

## HEATHFIELD WOOLLAHRA

*Heathfield* was one of the earliest houses in the Wallis/Nelson Street area of Woollahra. Council records indicate that it was in existence in 1871.

The *Heathfield* site was originally leased from the extensive estates of Sir Daniel Cooper. The land remained part of Cooper's estate until 1930.

Over the years *Heathfield* had many rate paying lessees the earliest of which being J. R. Treeve who sublet *Heathfield* to William Wilkinson in 1871. In 1876 Henry Soloman took over the lease and resided there until his death in 1894.

By 1897 the estate was subdivided into 29 lots, the drive becoming Woods Avenue. The leasehold of the house and the surrounding 8 lots was taken up by Thomas Baras, who resided at *Heathfield* from c1899 until c1903. He retained the leasehold until his death in 1914.

During Baras' leasehold *Heathfield* became a private hospital and served in this capacity from 1909 until 1922.

In 1923 the house was apparently converted into six flats, a popular practice at the time and in 1930 the ownership of the land passed from the Cooper Estate to the Estate of John Samuel Cole. In 1948 it was again transferred, this time to the Royal Sydney Industrial Blind Society.

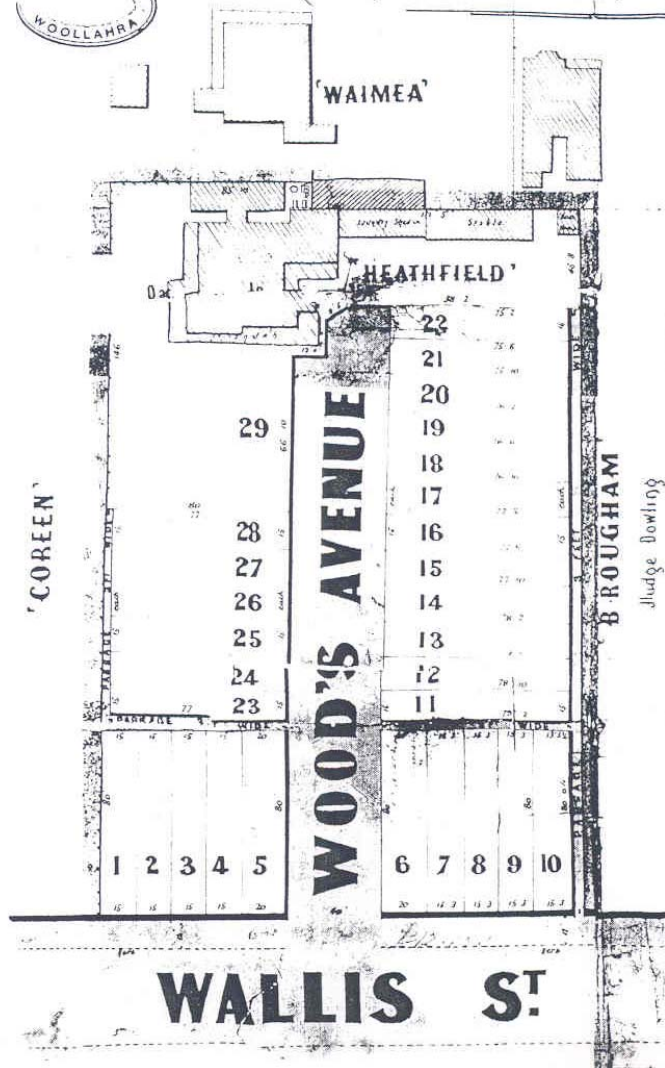
The house was demolished in the early 1960s to make way for a town house development. All was not lost however, the gate posts still exist at the beginning of Woods Avenue and the charming late nineteenth century terraces built after subdivision still give definition to the estate that was *Heathfield*.

# HEATHFIELD ESTATE WOOLLAHRA.

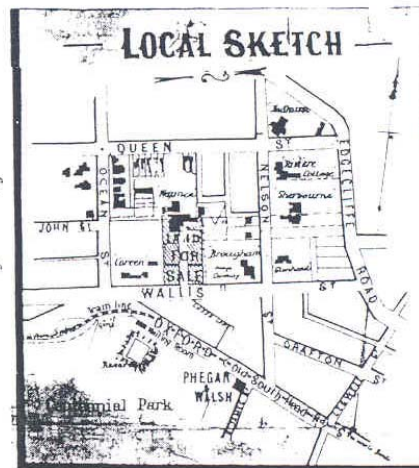
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