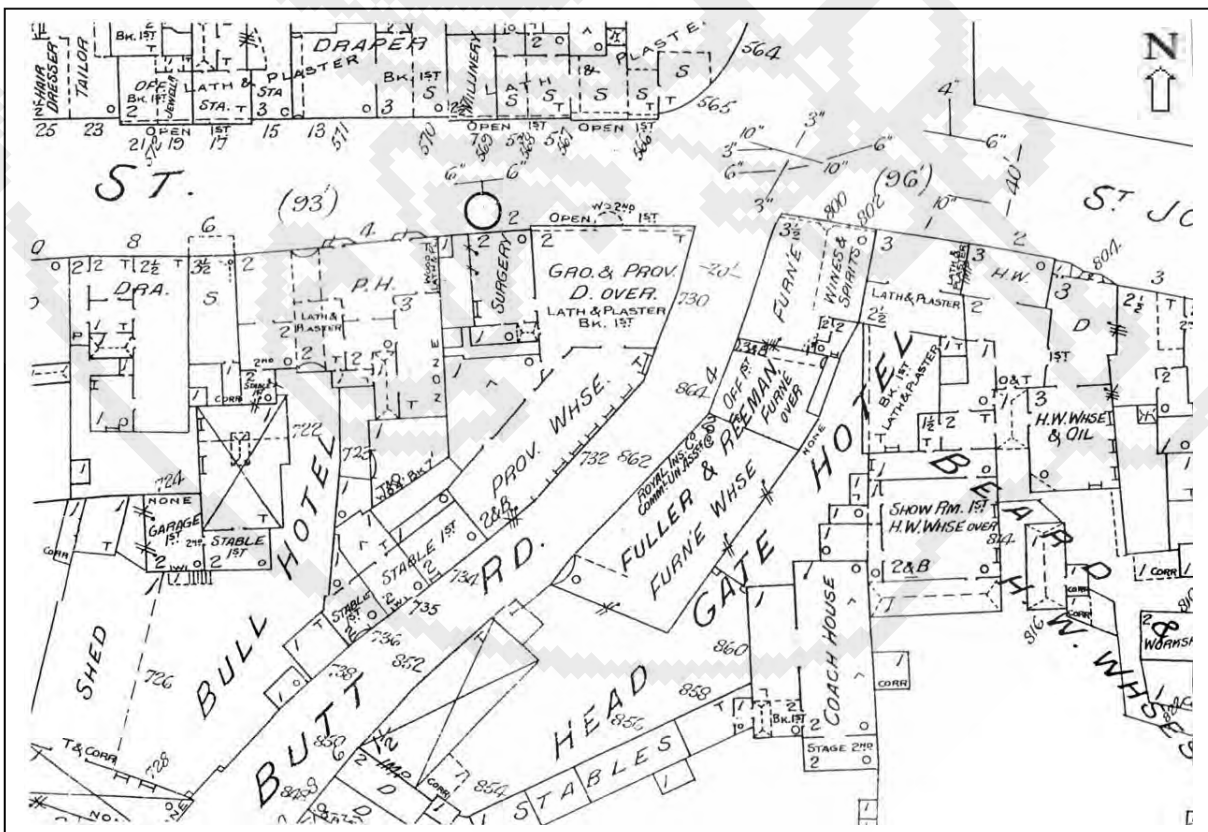
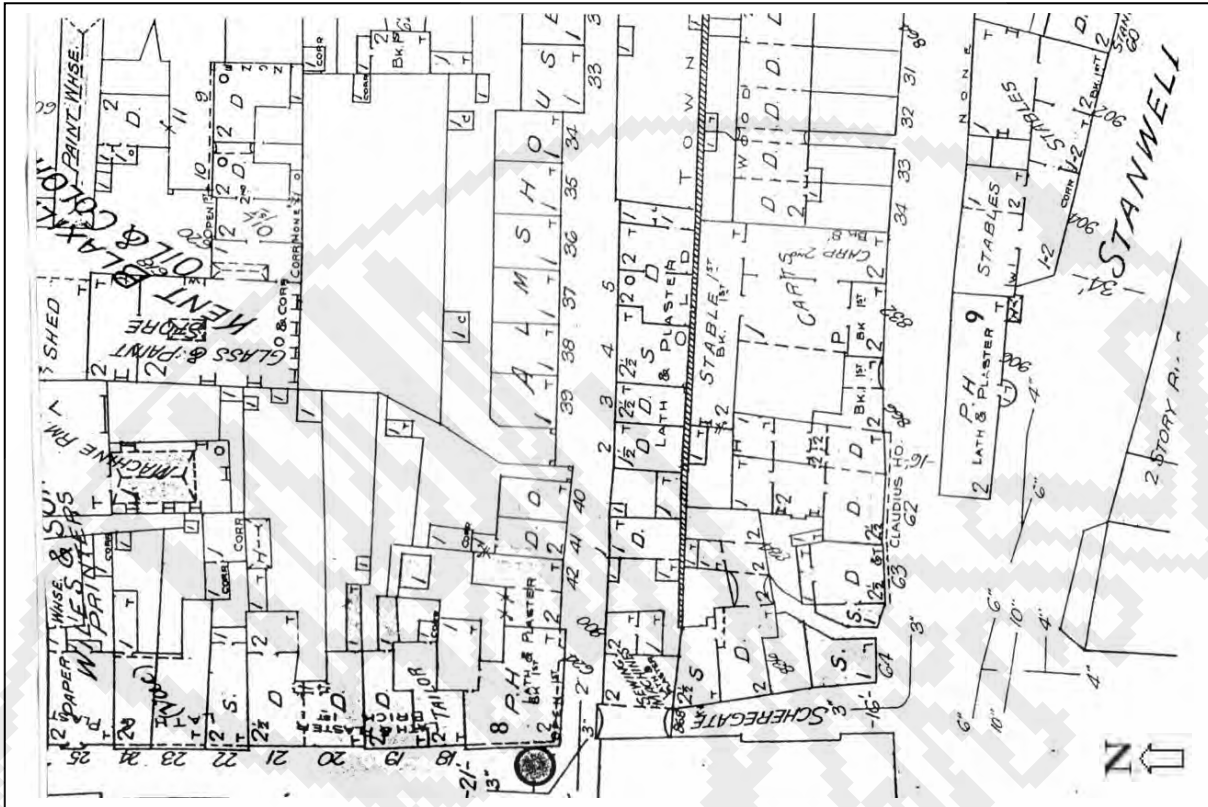
128 Maltster's Arms (1897 OS Map)

129 Flying Fox (1920's OS Map)



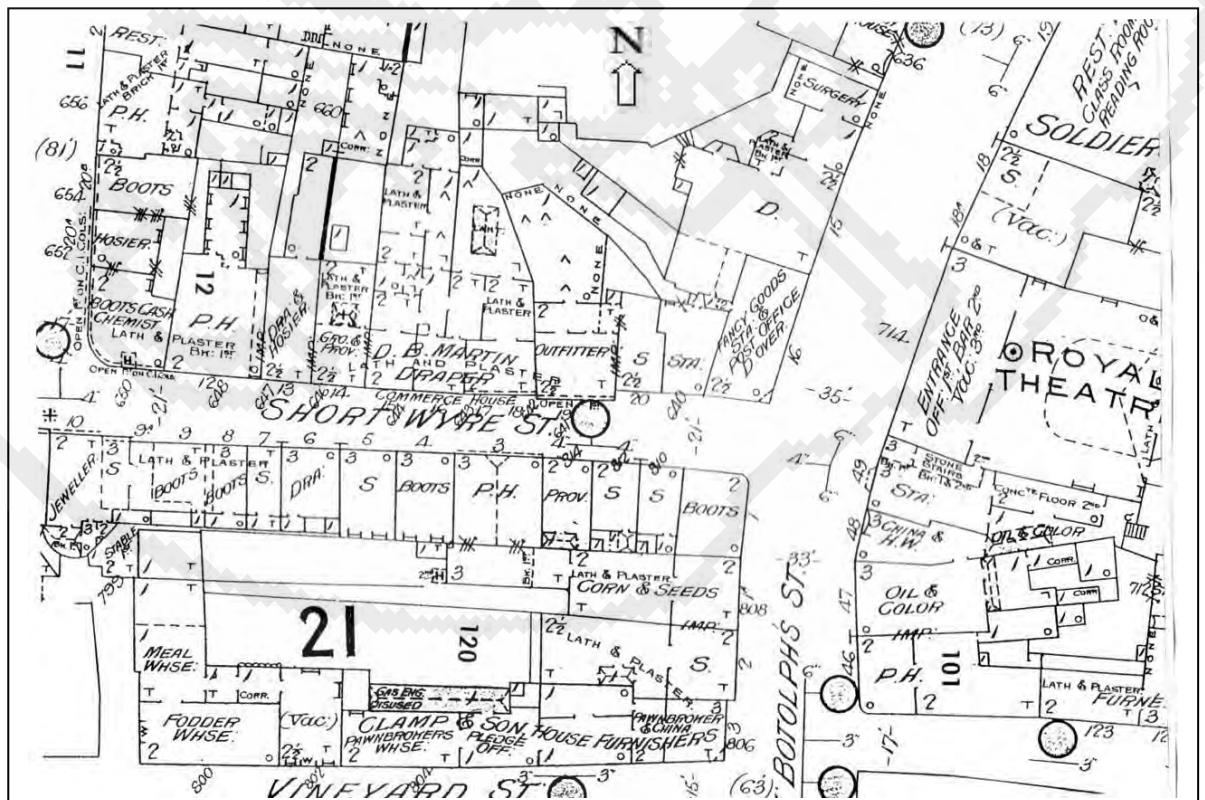
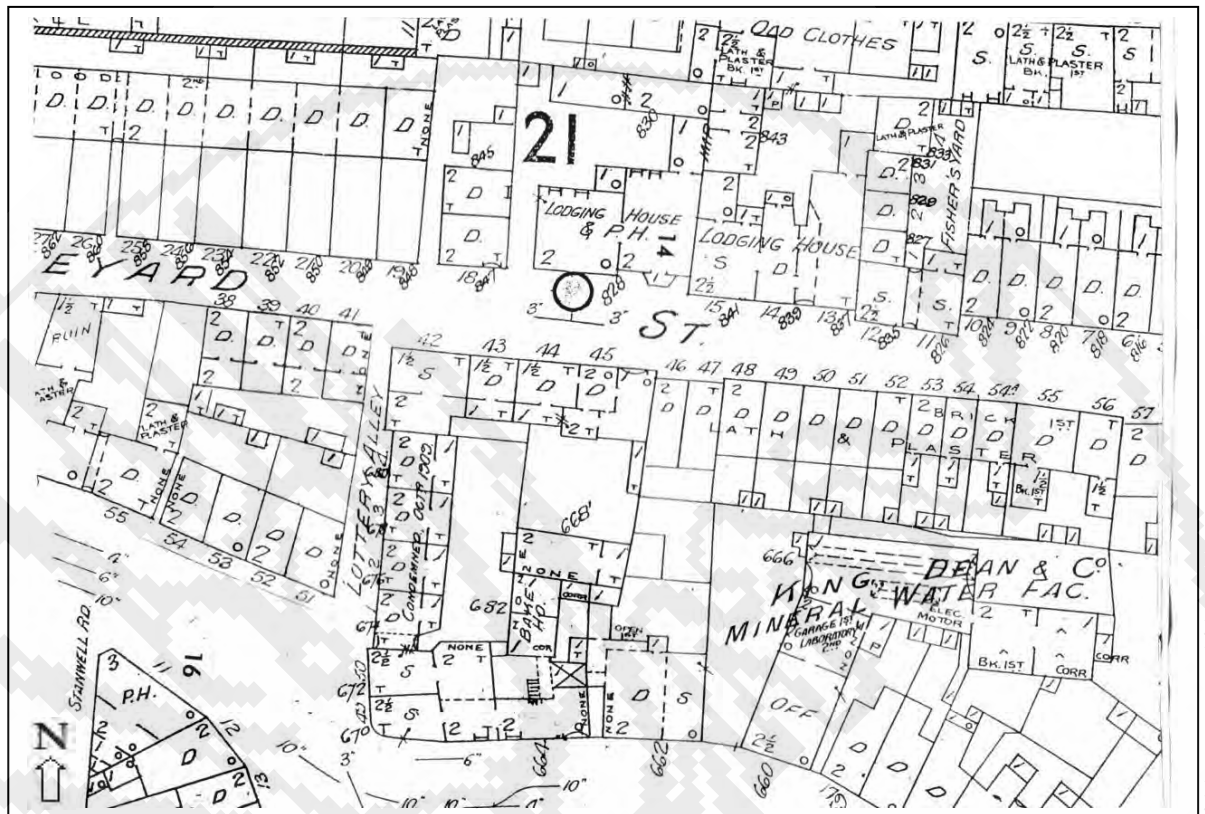
6 Bull Hotel
7 Headgate Hotel

8 Clarence
9 Brewer's Arms



11 Rainbow
12 Little Crown
101 Marlborough Head
120 Scotch Ale Stores?

14 Rose and Crown
16 Robin Hood



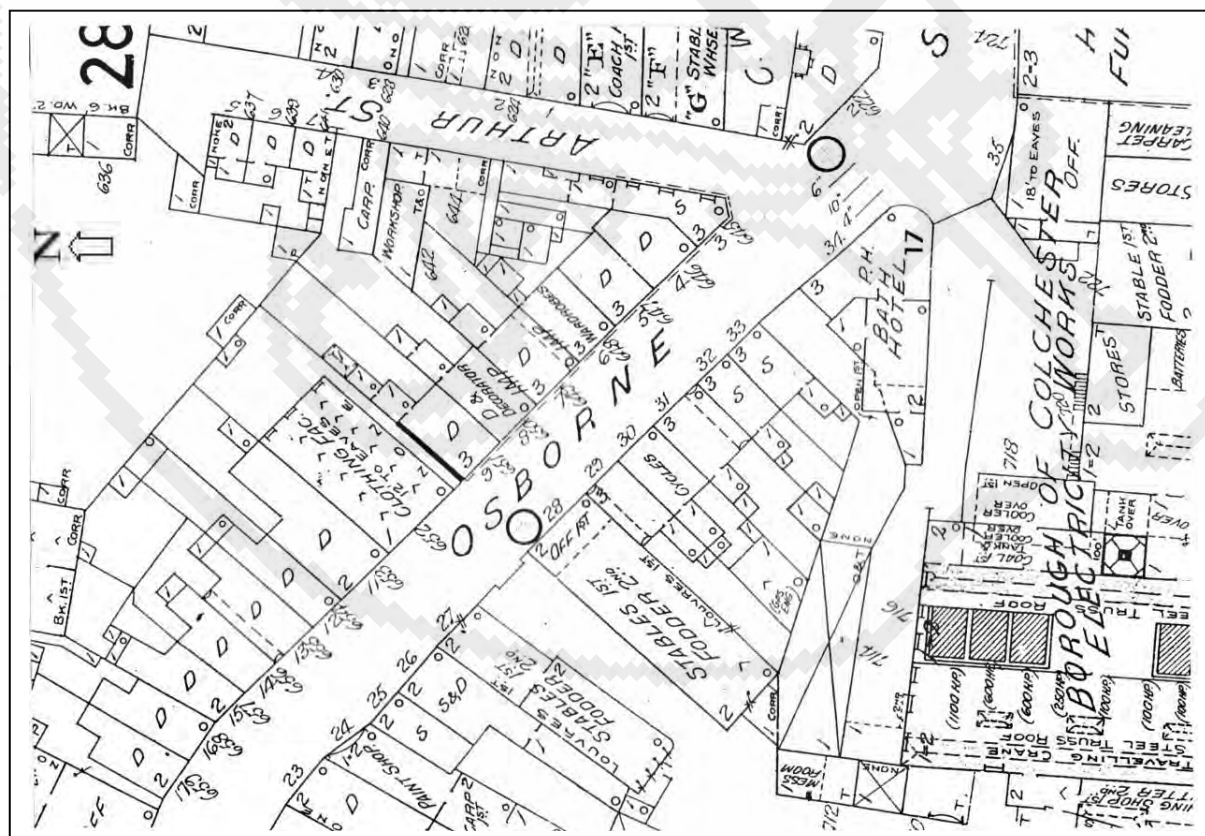
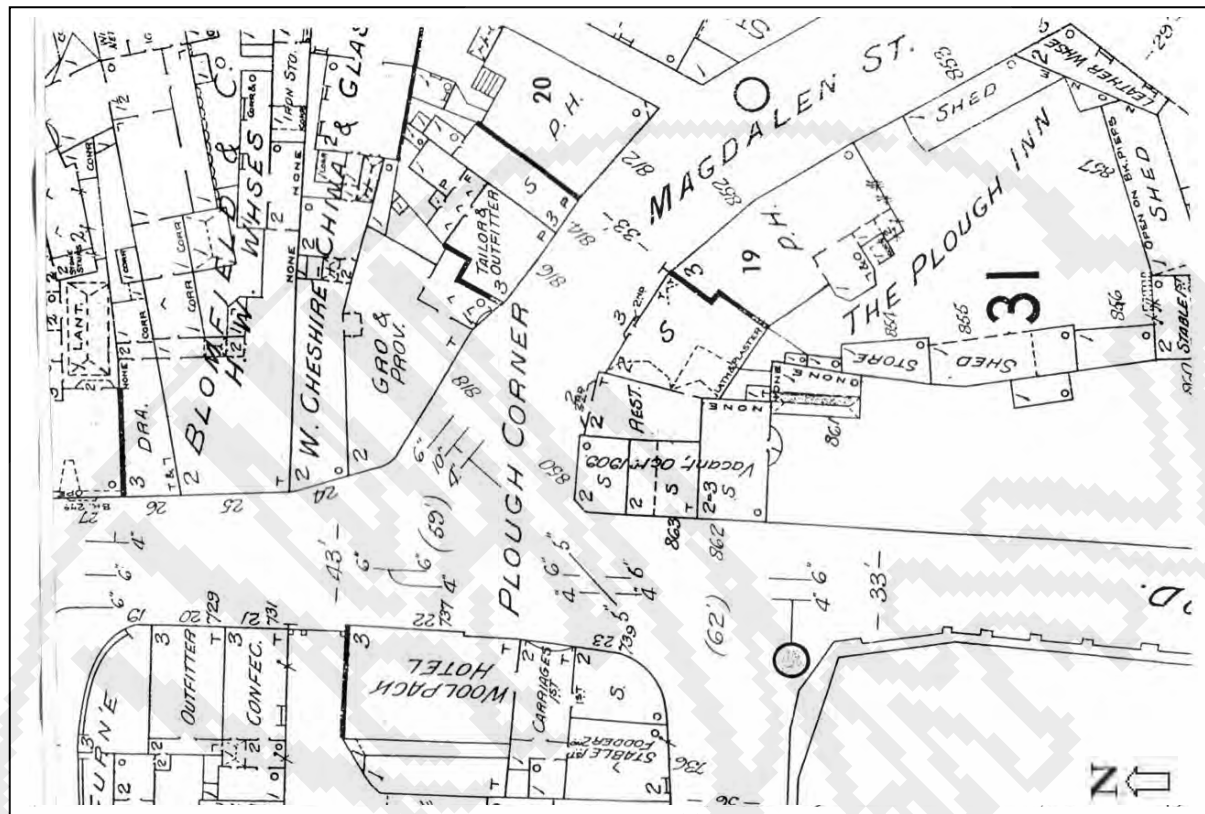
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17 Bath Hotel

18 Woolpack Hotel

19 Plough Inn

20 Fountain

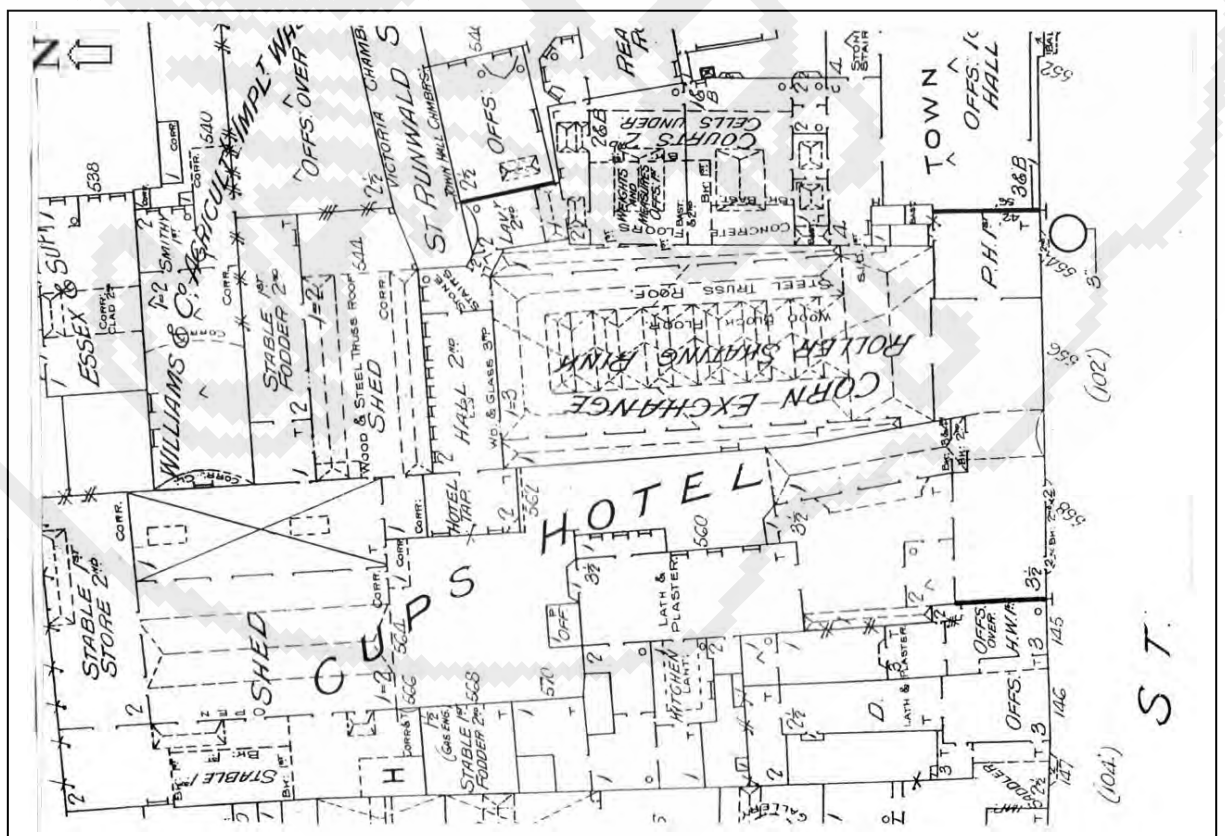
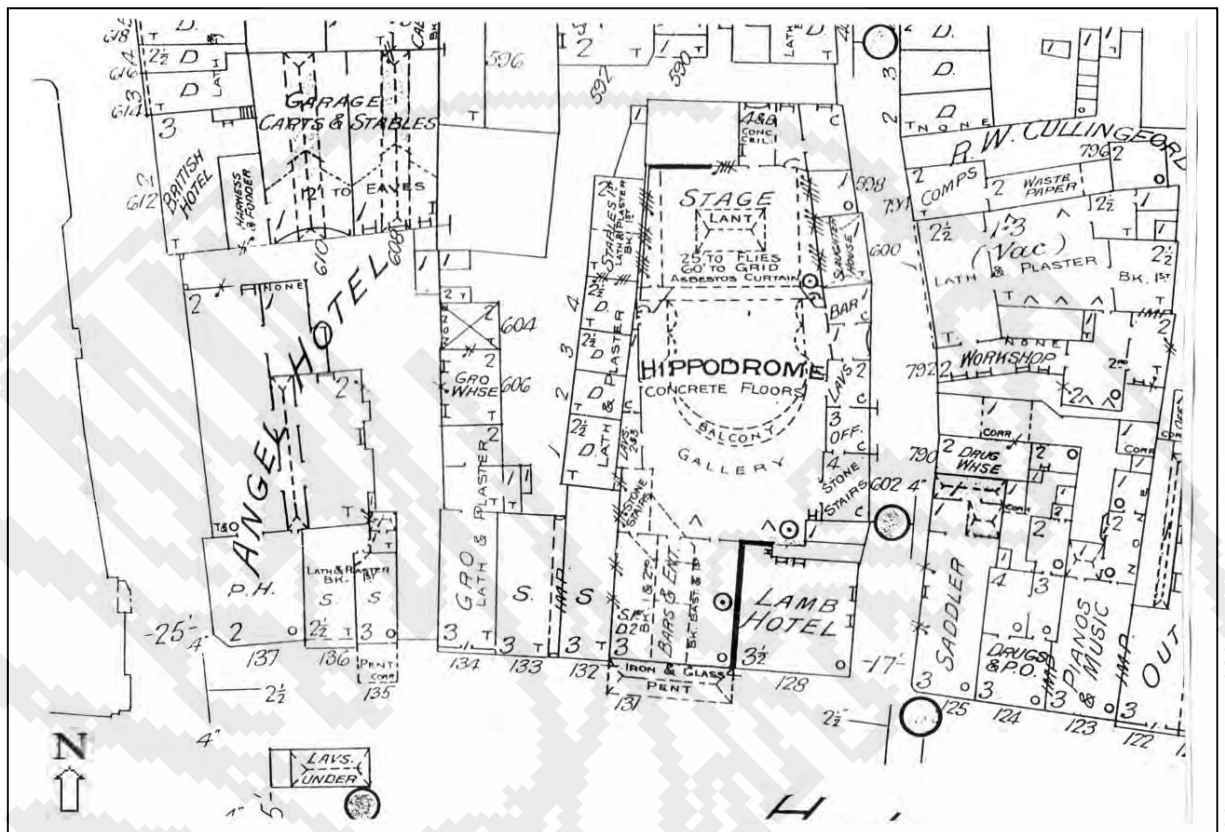


46 Cups and Hotel Tap

48 British Hotel

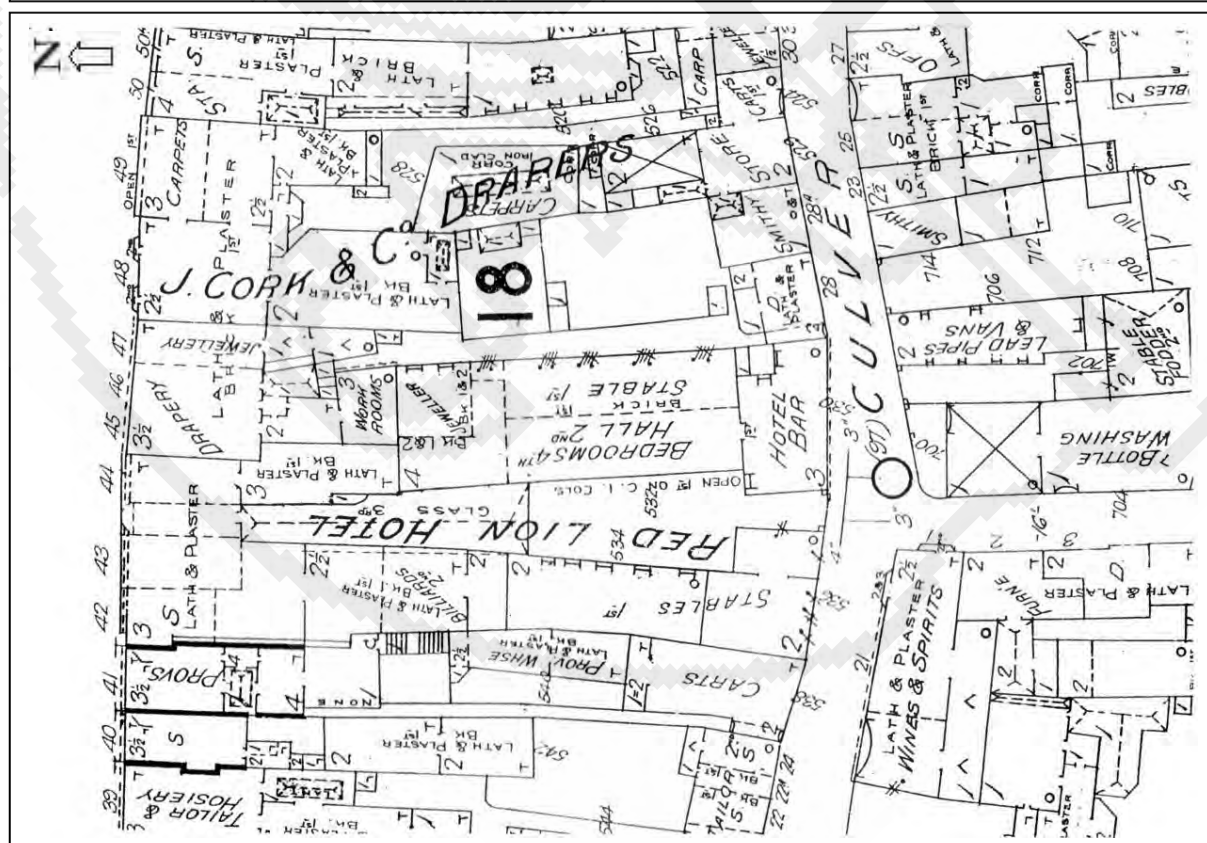
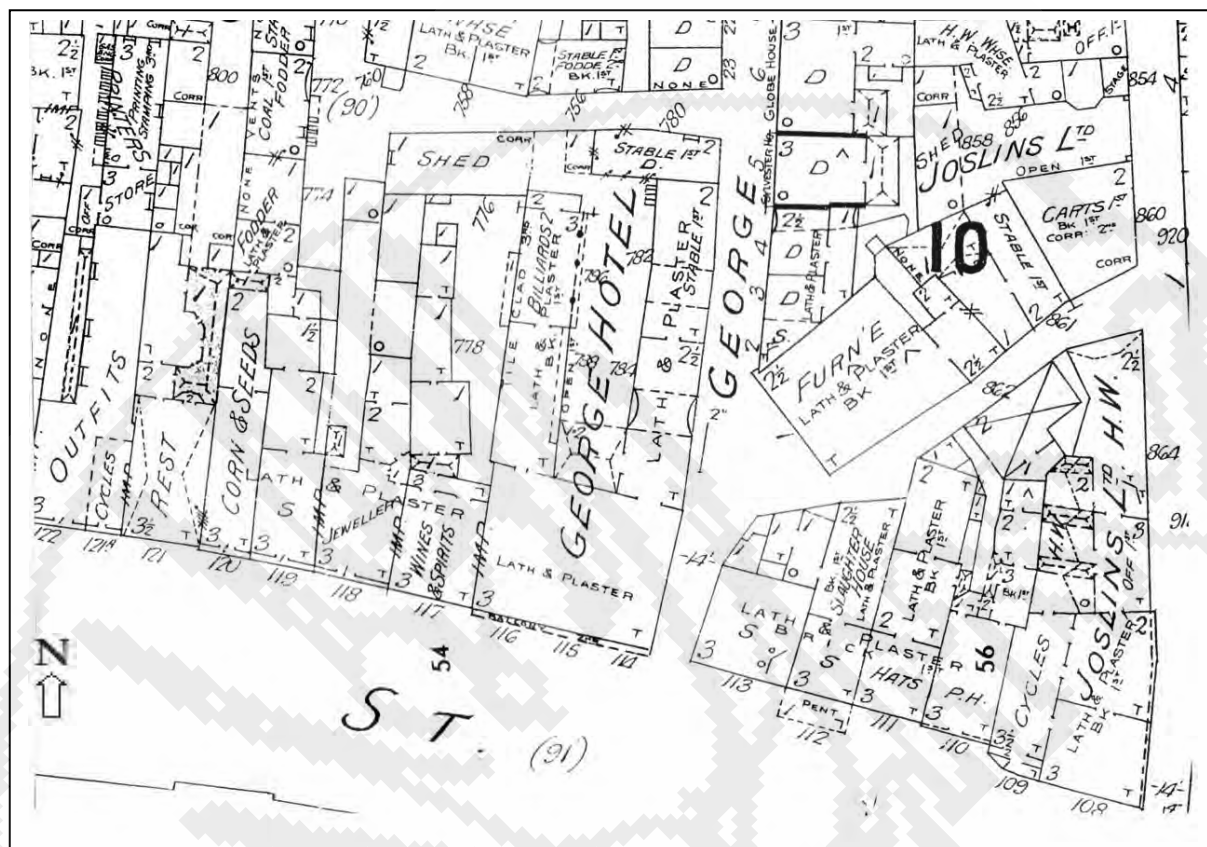
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50 Lamb Inn



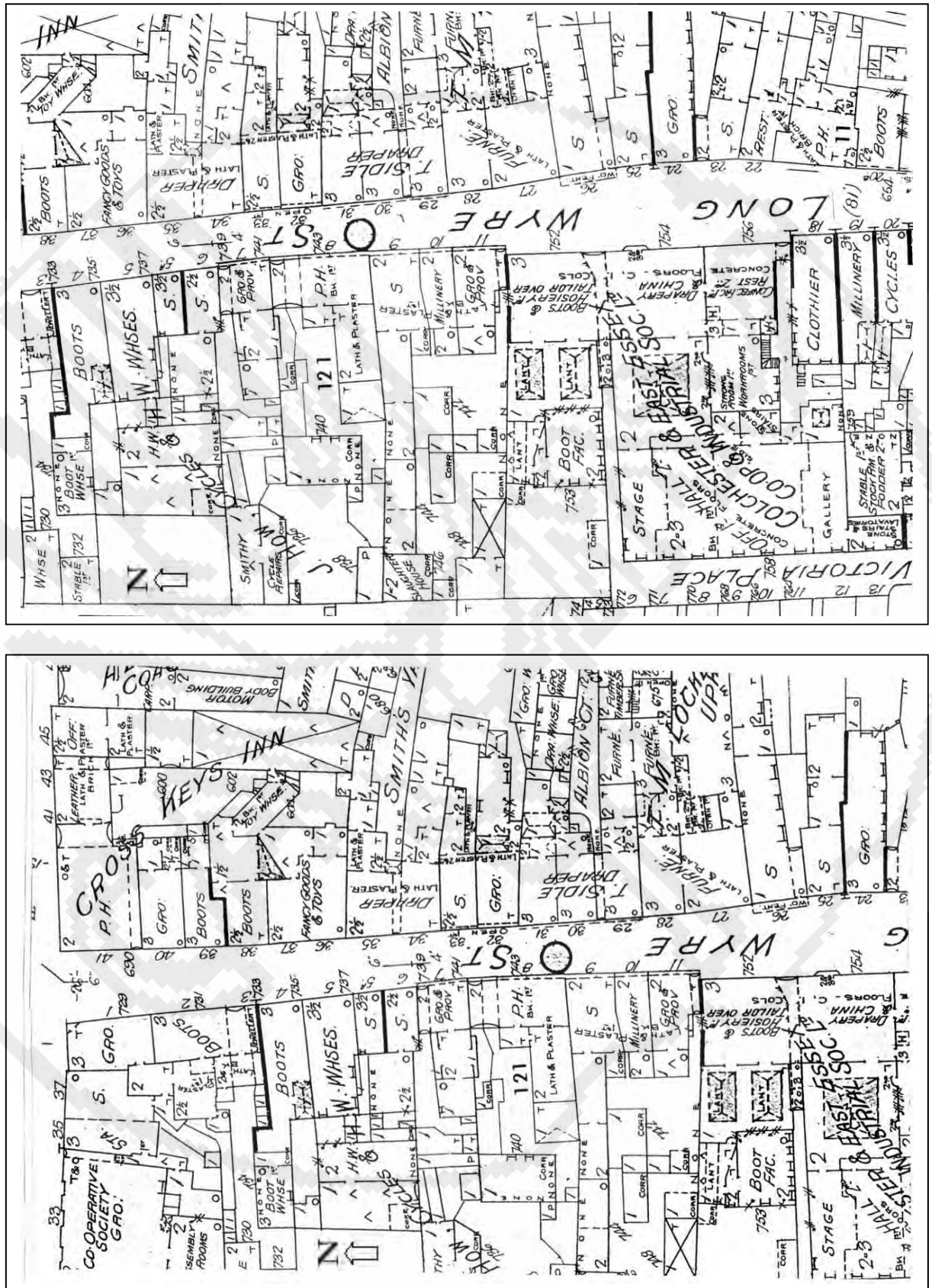
53 Red Lion

54 Wheatsheaf
55 George Hotel
56 Swan Inn



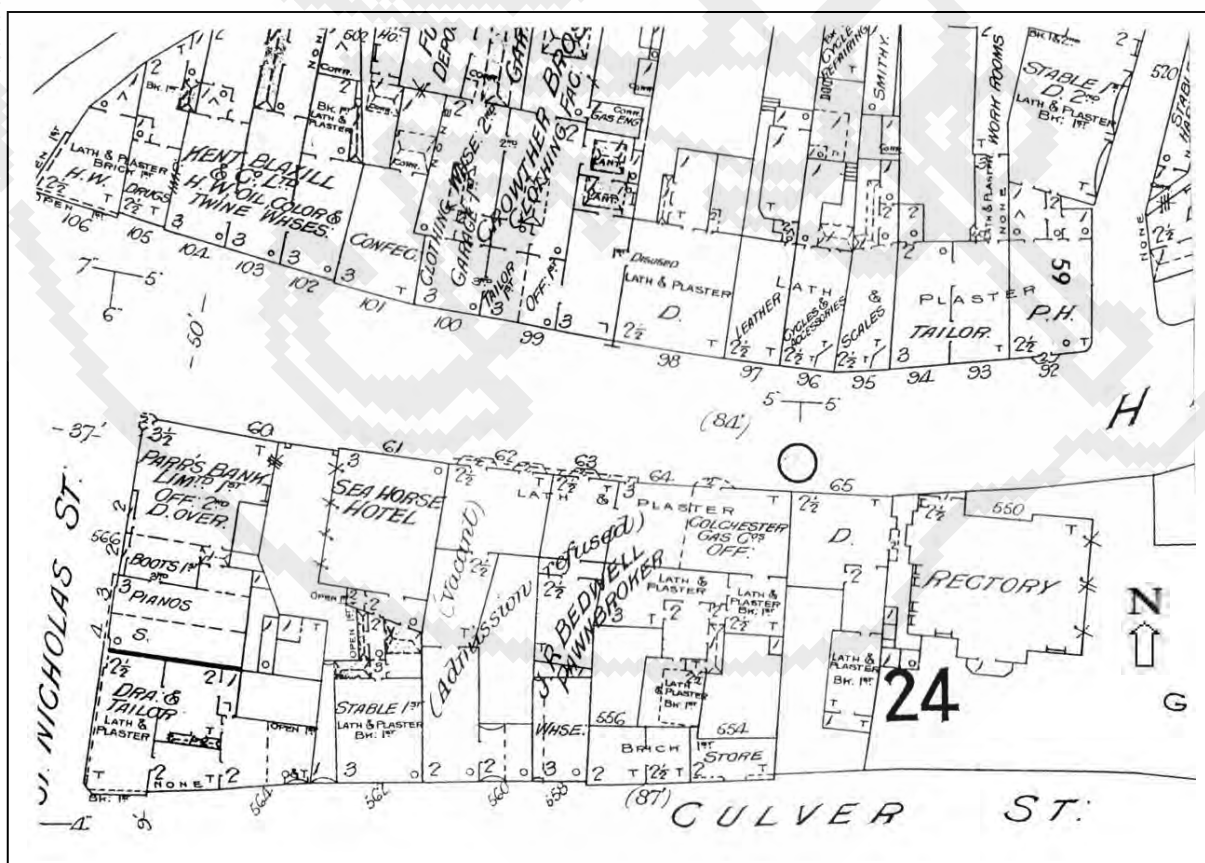
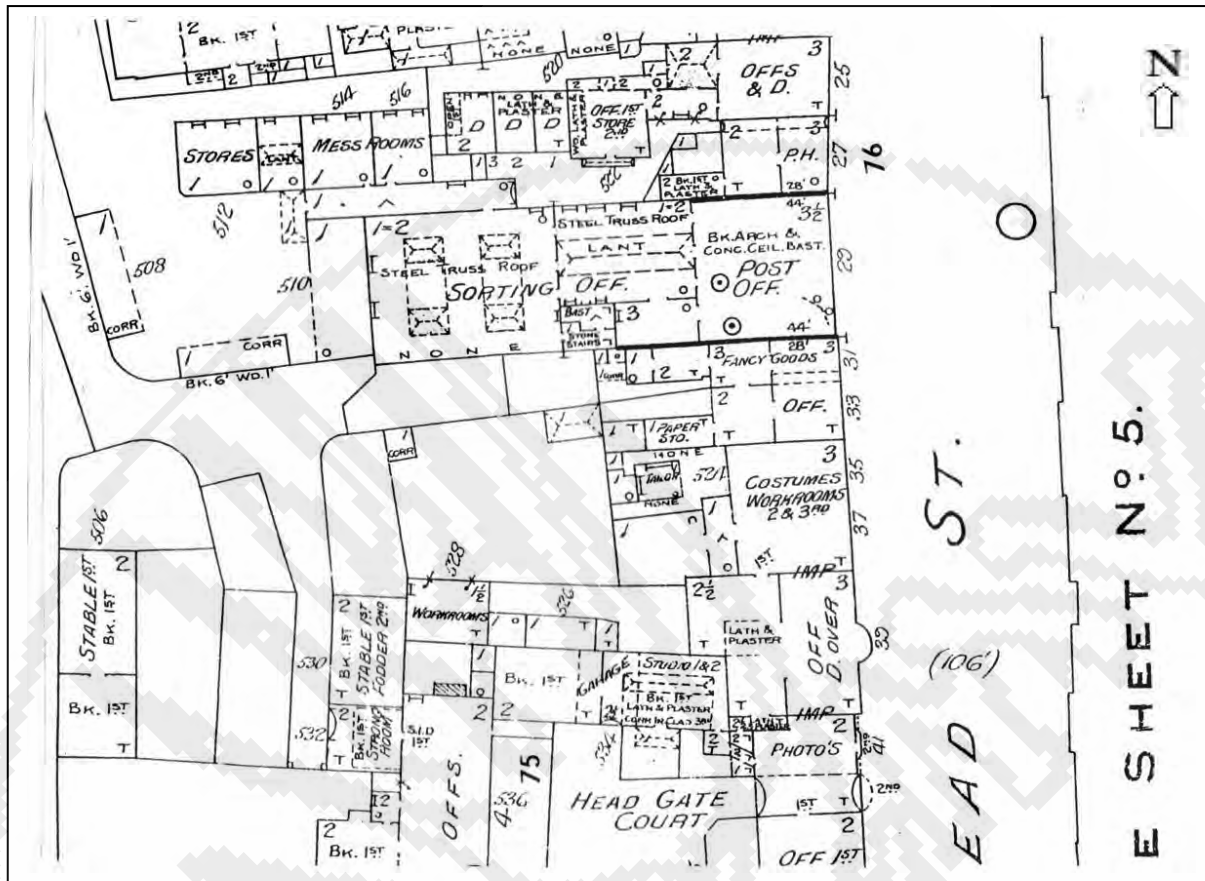
57 Cross Keys
121 Vine

11 Rainbow
121 Vine



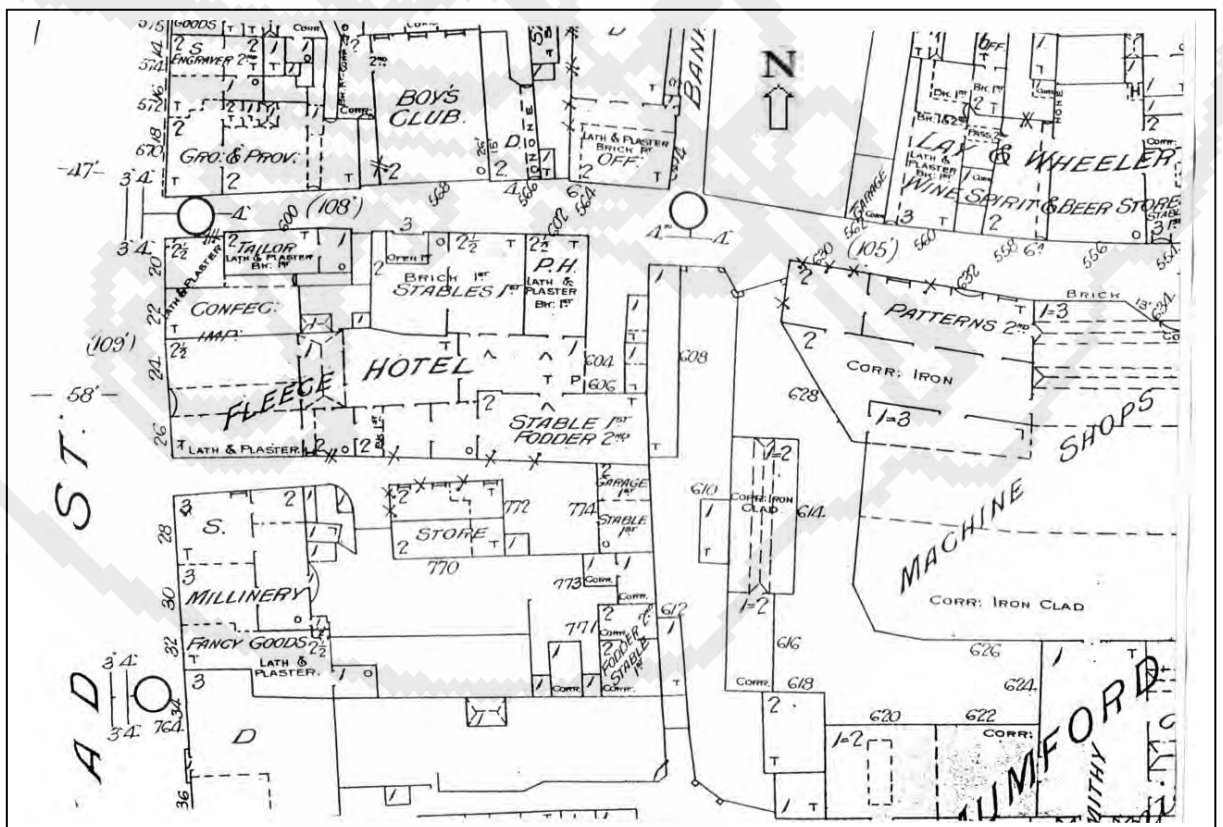
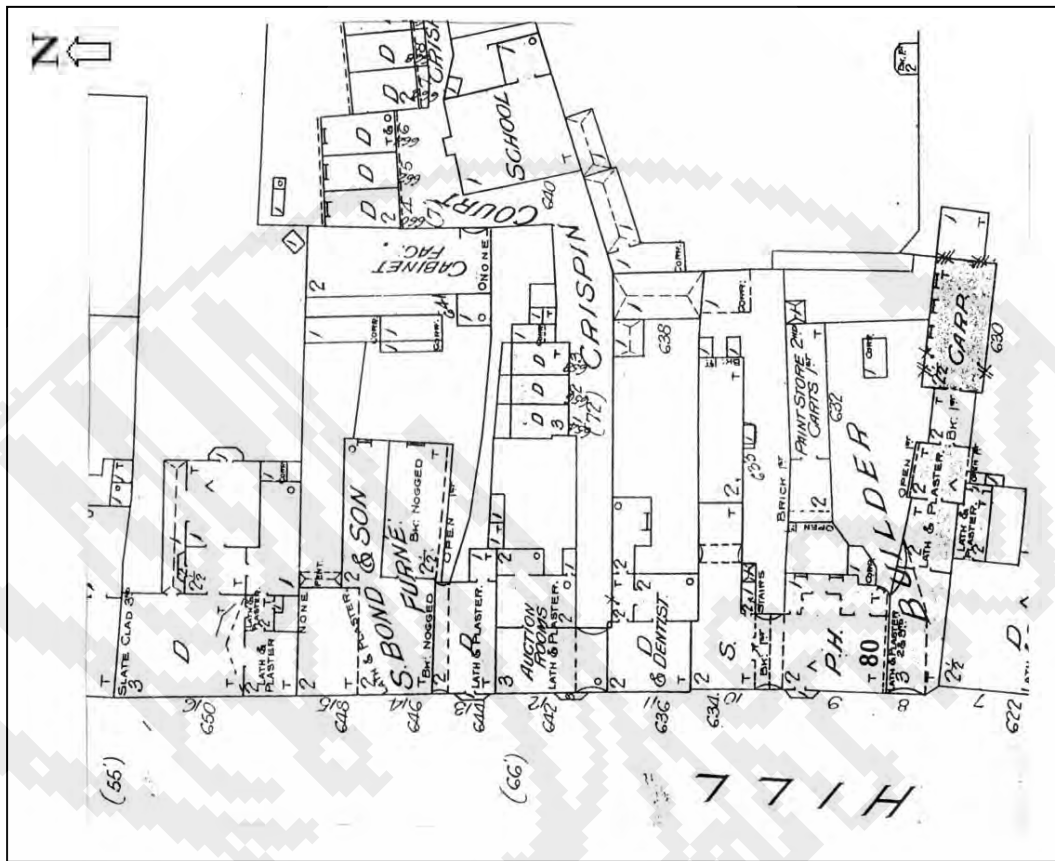
58 Sea Horse Inn
59 Castle Inn

75 (King's Head)
76 Alexandra



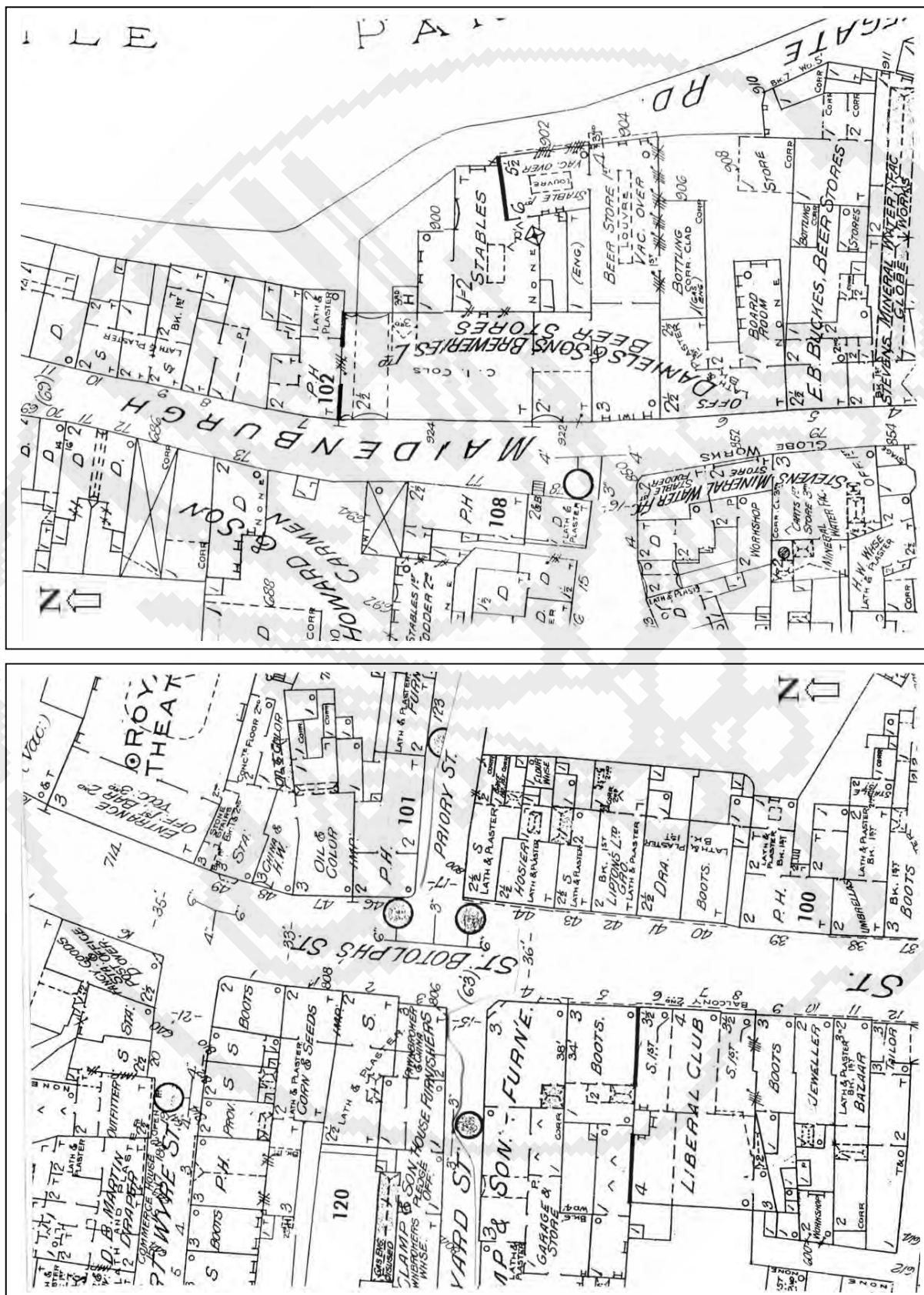
77 Fleece Inn and Fleece Tap

80 Chaise and Pair



100 Greyhound
101 Marlborough Head

102 Sun Inn
108 Brewery tap
- Daniell's Brewery premises
- E.B.Bucke's Beer Stores



105 Stockwell Arms
106 Nelson's Head

113 Essex Arms Inn

