

SEMI-DETACHED AND DETACHED HOUSES

182-190 Gray Street
238-248 Grote Street,
9-18 Ruthven Avenue

This subdivision is an example of early twentieth century city subdivision and development. Built for R.E Ruthven Smith, of whom little is known, it was built between 1903 and 1905 at a time when the economy was emerging from the 1890s depression. It was designed for citizens of limited means.

Before building began on town acres 317 and 318, land belonging to the Catholic Church and R.E Ruthven Smith was transferred to the Corporation of the City of Adelaide for the continuation of Gray Street through to Grote Street.

Although not of major architectural interest, it does represent a departure from terrace development with a form much more akin to suburban building programs, with a combination of detached and semidetached units, as well as rather more complex roof forms. The houses are constructed of bluestone (possibly Tapleys Hill) and dressed with red-brick. Although the integrity of the subdivision is somewhat disrupted by development at 236 Grote Street, it is an important feature of the western end of Grote Street.

ACA, *Digest of Proceedings*, 16 November 1903, 21 December 1903, 26 April 1905.

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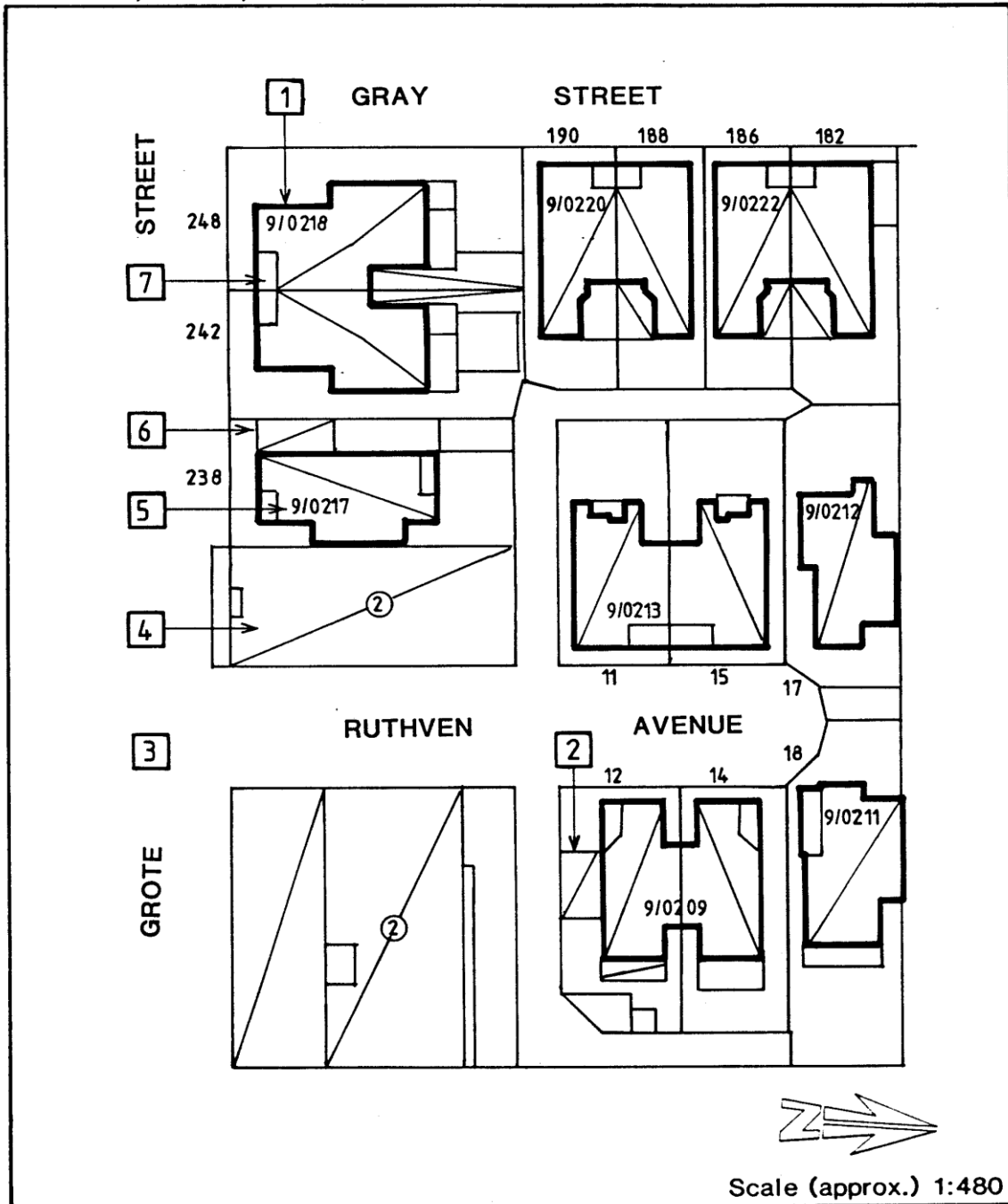


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NOTES:

1. Squared bluestone with brick quoins.
2. Bluestone fronted brick addition.
3. Note terra cotta tiled roof only on roofs facing Gray and Grote Streets.
4. Warehouse on site of additional member of subdivision.
5. Formerly semi-detached pair.
6. Timber addition with sympathetic bluestone cladding to street facade.
7. Note timber joinery.