

40, 42 and 44 Ranfurly Street

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Brief History

Section 1054 was granted to James O'Shea (merchant) in 1875, subdivided in 1890 and bought by J P Innes (law clerk) in 1905. Lots 5 and 6 were sold to Richard Smith (builder) who probably built the three houses. These were rented for a number of years and then sold to different owners in 1920. The houses are three narrow cottages, all alike, though slight alterations to the frontages have occurred over the years. They are constructed of timber, probably totara, on solid totara piles and have an 11ft stud. During renovations houses 40 and 42 were lined with gib board. The roofs are corrugated iron. They were built about the same time as 239 and 241 Ruahine Street and have the same floor plan, typical of cottages designed to fit on narrow urban sections. Two bedrooms open off a short passage that then leads to a living room and kitchen, which span the width of the house. The front windows are however slightly different in the two groups of houses.

From 1920-1971 the houses had the following owners:

No 40: 1920 Walter Leonard Rochstraw, motor mechanic
 1922 John Piper, labourer
 1923 William Ritchie, land agent
 1946 Alfred Mervyn Tongs, composer
 1951 Catherine Mitchell McLeod, married woman
 1966 Agnes Nevill, spinster (d.1968) estate passed to
 1971 Sheila Doreen Wainright.

- No 42: 1920 Sylvia Lindsay, wife of James Lindsay, carpenter
 1924 Richard Burke, settler
 1946 Bertram Potter, insurance agent
 1953 Emily Blenkiron, widow
 1971 George Wainright, farmer.
- No 44: 1930 Sarah Jessica Bassett, married woman
 1929 Arthur Lockwood, settler
 1941 passed as estate to Ellen Johnson, widow
 1968 George Wainright, farmer.
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